

Reading remains one of life's great pleasures and an important means of broadening our horizons of knowledge and experience. This list includes books of diverse cultural perspectives for readers with varying interests and abilities. Enjoy your reading discoveries. For English class, all students must read **FOUR** books, **two** of which are required. **Two** other choices from the list are left to you. Please be ready to discuss your reading early in the fall. **Bring the required reading books with you when you return.** Electronic texts are permissible. If, for any reason, you cannot obtain the required book online or from your local bookstore or library, [please call](#) Deerfield's Campus Store (Hitchcock House) at 413-774-1513 to arrange a shipment. [You can also email](#) caustin@deerfield.edu. He will help you resolve the difficulty.

Community required read
Departmental required read

Gyasi, Yaa **Homegoing**
 O'Brien, Tim. **The Things They Carried**

- Abbott, Edwin. **Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions** A classic novel that explores the perception of dimensions.
 (Recommended for Geometry)
- Alvarez, Julia. **How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents** Clashing against old-world restraints and tempting new freedoms, four sisters from Santo Domingo lead new lives in the U.S.
- Beah, Ishmael. **A Long Way Gone** A former boy soldier escapes the horrors of the war in Sierra Leone.
- Beard, Jo Ann. **In Zanesville** Two girls coming of age in small town in the 1970s form a friendship.
- Bhutto, Fatima. **The Shadow of the Crescent Moon** Three brothers in the tribal territories between Pakistan and Afghanistan feel the pull of competing loyalties.
- Bissinger, Buzz. **Friday Night Lights** Discover the importance of Texas high school football.
- Bradbury, Ray. **Fahrenheit 451** Imagine a world without books—or the joy they can create.
- Brontë, Charlotte. **Jane Eyre** Young Jane survives hardships at a grim Yorkshire boarding school and makes an independent life as a governess to Mr. Rochester's ward. Then, problems arise.
- Brooks, Geraldine. **March** Mr. March, the absent father in **Little Women**, makes his way home to his family after his harrowing experiences in the Civil War.
- Brown, Claude. **Manchild in the Promised Land** Harlem's vibrancy and racism's viciousness serve as a backdrop for a young man's struggle to rise from a life of petty crime to an educated freedom.
- Brown, Daniel James. **The Boys in the Boat** Row to victory with the Americans in the 1936 Berlin Olympics.
- Bryson, Bill. **A Walk in the Woods** Travel the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail with a wonderful storyteller.
- Coelho, Paulo. **The Alchemist** Find your bond with this magical fable about a shepherd boy seeking his life's treasure.
- Connors, Philip. **Fire Season** Spend a summer alone on a fire tower high in New Mexico's wilderness.
- Courtenay, Bryce. **The Power of One** A lonely British boy in South Africa learns important lessons about race and courage in following his own heart and two friends, one black and one white.
- De Rosnay, Tatiana. **Sarah's Key** A journalist unlocks a secret from the Holocaust and finds a personal bond.
- Diaz, Junot. **This Is How You Lose Her** These nine related stories reveal the way various forms of love can shape the masculine mindset.
- Gaines, Ernest. **A Lesson Before Dying** Two black men, a condemned criminal and a reluctant teacher, share lessons about dignity in this moving story set in Louisiana.
- Grann, David. **The Lost City of Z** A modern-day journalist follows the tracks of an explorer of the Amazon and solves the mystery of a legendary ancient city.
- Guterson, David. **Snow Falling on Cedars** A murder mystery wraps around a larger story of lost identities because of World War II and the internment of Japanese-Americans.
- Huxley, Aldous. **Brave New World** Can Bernard Marx find love and stay true in an engineered Utopia?
- Jenkins, Sally. **The Real All Americans** Discover how college football came of age with Jim Thorpe at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School.
- Kincaid, Jamaica. **Annie John** Annie comes of age on Antigua, and her life changes in ways she never imagined.
- Kingsolver, Barbara. **The Bean Trees** Taylor Greer seeks a better life on the road away from Kentucky and finds joy in an unexpected role.

Knowles, John. **A Separate Peace** Enjoy the beloved tale of boarding school friendship.

Ko, Lisa. **The Leavers** 11-year-old Deming Guo begins a search for his immigrant mother who abandoned him mysteriously.

Kurson, Robert. **Pirate Hunters** Two real-life treasure hunters search the seas and history for the *Golden Fleece*.

Lahiri, Jhumpa. **The Namesake** Gogol Ganguli, son of parents in a traditional arranged Indian marriage, tries to define himself in his new home and changing lifestyle in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Lansing, Alfred. **Endurance** After being shipwrecked in Antarctica and drifting 2,000 miles on ice floes for many months, Ernest Shackleton then sails more than 700 miles in a lifeboat to bring rescuers.

Lee, Min Jin. **Pachinko** The poignant saga of a Korean family unfolds in three countries—the divided Koreas and Japan.

Mason, Zachary. **The Lost Books of the Odyssey** Imagine the epic anew through these inventive stories.

Mbue, Imbolo. **Behold the Dreamers** Young Cameroonian immigrants in New York experience cultural adaptation and loss.

McLemore, Anna-Marie. **When the Moon Was Ours** DA grad McLemore spins a surreal fable involving familial bonds and sexual identity.

McPhee, John. **The Headmaster** Examine how Frank Boyden led a “school to greatness.”

Moore, Wes. **The Other Wes Moore** Two young men from an impoverished Baltimore neighborhood take different paths in life. Why?

Noah, Trevor. **Born a Crime** The television host recounts his childhood trials and triumphs in apartheid South Africa.

Obiano, Chigozie. **The Fishermen** The story of Cain and Abel is retold through the eyes of a 9-year-old boy in a Nigerian village.

Ondjaate, Michael. **Warlight** Two British children endeavor to discover just why their parents went away in World War II.

Otsuka, Julie. **When the Emperor Was Divine** Follow the Japanese-American experience in the WW II internment camps through the eyes of each member of one uprooted family.

Patchett, Ann. **Commonwealth** Families separated by pain find love again through time and experience.

Russell, Karen. **St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves** The Everglades will never seem more magical or mystifying after you read these stories.

Salinger, J.D. **The Catcher in the Rye** Through the mind and voice of the legendary Holden Caulfield, we join a modern-day odyssey as the expelled preppe navigates through a lonely weekend in Manhattan.

Shamsie, Kamila. **Home Fire** Shamsie recasts the ancient story of **Antigone** in London, a city on guard against terrorism.

Shapiro, B.A. **The Art Forger** Try to solve the mystery of the famous art theft at the Gardner Museum in Boston.

Trumbo, Dalton. **Johnny Got His Gun** Howard Zinn called this the best anti-war novel ever penned.

Walker, Karen Thompson. **Age of Miracles** With the apocalypse approaching, Julia still finds beauty and possibilities in her unfolding life.

Walls, Jeannette. **The Glass Castle** Walls remembers an unconventional childhood, one touched by poverty and blessed by passion.

Williams, David. **When the English Fall** With society collapsing, will the Amish save the day or become victims themselves?

Winterson, Jeanette. **Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit** A British girl growing up in a Pentecostal family discovers she is a lesbian, to the horror of her family and church, who set out to ‘rescue’ her.

Zuckoff, Mitchell. **Lost in Shangri-La** The true WWII story of the crew of a downed aircraft surviving in a lost world in the jungles of New Guinea.