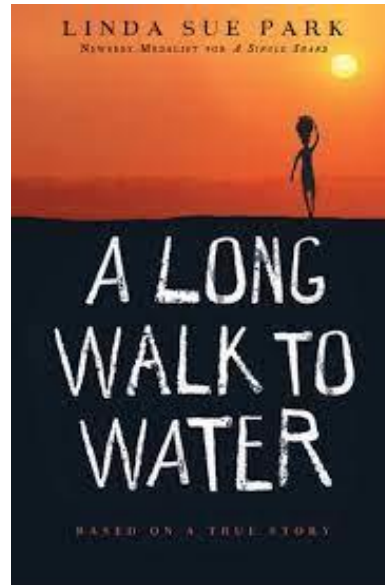




Martinez Middle School Summer 2022

“A Long Walk to Water” by Linda Sue Park

The New York Times #1 bestseller “A Long Walk to Water” begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about a girl in Sudan in 2008 and a boy in Sudan in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is a two hours’ walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the “lost boys” of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship from loneliness to attack by armed rebels to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya’s in an astonishing and moving way.



We can't wait to see you all in Fall 2022! 6th Grade Reading & Language Arts Departments

- **Who?** Incoming 6th grade students
- **What?** “A Long Walk to Water”
- **When?** Summer 2022
- **Where?** Available at libraries, bookstores, or online – ebooks and audiobooks can be checked out for free from the Hillsborough County Public Library (<https://hcplc.org/books/ebooks>)
- **Why?** To prepare for activities and class discussions at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year. A reward will be given to those students who demonstrate knowledge of the book!