

**WINSLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL
2009 SUMMER READING**

Book Title	Author	Summary
<u>Schooled</u>	Paul Langan	This Game's for Real.....There's no backing down for Lionel Shephard. With a dream of joining the NBA, all he wants to do at Bluford High is play basketball. But everyone's trying to stop him. His father thinks basketball is a waste of time; his teachers don't know he can barely read and threaten to fail him; and his dropout friend Jamar wants him to quit school. Unsure where to turn, Lionel must make a choice. Will he pursue his dream or get caught in a nightmare?
<u>Someone to Love Me</u>	Anne Schraff	In the Arms of Danger.....This story is about Cindy Gibson, a Bluford freshman who first appears in <i>Lost and Found</i> . Cindy struggles with a stormy relationship with her mother, ongoing trouble at school, a dangerous boyfriend, and worse. Hiding her concerns from her family and her distracted mother, Cindy soon finds herself in the worst trouble of her life. Will her fragile family survive?
<u>No Way Out</u>	Peggy Kern	Nowhere to Run.....Bluford High freshman Harold Davis is trapped. Medical bills for his sick grandmother are piling up, and a social worker has threatened to put him in a foster home. Desperate for money, he reluctantly agrees to work for Londell James, a neighborhood drug dealer. The choice leads him into a world of dangerous streets where no one is safe. Will Harold escape the violence that surrounds him, or will he become its next victim?
<u>Blood is Thicker</u>	Paul Langan & D.M. Blackwell	Pushed Too Far.....This sequel to <i>Until We Meet Again</i> follows the story of Hakeem Randall after his move to Detroit. Far from Bluford High, Hakeem quickly finds himself in a world of trouble, and his family is at the center of it. Things go from bad to worse when Hakeem is forced to share a small bedroom with his moody and secretive cousin, Savon. Once childhood friends, the two quickly become enemies. Now they are ready to go to war with each other, and the outcome of the battle promises to change their lives forever.
<u>The Bully</u>	Paul Langan	Taking on a Bully.....Darrell Mercer, a 9th grader at Bluford High, is at the center of this story. Darrell and his mother move to the Bluford area in the middle of the school year. Physically smaller than his peers, Darrell quickly becomes a target for Tyray Hobbs, the freshman class bully. After spending months living in fear, Darrell is faced with a big decision. He can either keep on running from this bully—or find some way to fight back.