

Timothy Christian High School Summer Reading Bibliography

This is a list of faculty-suggested titles for the second summer reading book choice. Students do not have to choose books from this list for the second book.

As stated in the letter outlining the summer reading requirements:

For the second book students should read a book of their choice.

We have three guidelines for the second book choice. The book must be:

- 1) parent-approved,**
- 2) grade-level appropriate, and**
- 3) a book that your son or daughter has not read before.**

Aaseng, Nathan

Navajo Code Talkers

Describes how the American military in World War II used a group of Navajo Indians to create an indecipherable code based on their native language.

Abbott, Edwin

Flatland : a Romance of Many Dimensions

Flatland, was published in 1880 and imagines a two-dimensional world inhabited by sentient geometric shapes who think their planar world is all there is. But one Flatlander, a Square, discovers the existence of a third dimension and the limits of his world's assumptions about reality and comes to understand the confusing problem of higher dimensions. The book is also quite a funny satire on society and class distinctions of Victorian England. A classic of science (and mathematical) fiction—charmingly illustrated by the author---- describes the journeys of A Square, a resident of flatland and his adventures in Spaceland (three dimensions), Lineland (one dimension) and Pointland (no dimensions). A Square also entertains thoughts of visiting a land of four dimensions---- a revolutionary idea for which lie is banished from Spaceland.

Adams, Douglas

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy **

Arthur Dent's odyssey through space. aided by a "hitchhiker's guide" book. This book continues in "The Restaurant at the End of the Universe".

Adams, Richard

Watership Down

Faced with the annihilation of its warren, a small group of male rabbits sets out across the English downs in search of a new home. Internal struggles for power surface in this intricately woven, realistically told adult adventure when the protagonists must coordinate tactics in order to defeat an enemy rabbit fortress. It is clear that the author has done research on rabbit behavior, for this tale is truly authentic.

Albom, Mitch

Tuesdays with Morrie

The author, an alumnus of Brandeis University, tells of his meetings with a former professor suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease and of the lessons he learned about life and death from his college mentor.

Allende, Isabel

House of the Spirits **

The epic story of the passionate Trueba family begins at the turn of the century in South America.

Armstrong, Lance

Every Second Counts

Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong chronicles his struggles after beating cancer, including dealing with allegations of drug use, finding a balance between his career and family life, and coping with the fear that his cancer will return.

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Arterburn, Stephen Every Young Man's Battle

Presents Bible-based advice and first-person narratives that provide information for young men in their teens and early twenties on how to remain sexually pure in a culture of permissiveness.

Asturias, Miguel Argel El Senor Presidente/ The President **

Guatemalan Nobel Prize-winner Miguel Ángel Asturias's novel about the totalitarian regime of a Latin American dictator and the psychological effects of his rule on his people.

Austen, Jane Emma

This novel of Regency England centers upon a self-assured young lady who is determined to arrange her life and the lives of those around her into a pattern dictated by her romantic fancy.

Austen, Jane Pride and Prejudice

Mrs. Bennett scrambles to find husbands for her five daughters in a gentle satire of the foibles and prejudices of human nature.

Austen, Jane Sense and Sensibility

Two sisters of opposing temperaments share the pangs of tragic love. Their mutual suffering brings a closer understanding between the two sisters, and true love finally triumphs.

Berry, Wendell Jayber Crow

Life story of Jayber Crow, barber, of the Port William membership, as written by himself

Blackaby, Henry Experiencing God

Blackaby shows the way that knowing God does not come through a program, a study, or a method. Knowing God comes through a relationship with a Person. This is an intimate love relationship with God. Through this relationship, God reveals Himself, His purposes, and His ways; and He invites you to join Him where He is already at work.

Bodanis, David Secret House

An eye-opening voyage into a microscopic netherworld, describing the environment we are surrounded by as we struggle or frolic through a typical day.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich Letters from Prison

Letters and Papers from Prison is a collection of notes and correspondence covering the period from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's arrest in 1943 to his execution by the Gestapo in 1945. The book is probably most famous, and most important, for its idea of "religionless Christianity"--an idea Bonhoeffer did not live long enough fully to develop, but whose timeliness only increases as the lines between secular and ecclesial life blur.

