

World Book Day 2009



Crossett Library at Bennington College celebrated World Book Day on Wednesday, April 23, 2009. The celebration originated in Catalonia on April 23, St. George's Day, El dia de San Jordi, where the tradition of exchanging a flower for a book began. Students, faculty members, staff and visitors shared the title of a favorite book. This title was attached to a flower. In exchange for sharing the favorite book title everyone received a flower with another person's favorite book title. This reading list is a compilation of the 110 favorite titles exchanged that day.

[1984](#) by George Orwell
[The Abortion: An Historical Romance 1966](#) by Richard Brautigan
[The Alchemist: A Fable about Following Your Dream](#) by Paulo Coelho
[The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay](#) - Michael Chabon
[The Animal Family](#) by Randall Jarell
[Angle of Repose](#) by Wallace Stegner
[The BFG](#) by Roald Dahl
[Big Questions](#) by Anders Brekhus Nilsen
[The Book of Disquietude](#) by Fernando Pessoa
[The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao](#) by Junot Díaz
[The Burn](#) by Vassily Aksyonov
[Cat's Cradle](#) by Kurt Vonnegut
[Catcher in the Rye](#) by J.D. Salinger
[A Confederacy of Dunces](#) by John Kennedy Toole
[Coraline](#) by Neil Gaiman
[Cruddy](#) by Lynda Barry
[The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time](#) by Mark Haddon
[The Cut of the Women's Clothes 1600-1930](#) by Norah Waugh
[d'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths](#) by Ingri d'Aulaire
[Despite Everything: A Cometbus Omnibus](#) by Aaron Cometbus
[Discipline and Punishment: The Birth of the Prison](#) by Michel Foucault
[The Diving Bell and the Butterfly](#) by Jean-Dominique Bauby
[Don Quixote](#) by Miguel de Cervantes
[Dune](#) by Frank Herbert
[East of Eden](#) by John Steinbeck
[Exile and the Kingdom](#) by Albert Camus

[The Floating Opera](#) by John Barth
[The Ginger Man](#) by J.P. Donleavy
[The Girl in the Flammable Skirt](#) by Aimee Bender
[The God of Small Things](#) by Arundhati Roy
[God Went to Beauty School](#) by Cynthia Rylant
[A Good Man is Hard to Find, and Other Stories](#) by Flannery O'Connor
[Gone With the Wind](#) by Margaret Mitchell
[Harold and the Purple Crayon](#) by Crockett Johnson
[Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince](#) by J.K. Rowling
[Higglety Pigglety Pop!: Or There Must Be More to Life](#) by Maurice Sendak
[The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#) by Douglas Adams
[McLuhan, Hot & Cool](#) edited by Gerald Emanuel Stearn
[Housekeeping](#) by Marilynne Robinson
[I Am a Strange Loop](#) by Douglas Hofstadter
[I Know This Much is True](#) -Wally Lamb
[Infinite Jest](#) by David Foster Wallace
[Interpreter of Maladies](#) by Jhumpa Lahiri
[Into The Wild](#) by Jon Krakauer
[The Johnstown Flood](#) by David McCullough
[Kitchen](#) by Banana Yoshimoto
[The Kite Runner](#) by Khaled Hosseini
[Krakatoa: the Day the World Exploded](#) by Simon Winchester
[Leo Africanus](#) by Amin Maalouf
[The Lady and the Monk: Four Seasons in Kyoto](#) by Pico Iyer
[The Last Unicorn](#) by Peter S. Beagle
[The Library at Night](#) by Alberto Manguel
[The Little Friend](#) by Donna Tart
[Little Nemo in Slumberland](#) by Windsor McCay
[The Little Prince](#) by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
[The Lord of the Rings](#) by J. R. R. Tolkien
[Love in the Time of Cholera](#) by Gabriel García Márquez
[Madame Bovary](#) by Gustave Flaubert
[The Magician's Nephew](#) by C.S. Lewis
[Memoirs of Hadrian](#) by Marguerite Yourcenar
[Middlesex](#) by Jeffrey Eugenides
[The Mill on the Floss](#) by George Eliot
[Mome](#) (quarterly)
[Momo](#) by Michael Ende
[The Moon Bridge](#) by Marcia Savin
[My Alexandria: Poems](#) Mark Doty
[My Sister's Keeper](#) by Jodi Picoult
[N.P.](#) by Banana Yoshimoto
[No Holidays for Honeybees](#) by Mervyn Kaufman
[Norwegian Wood](#) by Hakuri Muakami
[On Love](#) by Alain de Bolton
[On the Road](#) by Jack Kerouac

[One Hundred Years of Solitude](#) by Gabriel García Márquez
[Oranges are Not the Only Fruit](#) by Jeanette Winterson
[Other Voices, Other Rooms](#) by Truman Capote
[People of Paper](#) by Salvador Plascencia
[The Paper Bag Princess](#) by Robert Munsch
[The Phantom Tollbooth](#) by Norton Justor
[The Picture of Dorian Gray](#) by Oscar Wilde
[Plainsong](#) by Kent Haruf
[The Poky Little Puppy](#) by Janette Sebring Lowrey
[Pride and Prejudice](#) by Jane Austen
[Ragtime](#) by E.L. Doctorow
[Ramona Quimby, Age 8](#) by Beverly Cleary
[Reborn: journals and notebooks, 1947-1963](#) by Susan Sontag
[Ronia, the Robber's Daughter](#) by Astrid Lindgren
[The Secret History](#) by Donna Tartt
[Seymour: An Introduction](#) by J.D. Salinger
[Snowflower and the Secret Fan](#) by Lisa See
[Sophie Calle](#) by Sophie Calle
[The Sound and the Fury](#) by William Faulkner
[South of the Border, West of the Sun](#) by Haruki Murakami
[Sprat Morrison](#) by Jean D'Costa
[Still Life with Woodpecker](#) by Tom Robins
[The Stinky Cheese Man](#) by Jon Scieszka
[The Stories of Vladimir Nabokov](#) by Vladimir Nabokov
[Summer Rain](#) by Marguerite Duras
[The Things They Carried](#) by Tim O'Brien
[The Twits](#) by Roald Dahl
[The Yiddish Policemen's Union](#) by Michael Chabon
[To Kill a Mockingbird](#) by Harper Lee
[To the Lighthouse](#) by Virginia Woolf
[Uncle Tungsten: Memories of a Chemical Boyhood](#) by Olive Sacks
[Water For Elephants](#) by Sara Gruen
[Watt](#) by Samuel Beckett
[White Fang](#) by Jack London
[Winter's Tale](#) by Mark Helprin
[A Wrinkle in Time](#) by Madeleine L'Engle
[Wuthering Heights](#) by Emily Brontë
[Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance](#) by Robert Pirsig