

## SUBTLETY AND REALITY!—POETRY AND NONFICTION (cont.)

- ***From the Palmer Raids to the Patriot Act: A History of the Fight for Free Speech in America* – Finen:** Presents a comprehensive analysis of the fight for free speech in America from the early twentieth century through the War on Terror.
- ***Godel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid* – Hofstadter:** Discusses the unity among Johann Sebastian Bach's multifaceted compositions, graphic artist M.C. Escher's paradoxical drawings, and the mathematical concepts of Kurt Godel, exploring the Strange Loop phenomenon that occurs in all their work, in which moving upwards or downwards through the levels of a hierarchical system leads right back to the beginning.
- ***Convergence Culture: Where Old and New Media Collide* – Jenkins.** Explores the cultural transformations that are taking place in America as old and new media intersect and the interactions between media producers and the consumer become more important in popular culture.
- ***Thunderstruck* – Larson:** You read *The Devil in the White City*; now read Larson's next offering about technological progress's link to murder.
- **1776 – McCullough:** Based upon both American and British historical documents, the author presents a comprehensive history of the American Revolution during 1776, George Washington, and those who followed him.
- ***Secrets of the Savanna: Twenty-Three Years in the African Wilderness Unraveling the Mysteries of Elephants and People* – Owens:** Mark Owens chronicles the

experiences he and his wife Delia had during the twenty-three years they spent in Africa fighting to save the country's people and wildlife.

- ***The Slave Ship: A Human History* – Rediker:** Presents a comprehensive history of the African slave trade and of the suffering and tragedy of millions of Africans who were kidnapped and brought aboard slave ships to be sold in the Americas.
- ***In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto* – Pollan:** Challenges current approaches to healthy eating, arguing that the real food consumed by past generations is being replaced with commercialized, scientifically altered foods that offer no health benefits and may cause serious damage, and encourages people to change the way they eat and return to basic nutrition rules.
- ***The Post American World* – Zakaria:** The author describes a world where the United States will no longer dominate the global economy, maintaining that the economic growth of other nations like China, India, and Russia have challenged America's standing around the world.
- ***Big Game, Small World: A Basketball Adventure* – Wolff:** Traces the history of basketball and explores how the sport has captured the interest of people worldwide; the writer discusses his adventures as a sports journalist covering basketball throughout the world.

\*Most annotations are taken from the Summary statements in Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data.

## ON THE WEB

<http://lii.org/>

- A reliable subject directory of useful sites reviewed and evaluated by librarians.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/bestbooksya/bbyahome.cfm>

- Another list! *Best Books for Young Adults* from the Young Adult Library Services Association.

<http://www.alltheweb.com/?cat=news>

- A strong news site, including international events; keep abreast over the summer.



Winchester Thurston School

## SUMMER READING Requirements and Recommendations



For students entering

**GRADE 12**

**2009 - 2010**

[www.winchesterthurston.org](http://www.winchesterthurston.org)

## Required Reading for Twelfth Graders

**These books must be read before school starts on August 27, 2009:**

**\*If the Social Studies or English class title for which you registered does not appear within your grade, please consult the remaining grades.**

### English 12 (Rhetoric and Composition)

*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* – Kesey  
*Native Son* – Wright

### AP English (AP Literature and Composition)

*Chronicle of a Death Foretold* – Marquez  
*Nine Horses* – Billy Collins  
*Interpreter of Maladies* - Lahiri

### Social Studies Electives

**NO READING REQUIRED**

The following will be supplied by The World Languages and Cultures Department before summer break. Books are to be returned in good condition on August 27, 2009, or teachers will charge for unreturned copies.

#### Spanish Levels 4

*La tregua* – Benedetti

#### AP Spanish (Level 5)

*Nada* – Laforet

#### French Level 4

Le Comte de Monte-Cristo par Alexandre Dumas, Tome I, in packet form

#### AP French (Level 5)

Students will receive a short-story packet

#### AP Latin (Level 5)

*The Aeneid* (English translation) – Vergil

#### Statistics

The following is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, though not required.