Brashares, Ann Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants **

Meet Tibby, Bridget, Lena, and Carmen. Four 15-year-olds, all born in September, best friends for life. Meet the magical, traveling pants that the girls share over their first summer apart, shipping the pants from DC to Greece to Baja California to South Carolina. Together, these five characters are the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants.

Brinkley, Douglas Wheels for the World : Henry Ford, His Company, and a Century of Progress, 1903-2003

Chronicles the history of Ford Motor Company and the life of its founder, Henry Ford, examining the company's impact on industry and the world.

Buck, Pearl S. Good Earth

A Chinese peasant family worked the land they loved in this beautifully told cycle of birth, marriage, and death.

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Burger, Dionys Sphereland : a Fantasy about Curved Spaces and an Expanding Universe

Published 60 years after *Flatland*, by Edwin Abbott, this book revisits the world of Flatland in time to explore the mind-bending theories created by Albert Einstein, whose work so completely altered the scientific understanding of space, time, and matter. Among Einstein's many challenges to common sense were the ideas of curved space, an expanding universe and the fact that light does not travel in a straight line. Without use of the mathematical formulae that bar most non-scientists from an understanding of Einstein's theories, *Sphereland* gives lay readers ways to start comprehending these confusing but fundamental questions of our reality.

Camus, Albert Stranger *

Caught in the grip of forces he does not understand, a quiet, ordinary clerk in Algiers commits a murder

Card, Orson Scott Ender's Game

Ender, who is the result of genetic experimentation, may be the military genius Earth needs in its war against an alien enemy.

Carroll, Lewis Alice in Wonderland

A little girl falls down a rabbit hole and discovers a world of nonsensical and amusing characters.

Carson, Rachel Silent Spring

Presents Rachel Carson's 1962 environmental classic "Silent Spring," which identified the dangers of indiscriminate pesticide use.

Catton, Bruce American Heritage New history of the Civil War

Originally published on the war's centennial, this thoroughly updated edition by the remarkable James M. McPherson takes advantage of the latest scholarship. This classic retains all of the wonderful features Bruce Catton originally included. And then there are the pictures--they are some of the most striking battlefield visuals available. The American Heritage New History of the Civil War makes a great read for folks who want an overview of how the North and South fought across five Aprils.

Charierre, Henri Papillon **

Describes the life of a man sent to prison on a miserable island, Cayena, where escape is impossible. It is a terrible life for him but he finally escapes after much suffering.

Chaucer, Geoffrey Canterbury Tales *

A group of 31 pilgrims tell their stories on the way to Canterbury Cathedral.

Clark, Jeremy & Jerusha He's Hot, She's Hot

Find out why you should look for someone who is truly HOT (holy, outrageous, trustworthy) and see how you can develop the qualities that will both please the Lord and attract the man or woman of your dreams.

Clarke, Arthur C. 2001: A Space Odyssey **

Discovery, a space craft of the twenty-first century traveling at 100,000 miles per hour, is destined for a planet on the farthest edge of our solar system. Hal, a chatty computer guides two astronauts through the vastness of space. But computers are not perfect. What will happen when this computer has a nervous breakdown? Based on the screenplay of 1968 by Stanley Kubrick and Arthur C. Clarke.

Colton, Larry Counting Coup

In Native American tradition, "counting coup" meant literally touching one's enemy in battle and living to tell about it. Now it means playing winning hoops and dominating one's opponent. This is the story of the girls' varsity basketball team of Hardin High School in Crow, Montana. Comprised of both Crow Indian and White girls, the team is led by Sharon Laforge, a moody, undisciplined, yet talented Native American who hopes to be the first female player from Hardin to earn a basketball scholarship to college. Larry Colton shows readers the hardscrabble existence of a rural small town beset by racism, alcoholism, and domestic violence, and in so doing produces a touching, heartfelt, and beautifully written true story that will leave readers cheering for the girls they have come to know.

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Conroy, Pat

My Losing Season

The author reflects on his days at a South Carolina military college. He recalls his love of basketball and its value to him as a means of self-expression.

Cooper, Michael

Fighting for Honor: Japanese Americans in World War II

History of the Japanese in the US, focusing on their treatment during World War II, including the mass relocation to internment camps and the distinguished service of Japanese Americans in the American army.

