



## General Information Summer One Read Program- Summer 2018

The goal of our summer One Read is to encourage our students to read and provide them with a positive experience. We believe in this as a whole school community; and as such, require everyone, faculty and students alike, to read one book that we will share together in a number of ways. This year's One Read is **[The Good Thief by Hannah Tinti.](#)** This is the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our One Read program and we've selected a historical novel that delivers an experience that is both compelling and interesting for students.

**Requirements:** All students are required to read *The Good Thief* & another book (s) from their 2018 summer reading list. Refer to the Bishop Fenwick website, [www.fenwick.org](http://www.fenwick.org) and select the **Academics Tab** to locate the O'Rourke Library & Learning Center for Summer Reading Program details.

**About the book:** Twelve year-old Ren is missing his left hand. How it was lost is a mystery that Ren has been trying to solve for his entire life, as well as who his parents are, and why he was abandoned as an infant at Saint Anthony's Orphanage for boys. He longs for a family to call his own.

But then a man named Benjamin Nab appears, claiming to be Ren's long-lost brother and persuades the monks at the orphanage to release the boy to his care. But is Benjamin really who he says he is? Journeying through a New England of whaling towns and farmlands, Ren is introduced to a world of hardscrabble adventure filled with outrageous scam artists, grave robbers, and petty thieves. If he stays, Ren becomes one of them. If he goes, he's lost once again.

**About the reflection projects:** Project description sheets for each option and the grading rubrics are available on the Library section of the Fenwick website [www.fenwick.org](http://www.fenwick.org). Students are required to complete one project over the summer that demonstrates reading and reflection:

*Letter to the Author* **Freshmen Only**  
*Photography Project*  
*Service to Blog Project*  
*Skit Project*  
*One Teen Story Creative Writing Project*

Completed projects are due to Homeroom Teachers on the first day of school September 5, 2018. Once assessed, the grades will be forwarded to the Religion department in time to be included with the first quarter scores for report cards.

If you have any questions about the projects or about the choice of reading, please contact Ms. Smith via email [dms@fenwick.org](mailto:dms@fenwick.org).