*The Lady Tasting Tea*– Salsburg

## Other Suggested Reading for Twelfth Graders

### IMAGINATIONS—FICTION

- ***Love and Ghost Letters* – Acevedo:** Josefina seems to have the perfect life, living in one of Cuba's wealthiest districts and being courted by Havana's most elite young bachelors, but Josefina longs for passion and excitement in her life and sets out to find it with a poor, reckless man. (Author is a former WT English teacher.)
- ***The Rule of Four* – Caldwell:** Tom Sullivan and Paul Harris are determined to unlock the centuries old mystery behind an ancient Renaissance text before their graduation from Princeton, but just as they are about to discover its secrets, the campus is rocked with a series of suspicious deaths.
- ***Invasive Procedures* – Card:** George Galen, a scientist and pioneer in genetic therapy, uses his Healers to cure the disease's that impact the poor by altering their DNA, but his cure comes at a deadly cost, and Frank Hartman is determined to stop Galen's brand of medical healing, even if it means sacrificing himself.
- ***The Queen's Soprano* – Carol:** Seventeen year-old Angelica Voglia lives in seventeenth-century Rome and has the voice of an angel, but because the pope forbids women to sing in public, she must escape to Queen Christina's palace to become a court singer.
- ***City of Bones* – Clare:** Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own

dimension, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster.

- ***The Idiot* – Dostoevsky:** Russian classic novel depicting a person of moral perfection traversing a society of greedy and narcissistic citizens.
- ***Looking for Alaska* – Green:** Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.
- ***The Historian* – Kostova:** A young woman discovers an ancient book and a cache of old letters in her father's library, and thus begins her adventurous quest for the truth about Vlad the Impaler, a search that will span continents and generations, and a confrontation with the darkest powers of evil.
- ***Beggars in Spain* – Kress:** Leisha is a beautiful, intelligent genetically modified woman, who is one of the first twenty "Sleepless" on earth that are initially treated as interesting anomalies and, later, as objects of envy and scorn.
- ***Castle Waiting* – Medley:** A series of linked stories, presented in graphic novel form, that follow the adventures of the people who take refuge in the castle vacated by Sleeping Beauty after she leaves with the prince.
- ***Drinking Coffee Elsewhere* – Packer:** Presents eight short stories revolving around young African-Americans, from little girls in a Brownie troop to a young man who accompanies his father to the Million Man March.

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- ***The Lost Continent: Travels in Small-town America* – Bryson:** Bryson, an Iowan transplanted to England, returns to search for the perfect American small town.
- ***Space Race: The Epic Battle Between America and the Soviet Union for Dominion of Space* – Cadbury:** Traces the development of rockets and spaceflight from German experiments before World War II to the manned moon landings, and provides biographies on two scientists, Wernher von Braun and Sergei Korolev; includes intimate details from behind The Iron Curtain.
- ***Inside the Royal Shakespeare Company: Creativity and the Institution* – Chambers.**
- ***My Losing Season* – Conroy:** The author reflects on his days at a military college, especially his love of basketball and its value to him as a means of self-expression, and shares experiences that shed new light on his novel *The Great Santini*.
- ***Needles: A Memoir of Growing Up With Diabetes* – Dominick:** The author discusses how her life changed after she was diagnosed with diabetes.
- ***Just Once: New and Previous Poems* – Hazo:** Intimate, thought-provoking poetry from a local writer.
- ***The Bad Daughter* – Hilden:** The author, a recent Harvard graduate, describes her decision to be a "bad daughter" to her alcoholic, mentally ill mother.
- ***The Informant: A True Story* – Eichenwald:** Chronicles the FBI's attempts to infiltrate one of America's most powerful corporations, using information supplied to them by one of the company's employees.