Cormier, Robert

Chocolate War **

A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

Crane, Stephen

Red Badge of Courage **

During his service in the Civil War a young Union soldier matures to manhood and finds peace of mind as he comes to grips with his conflicting emotions about war.

Darwin, Charles

Origin of Species *

By means of natural selection or the preservation of favoured races in the struggle for life. Darwin's classic work on evolution and natural selection.

Defoe, Daniel

Robinson Crusoe

An Englishman who is the sole survivor of a 17th century shipwreck lives for almost thirty years on a desert island before being rescued.

Dillard, Annie

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek

The author reflects on the positive and negative sides of nature while observing life near Tinker Creek, in a valley in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains.

Dillard, Annie

Teaching a Stone to Talk

Fourteen reflective essays on the natural world, including such places as the North Pole, an Ecuadorian jungle, the Galapagos Islands, and Washington state

Dostoevski, Fyodor

Crime and Punishment *

A novel describing the resultant emotional suffering after a student in St. Petersburg murders an old woman, a money-lender, and her sister.

Douglass, Frederick

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave

Frederick Douglass (1817?-1895) was born into slavery by a slave mother and an unknown father. At the age of 8, he started to educate himself with the help of his master's wife. In 1838, he fled Baltimore for the North. There he soon became a noted author and speaker on slavery

Dreiser, Theodore

Sister Carrie *

The story of a young woman from Wisconsin who goes to Chicago, becomes an actress, marries and goes to New York, and when her husband loses his job, goes onstage again.

Dumas, Alexander

Three Musketeers

During the reign of France's King Louis XIII, d'Artagnan and three musketeers unite to defend the honor of Anne of Austria against the plots of Cardinal Richelieu.

Dumas, Alexandre

Count of Monte Cristo

In this famous old adventure story from France, Edmond Dantes escaped from prison, became intensely wealthy, and sets out to destroy his enemies.

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Duncan, David James Brothers K **

Story of the Chance family living in the Pacific Northwest in the early '60s embattled over the ideals represented by baseball and religion.

Duncan, David James River Why **

Lesser known than Brother's K, also a bit shorter, but just as good. It does have a sex scene, but not overly descriptive by my standards. It is a book about the life of one man's search for fulfillment and about fly-fishing.

Eastway, Rob Why Do Buses come in Threes

Offers mathematical explanations for the strange coincidences that occur in everyday life and explains how people can use simple mathematical equations to increase their odds of winning the lottery, finding a date, and keeping dry in the rain.

Edgerton, Clyde Where Trouble Sleeps

Life in a sleepy southern town in the 1950s changes dramatically when a stoplight is installed at the main intersection.

Edwards, Betty Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain

Presents a set of exercises designed to release creative potential and tap into the special abilities of the right hemisphere of the brain, focusing on the five basic skills of drawing which include the perception of edges, spaces, relationships, lights and shadows, and the whole, or gestalt.

Ende, Michael Momo

Momo is very intelligent and is not easily fooled by the two men who come to town telling people to save time and deposit it in the bank. With the help of her friend, Professor Hora, and a turtle, she is determined to find out what they are doing with time.

Ende, Michael Neverending Story

Shy, awkward Bastian is amazed to discover that he has become a character in the mysterious book he is reading and that he has an important mission to fulfill.

Fast, Howard Freedom Road

Gideon Jackson, former slave and former Union soldier, returns to South
Fast, Howard Last Frontier In some of the most beautiful and moving language used by any American writer, Fast tells the story of how 300 Cheyenne Indians -- starving on their Oklahoma reservation -- packed up in 1878 and started a 1,000-mile trek back to the happy hunting grounds of their beloved Wyoming. Hounded by the U.S. cavalry, outnumbered and outgunned, they fought their way north inch by bloody inch.

Feynman, Richard Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman

A collection of often humorous anecdotes about the 1965 Nobel Prize winner for physics.

Feynman, Richard What do You Care What Other People Think? Further Adventures of a Curious Character

An autobiography of the physicist, winner of the Nobel Prize, and developer of the atomic bomb, Richard Feynman recounts his life with his late wife and discusses his involvement in the investigation of the Challenger space shuttle disaster.

Flanagan, Dennis Flanagan's Version: A Spectator's Guide to Science on the Eve of the 21st Century

An overview of the discoveries of science over the last three decades.

