

READ THIS!



RECOMMENDED SELECTIONS

Use this survey to help you locate a book that might interest you. If you want to know more about a specific book listed here, ask one of the Collegiate High faculty or STAR/RATS Lab staff members for assistance. This list is just a start - we can help you find more books of the style you like!

If you like planes, space, travel, or flying, **READ THIS!**

The Right Stuff by Tom Wolfe
On Wings of Eagles by Ken Follett
Rocket Boys: A Memoir by Homer Hickam
West With the Night by Beryl Markham
Flight of Passage by Rinker Buck
Zero 3 Bravo by Mariana Gosnell
Blackhawk Down, by Mark Bowden
Once an Eagle by Anton Myrer

If you are fascinated by the environment or harbor a love of science or animal life, **READ THIS!**

All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot
All things Bright and Beautiful by James Herriot
Silent Spring by Rachel Carson
Watership Down by Richard Adams
Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard

Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds by Joy Adamson
Gift from the Sea by Anne Morrow Lindbergh
A Zoo in My Luggage by Gerald Durrell
My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell
Any titles by John McPhee books (e.g. *Encounters with the Archdruid*)
Any titles by Stephen J. Gould (e.g. *The Flamingo's Smile*)



**A well-composed book is a magic carpet on which we are wafted to a world that we cannot enter in any other way.
-- Caroline Gordon (1895-1981)**

If you liked the Star Wars Movies or if you like science fiction, or looking at the possible worlds of the future,

READ THIS!

Dune by Frank Herbert
Storm Troopers by Robert Heinlein
Stranger in a Strange Land, by Robert Heinlein
On the Beach by Nevil Shute
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkein
The Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkein
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
1984 by George Orwell
The Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury
A Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
Lord of Light by Roger Zelazny

If you like logic, word or number puzzles, and generally confounding mysteries

READ THIS!

The Andromeda Strain by Michael Crichton
The Cuckoo's Egg: Tracking a Spy Through the Maze of Computer Espionage by Clifford Stall
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
In Code by Sarah Flannery
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
Ella Minnow Pea by Mark Dunn
The DaVinci Code (Some strong content)
The books of Jasper Fforde

If you think you may want to be a teacher,

READ THIS!

Educating Esme: Diary of a Teacher's First Year by Esme Raji Codell
Codell (some strong language)
Up the Down Staircase by Bel Kauffman
The Water is Wide by Pat Conroy
Lucky Jim by Kingsley Amis
Winesburg, Ohio by Sherwood Anderson
Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh
Good Bye Mr. Chips by James Hilton
Christy by Catherine Marshall

If you like the military, adventure, the high seas and a bit of history,

READ THIS!


On Wings of Eagles by Ken Follett
Doctor Zhivago by Boris Pasternack
Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War by Mark Bowden
The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger
Fields of Fire by James Webb
Killer Angels by Michael Shaara
Bernard Cornwell's *Sharpe's Rifles* series
The Winds of War by Herman Wouk (some strong content)

Shogun by James Clavell (some strong content)
The Hunt for Red October by Tom Clancy
Red Storm Rising by Tom Clancy
John Adams by David McCullough
Truman by David McCullough
Hiroshima by John Hersey

If you liked Gwyneth Paltrow in the movie "Emma",
or enjoyed the movie "Shakespeare in Love",

READ THIS!

Breakfast at Tiffany's by Truman Capote
Wives and Daughters by Elizabeth Gaskell
Cranford by Elizabeth Gaskell
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton
Any titles by Jane Austen
Any titles by Nancy Mitford
Any titles by Emily Bronte
Any titles by Charlotte Bronte
Any titles by Jane Austen
Any titles by Anthony Trollope

 **He that loves
reading has everything
within his reach.**
-William Godwin
(1756-1836)

If you like mysteries or a good "whodunit", **READ THIS!**

And then There Were None by Agatha Christie
Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
Double Indemnity by James M. Cain
The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler
Farewell, My Lovely by Raymond Chandler
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier
The Sherlock Holmes Series by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold
The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins
Any of the "Maggody or "Claire Malloy" mysteries by Joan Hess
Any of the "alphabet" mysteries by Sue Grafton

If you want to read the same books as honors students nationwide who plan to go on to a university,

READ THIS!

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
The Unvanquished by William Faulkner
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
East of Eden by John Steinbeck (some strong content)
The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway
The Short Stories of Ernest Hemingway
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
Native Son by Richard Wright
Moby Dick by Herman Melville
Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift
Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert
War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy
Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
Any titles by Thomas Hardy
The Catcher in the Rye by John D. Salinger
(Some strong content)



From your parents you learn love and laughter and how to put one foot before the other. But when books are open you discover that you have wings.

-- Helen Hayes
(1900-1993)

If you like real-life adventure, the outdoors, and a good challenge,

READ THIS!

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger
The Hungry Ocean by Linda Greenlaw
Kon Tiki: Across the Pacific by Raft by Thor Heyerdahl
God-Forsaken Sea: The True Story of a Race Through the World's Most Dangerous Waters by Derek Lundy
Talking to the Ground by Douglas Preston
Alive: The Story of the Andes Survivors by Piers Paul Read
Blackhawk Down by Mark Bowden

If you liked Matt Damon in "The Bourne Supremacy" or are interested in the thrill of spies, politics, elections and the workings of government,

READ THIS!

