

COMMUNICATION 415 Interp Ideas /Hest

Dramatic Interpretation: (Cuttings from Plays/Usually Serious)

Total Abandon by Larry Atlas

Cincinnati by Don Nigro

The Insanity of Mary Girard by Lanie Robertson

The Exonerated by Jessica Blank & Eric Jensen

Unnecessary Targets

Pretty Fire by Charlayne Woodard

A Shayna Maidel by Barbara Lebow

The Belle of Amherst by William Luce

Confessions of a Nightingale by Charlotte Chandler & Rey Stricklyn

Tea at Five by Matthew Lombardo

Rose by Martin Sherman

The Children's Hour by Lillian Hellman

*Talk to Me: Monologue Plays edited by Eric Lane & Nina Shengold (ISBN 1-4000-7615-3)

*Take Ten: Ten-Minute Plays (serious and humorous short plays) edited by Eric Lane and Nina Shengold Various editions/versions. Available through the library and inexpensively through Amazon.

Humorous Prose Interpretation: (Short stories or cuttings from Novels)

Politically Correct Bedtime Stories by Garner

Oh Romeo, Like Whatever

I Hate You Wallace B. Portgrass

The Nanny Diaries

Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris

Naked by David Sedaris

Pounding Nails in the Floor with My Forehead by Eric Bogosian

Raincheck

Tina Fey, Nora Ephron, Robin Williams, Chelsea Handler,

Amy Sedaris, Jon Stewart, Dave Barry, Ellen Degeneres

Poetry:

On the Brink of by Suheir Hammad

The Spoon River Anthology

Somedays by Joan A. Fury

The Ballad of East & West by Rudyard Kipling

Blood of My People by Nan Hatch

The Cremation of Sam McGee by Robert Service

Faces of Me by Verne Becker

Odgen Nash, Carl Sandburg, Robert Frost,

Maya Angelou, Anne Sexton, Taylor Mali

Amy Lowell, Gwendolyn Brooks, Elisabeth Bishop

*Can do more than one shorter poem by the same author or on the same theme

Serious Prose: (a short story or cutting from a novel)

If I Should Die Before I Wake by Ann Rinaldi

The Scarlet Ibis by James Hurst

Fat Girl by Judith Moore

Freedom Writers by Erin Gruwell

River Cross My Heart by Breen Clarke

A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly

White Oleander by Janet Fitch

Ellen Foster by Kate Gibbons

Me & Emma by Elizabeth Flock

Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden

Snow Falling Cedars by David Guterson

She's Come Undone by Wally Lamb

The Color Purple by Alice Walker

The Flood Girls by Richard Fifiield

House on Mango Street by Sandra Cicerros

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

Burn Town by Jennifer McMahon

Short Story (prose) websites:

www.english-for-students.com/Short-Fiction-Stories.html

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/fiction>

<https://medium.com/fictionhub/tagged/short-story>

www.readshortfiction.com

<https://www.worldliteraturetoday.org/section/very-short-fiction>

*Stories that you read in magazines (not Cosmo) can be great.

Duos: (Can be serious or humorous)

A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking by John Ford Noonan (F/F)

Open to Interpretation by Ken Bradbury (M/F)

Sid and Elsie by Benari Poulten (M/F)

Stop Kiss

Whiter Oleander by Janet Fitch (M/F)

In Her Shoes

My Apology by Woody Allen

God by Kathy Ngume & Mo Gaffney

Prom Terrified