Fradin, Dennis Bound for the North Star: True Stories of Fugitive Slaves

Collective biography of escaped slaves

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Gaines, Ernest J. *Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* **

Jane Pittman was freed from slavery at the end of the Civil War and lived to ta a stand during the civil rights protests of the 1960s. At the age of 108 or so, 5 joined a protest involving separate water fountains.

Gallico, Paul *Poseidon Adventure*

A large ocean liner converted to a cruise ship, the S.S. Poseidon, is caught by an underwater earthquake and capsizes. As the ship is slowly sinking, a group of survivors, with the help of an American mountaineer, inch their way upward through the bowels of the ship to safety. The interlocking stories of these passengers make for interesting reading.

Gerstner, Louis V. *Who Says Elephants Can't Dance? : Leading a Great Enterprise through Dramatic Change*

Gerstner quarterbacked one of history's most dramatic corporate turnarounds. For those who follow business stories like football games, his tale of the rise, fall and rise of IBM might be the ultimate slow-motion replay. He became IBM's CEO in 1993, when the gargantuan company was near collapse. The book's opening section snappily reports Gerstner's decisions in his first 18 months on the job-the critical "sprint" that moved IBM away from the brink of destruction. The following sections describe the marathon fight to make IBM once again "a company that mattered."

Greene, Brian *The Elegant Universe: Superstrings, Hidden Dimensions, and the Quest for the Ultimate Theory*

Relates the scientific story and the human struggle behind the search for the string theory--the ultimate theory which scientists believe is capable of describing all physical phenomena, large and small; and discusses how the theory is impacting human understanding of space and time.

Gresh, Dannah *And the Bride Wore White: Seven Secrets to Sexual Purity*

Provides guidance for Christian girls on staying sexually pure and recovering from sexual sin, covering such topics as how to end sinful relationships, and includes the personal stories of several young women and interviews with Christian celebrities.

Gresh, Dannah *Secret Keeper: The Delicate Power of Modesty*

Through Secret Keeper Dannah Gresh tells it like it is—full of truth and full of power! Definitely a must read for all young women. It unlocks the mystery of modesty and clearly and cool-ly explains it in a way with which teenagers can identify

Griffin, John Howard *Black Like Me* **

The author, a white man, recounts his experiences when he darkened his skin and traveled through the South as a black man.

Grimm, Jacob *Grimm's Fairy Tales* **

A collection of tales of magic, princesses and princes, wicked giants, and peasants, to awaken the child to the power of his heart.

Guterson, David *Snow Falling on Cedars* **

When a newspaper journalist covers the trial of a Japanese American accused of murder, he must come to terms with his own past.

Hawking, Steven *A Brief History of Time* **

Cosmology becomes understandable as the author discusses the origin, evolution, and fate of our universe.

Hawking, Steven *The Universe in a Nutshell* **

Physics guru illuminates startling new theories about our world in a lavishly illustrated sequel to A Brief History of Time

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Hemingway, Earnest **Sun Also Rises ****

On one level, a novel about the "lost generation" of Americans after World War I in Paris and Spain; on a more abiding level, the hero's futile search for a way to live in a crippling and hostile world.

Herbert, Frank **Dune ****

The story of a young prince, Paul Atreides, scion of a star-crossed dynasty, and of his journey from boy to warrior to ruler of a dying planet destined to become a paradise regained.

Herouf, Kent **Plainsong ****

Guthrie, a high school teacher left alone to raise his two young sons, becomes involved in the lives of Victoria, a homeless, pregnant teenager, and two elderly bachelors.

Hickam, Homer H. **Rocket Boys (October Sky)**

It chronicles the childhood of Homer Hickam, NASA engineer who grew up in the West Virginia town of Coalwood. Coalwood was a company town, centered around the Coalwood coal mine. In one shape or form everyone who worked in Coalwood worked for or in the mine. Sons were expected to follow in their father's footsteps. However Mr. Hickam and his group of friends are galvanized by the Russian's successful Sputnik launch. They are determined to become rocket scientists and help Werner Von Braun compete with the Russians.

Hillenbrand, Laura **Seabiscuit**

Describes how three men worked together to turn a rough-hewn, undersized horse into one of the fastest horses in racing history.