Patriot Games by Tom Clancy

Any Tom Clancy titles

The Pelican Brief by John Grisham

Advise and Consent by Allen Drury

The Brethren: Inside the Supreme Court by Bob Woodward and Scott Armstrong

The Octopus by Frank Norris

In Dubious Battle by John Steinbeck

All the President's Men by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein

All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier Spy, John LeCarre

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood (strong content, some sexual situations)

Any titles by John LeCarre

If you are interested in the lives of real people and how they have survived misfortune or struggled to succeed,

READ THIS!

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou (strong content)

Parting the Waters by Taylor Branch

In the time of the Butterflies, by Julia Alvarez (some strong language and content)

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West by Dee Brown

An Hour Before Daylight by Jimmy Carter

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

The Color Purple by Alice Walker (some strong language and content)

Educating Esme by Esme Raj Codell

If you are interested in strong, bright women, who succeed through life's dramas,

READ THIS!

The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver
The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver
The Woman Warrior by Maxine Kingston
Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts
Charms for the Easy Life by Kaye Gibbons
Cross Creek by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
The Road from Coorain, by Jill Ker Conway
In the Time of the Butterflies, by Julia Alvarez (some strong language and content)
My Antonia by Willa Cather
Oh, Pioneers by Willa Cather
Out of Africa by Isak Dineson
I Dreamed of Africa by Kuki Gullman (some strong content)
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelu (some strong content)
A Step from Heaven by An Na
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan



Books may well be the only true magic.
--Alice Hoffman

If you liked the movie "Field of Dreams" or "The Natural", or if you enjoy sports, comedy and a lighter touch,

READ THIS!

Slam by Walter Dean Myers
Eight Men Out by Eliot Asinof
Playing for Keeps by David Halberstam
Tiger: A Biography of Tiger Woods by John Stregge
Dave Barry's Complete Guide to Guys by Dave Barry
They Tore Out My Heart and Stomped that Sucker Flat by Lewis Grizzard
The Thurber Carnival by James Thurber
The Natural, by Bernard Malamud
Shoeless Joe, by W.P. Kinesella
Hoops by Walter Dean Myers

If you are fascinated by the "southern view" or you liked the movie or the play "To Kill A Mockingbird"

READ THIS!

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
The Grass Harp by Truman Capote
Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns
The Ponder Heart by Eudora Welty
A Member of the Wedding by Carson McCullers
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Charms for the Easy Life by Kaye Gibbons
Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café by Fannie Flagg
Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts

If you liked the movie "Legends of the Fall" or "Cold Mountain", or if a sweeping saga with adventure, family life and a bit of betrayal and history appeals to you,

READ THIS!

Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell
The Winds of War by Herman Wouk
Exodus by Leon Uris
Trinity by Leon Uris
Roots by Alex Haley
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
The Wall by John Hersey
Doctor Zhivago by Boris Pasternack
Giant by Edna Ferber
Hawaii by James Michener
Nightjohn by Gary Paulsen
The Color Purple by Alice Walker
Ragtime by E.L. Doctorow
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolpho Anaya
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini



I've never known any troubles that an hour's reading didn't assuage.

--Charles De Montesquieu (1689-1755)

If you like a "thumpin' good", quick and easy book,

READ THIS

Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
Any titles by Jan Karon
Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson
Holes by Louis Sachar
The Pig Man by Paul Zindel
A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Peck
Belle Prater's Boy by Ruth White
A Door Near Here by Heather Quarles
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Anne Brashers
Whirligig by Paul Fleishman
A Step from Heaven by An Na
The Wave by Todd Strasser
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

If you liked the Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings movies or books with an element of fantasy, imagination and magic,

READ THIS!

Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke
The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke
Eragon by Christopher Paolini
Eldest by Christopher Paolini
The Nightengale Floor (Tales of the Otori Series) by Lee Hearn
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Giver by Lois Lowry
Watership Down by Richard Adams
Any of the Harry Potter Books by J.K. Rowling
The Once and Future King by T.H. White
The Man Who Would Be King by Rudyard Kipling
The Crystal Cave by Mary Stewart



**Good books are the
warehouse of ideas.
-- H.G. Wells
(1866-1946)**

If you're looking for some contemporary and traditional young adult literature

READ THIS!

Speak by Laurie Anderson

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Anne Brashers

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Go Ask Alice, Anonymous

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Any titles by S.E. Hinton

Any Titles by Gary Paulsen

The Lullaby by Sarah Dressen

Dreamland by Sarah Dressen

Keeping the Moon by Sarah Dressen

The Wave by Todd Strasser



The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

--Marl Twain (1835-1910)

If you liked the movies "Gladiator" or "Alexander", or a good historical adventure,

READ THIS!

Ben Hur by Lew Wallace

Quo Vadis by Henryk Sienkiewicz

The Robe by Lloyd C. Douglass

Gladiator by Richard Watkins

The Silver Chalice by Thomas B. Costain

If you are interested in other cultures and life elsewhere in this diverse world,

READ THIS!

In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

On Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

A Step from Heaven by An Na

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

The Kitchen God's Wife by Amy Tan

The Road from Coorain by Jill Ker Conway

Kim by Rudyard Kipling