Hobbs, Will **Far North**

From the window of the small floatplane, fifteen-year-old Gabe Rogers is getting his first look at Canada's magnificent Northwest Territories with Raymond Providence, his roommate from boarding school. Below is the spectacular Nahanni River--wall-to-wall whitewater racing between sheer cliffs and plunging over Virginia Falls. The pilot sets the plane down on the lake-like surface of the upper river for a closer look at the thundering falls. Suddenly the engine quits. The only sound is a dull roar downstream, as the Cessna drifts helplessly toward the falls ...With the brutal subarctic winter fast approaching, Gabe and Raymond soon find themselves stranded in Deadmen Valley. Trapped in a frozen world of moose, wolves, and bears, two boys from vastly different cultures come to depend on each other for their very survival.

Hoose, Philip **We Were There Too: Young People in US History**

Account of children and teens and their roles in American history.

Hugo, Victor **Les Miserables**

In 19th-century France, Jean Valjean, a convicted criminal, now reformed and prosperous, is still pursued by a ruthless detective.

Johnson, Spencer **Who Moved My Cheese**

Presents a parable in which two mice, Sniff and Scurry, and two tiny mouse-sized people, Hem and Haw, try to find a way to deal successfully with unexpected change in their maze.

Jordan, Robert **Eye of the World**

First book in the "Wheel of Time" series. This book is for the hardcore fantasy lovers. Thick as a tree, but the best fantasy series I have ever read.

Junger, Sebastian **Perfect Storm**

In October 1991, meteorological conditions combined to create the worst nor'easter of the Century--"the Perfect Storm". Junger tells the exciting story of those who faced the fury of that storm at sea and of the men who tried to rescue them.

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Kempis, Thomas a The Imitation of Christ *

The fifteenth-century devotional work which explores the spiritual life and discusses inner comfort and the sacrament, based on the English translation made by Richard Whitford around 1530.

Kennedy, Robert Thirteen Days

The unique, gripping account of the perilous showdown between the United States and the Soviet Union. During the thirteen days in October 1962 when the United States confronted the Soviet Union over its installation of missiles in Cuba, few people shared the behind-the-scenes story as it is told here by the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In a clear and simple record, he describes the personalities involved in the crisis, with particular attention to the actions and attitudes of his brother, President John F. Kennedy. He describes the daily, even hourly, exchanges between Russian representatives and American. In firsthand immediacy we see the frightening responsibility of two great nations holding the fate of the world in their hands.

Kennedy, John F. Profiles in Courage

Presents John F. Kennedy's Pulitzer Prize-winning study of men who, at a risk to themselves, stood fast for a principle, covering John Quincy Adams, Daniel Webster, Sam Houston, Robert Taft, and others.

Kotlowitz, Alex There are No Children Here

Kotlowitz's portrayal of two inner city youth's brings to life the hopelessness, pain, and resilience of two young boys who are faced daily with drugs, violence, and poverty growing up in Chicago housing projects.

Krakauer, John Into Thin Air

A bank of clouds was assembling on the not-so-distant horizon, but journalist-mountaineer Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing down." He was wrong. The storm, which claimed five lives and left countless more--including Krakauer's--in guilt-ridden disarray, would also provide the impetus for Into Thin Air, Krakauer's epic account of the May 1996 disaster.

Lawhead, Stephen Empyrion (and others)

Orion Treet, an unemployed writer, is asked to chronicle the growth of a new extra-terrestrial settlement, Empyrion.

Lawrence, Brother Practice of the Presence of God

Brother Lawrence, a 17th Century Carmelite lay brother, was recognized for his spirituality and the purity and simplicity of his teaching. This book comprises his entire surviving writings, including Spiritual Maxims, Gathered Thoughts, Conversations and Letters.

Lawrence, R.D. White Puma

Worldwide naturalist and author of the acclaimed In Praise of Wolves, R.D. Lawrence offers a gripping novel of the hunted turning upon the hunter. The North American wilderness serves as the backdrop in this electrifying story of suspense and survival, as a magnificent and dangerous white puma relentlessly stalks the men who have taken his family and now seek his death.

Lawson, Mary Crow Lake

Kate Morrison, orphaned at the age of seven, grows up seeing her brilliant older brother Matt's failure to further his education as a tragedy, and feeling somewhat guilty about her own accomplishments, and it is not until years later that she finally sees the damage her faulty thinking has caused.

L'Engle, Madelaine Wrinkle in Time

Meg and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

Lewis, C.S. Mere Christianity

Presents author C. S. Lewis's defense and explanation of Christianity, originally presented as a series of radio broadcasts during World War II.

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- Lewis, Michael** **Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game**
Examines the mathematical strategies by which manager Billy Beane handled the financially strapped Oakland Athletics' 2002 draft and led the baseball team to success despite its lack of high profile players.
- Livio, Mario** **Golden Ratio**
A captivating journey through art and architecture, botany and biology, physics and mathematics: this ratio, 1.6180339887... impacts so many facets of our lives that it has fascinated us through the ages.
- Lord, Walter** **Day of Infamy**
Describes the events of December 7, 1941, before, during, and after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, as well as the reactions of the men who lived through the attack.
- Lord, Walter** **The Good Years**
Walter Lord takes the most significant historical events of the years 1900-1914, and gives it a human touch that makes you feel that you are there. He reveals volumes in sentences, and never disappoints. From the Boxer Rebellion to eve of World War I, the unique American perspective is well represented.
- Lucado, Max** **No Wonder They Call Him the Savior**
A discussion of the role the cross plays in the life of the Christian, both physical and spiritual.
- Lupica, Mike** **Wild Pitch**
Washed-up baseball pitcher Charlie Stoddard begins to dream of taking up the game again and being the best, but before he can make it back into the majors, he must convince the coaches and players his arrogant attitude has changed for the better.
- Malone, Michael** **Handling Sin ****
Raleigh Hayes, a respectable citizen of North Carolina, learns his father has vanished with a young female mental patient. He has left behind a mysterious list of seven outrageous tasks that his upright son must perform in order to rescue his inheritance.
- Marquez, Gabriel Garcia** **100 Years of Solitude ***
Translation of the Spanish novel which traces the rise and fall, birth and death of the mythical town of Macondo, through the history of the Biendia family.
- Marrin, Albert** **George Washington and the Founding of a Nation**
Biography of George Washington (1732-1799), the first president of the United States.
- McCort, Frank** **Angela's Ashes ****
Memoir of the author's miserable childhood growing up in the perpetually damp country of Ireland, with the stereotypically long-suffering mother and drunken father whose nurtures in his son an appetite for stories.
- McCullough, David** **John Adams ***
He was a man of his times who transcended his times and one of the east understood of the Founding Fathers
- McDonald, Gordon** **Ordering Your Private World**
The Scriptures, the experiences of the great saints, and the writings of more contemporary sages say there is—and that that inner life can be ordered and regulated. Where people live with disorder within, there is anxiety and little growth. But where the private world is constantly realigned and regulated, there is remarkable personal development and Christian witness.
- McLeran, Brian** **A New Kind of Christian ***
A tale of two friends on a spiritual journey

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- McMurtry, Larry** **Crazy Horse**
Biography of Ogallala Sioux Indian warrior Crazy Horse.
- Melville, Herman** **Moby Dick ***
Captain Ahab's determination to find and kill the great white whale becomes an obsession driving him to disaster.
- Michener, James** **Centennial ****
A novel depicting the history and development of a section of Colorado and the lives of the people of the area from prehistoric times to the modern period.
- Miller, Jr., Walter M.** **Canticle for Leibowitz**
Many years after a nuclear war, scholars seeking the old learning come to a monastery where much knowledge has been preserved.
- Mlodinow, Leonard** **Euclid's Window**
The story of geometry from parallel lines to hyperspace
- Morris, Jim** **Oldest Rookie**
Jim Morris, once an aspiring major-league baseball player, shares the story of why he gave up his dream to become a husband, father, and coach, and tells what happened when he made a promise to his high school team that if they won their local championship, he would try out once again for the big leagues.
- Orwell, George** **Animal Farm**
A political satire in which the animals take over running the farm but find their utopian state turning into a dictatorship.
- Paulos, John** **Mathematician Reads the Newspaper**
Explains how mathematical naiveté can put newspaper readers at a distinct disadvantage.
- Pearson, Charles T.** **Indomitable Tin Goose: a Biography of Preston Tucker**
A biography of the American creator of the Tucker automobile of the 1940s that revolutionized the auto industry. Includes a few photographs.
- Peretti, Frank** **This Present Darkness**
Peretti graphically tears back the veil between our world and the spirit world. Descending upon the small town of Ashton, angels, demons, and strongmen engage in vivid spiritual battle and we, the reader, are able to see it all unfold.
- Piper, John** **The Passion of Jesus Christ**
Fifty reasons why he came to die
- Poe, Edgar Allen** **Short Stories**
The outstanding tales of mystery and suspense from the pen of one of the great mystery writers of all time.
- Reynolds, Sheri** **Rapture of Canaan**
Explores the experience of miracles in everyday life through the eyes of a fourteen-year-old girl, the granddaughter of a fundamentalist minister.
- Rivers, Francine** **Lineage of Grace series**
Read one of the series of five historical novels of courageous women of the Bible.

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Robinson, Marilynne Housekeeping

In the novel, "Housekeeping", sisters Ruthie and Lucille are hastily dropped off at their Grandmother's house. Their mother--a rather odd woman who seems to suffer from bouts of depression never returns. The grandmother raises the two little girls, and after she dies, two elderly relatives take over the task. But then mysterious Aunt Sylvie returns and stays to take care of the girls. The problem is that Aunt Sylvie is more than a bit strange--"Every story she told had to do with a train or a bus station." Sylvie is, in fact, a transient, who has returned home to assume responsibilities that she doesn't want and that she's really mentally and emotionally unprepared for.

Sagan, Carl Contact

Radio telescopes on Earth receive a signal indicating the existence of life 26 light-years away in the vicinity of the star Vega. A brilliant scientist, Eleanor Arroway is instrumental in responding to the message.

Salinger, J.D. Franny and Zooey

Franny, dissatisfied with everything, has a disastrous date with her boyfriend Lane. When she returns home, her older brother helps her solve her problem.

Sandburg, Carl Abraham Lincoln : Prairie Years and War Years

The classic biography of Lincoln is available in a one volume edition by Harcourt that maintains the integrity of the original 6 volumes.

Schaefer, Henry Science and Christianity: Conflict or coherence?"

Known the world over, Dr. Schaefer's world-renowned university lectures have been expanded into full-length essays. Focusing on explaining how a person can be both a believer in Christ and a follower of science, Dr. Schaefer compares and contrasts the tenets of the two extremes. Thus we have a first-hand account of the lively (and timely) science vs. Christianity discussions by one of the major participants in the topic.

Shaara, Michael Killer Angels **

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1975, Michael Shaara's "The Killer Angels" is considered by many the best Civil War novel ever written.

Shaara, Michael Rise to Rebellion

Shaara takes the reader from the opening days of discord between the colonies and England to the high tide of the Revolution, the summer of 1776, and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Simmons, Seymour Drawing: the Creative Process

Learning to draw means more than mastering the placement of lines and the rendering of shapes. It means learning to "see" in ways the nonartist never does. Simmons shows the many ways of "seeing" that give form to your creative expression.

Sire, James Why Should Anyone Believe Anything at All

Excellent book, but should be reserved for upperclassmen. Sire does an outstanding job of investigating why people choose to believe, and then focuses on Christ and the problem of evil. I did not read it until I was in college, but we do have students who would benefit from it. Looks thin, but the reading is heavy.

Solzenitzyn, Alexandre One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch **

Life in one of Stalin's forced labor camps meant cruelty, hunger, cold, suffering and an animal-like fight for survival.

Spoelstra, Jon Ice to the Eskimos: How To Market a Product Nobody Wants **

Lessons drawn from the world of sports have long proven applicable to the world of business. Jon Spoelstra, who pushed sponsorship and fan revenue to unprecedented heights for the lowly New Jersey Nets basketball franchise, shows how to put big-league marketing expertise to use off the court in Ice to the Eskimos: How To Market a Product Nobody Wants. His 19 "jump-start ground rules," sprinkled liberally with sports anecdotes, are designed to apply to any product or service.

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Spoelstra, Jon & Mark Cuban Marketing Outrageously

Spoelstra offers another fine book on creative marketing strategies and motivation. His book, which shows how considering marketing problems "outrageously" but consistently can benefit an organization, is instructive in its marketing ideas and stories of triumph. President of the professional sports division of Mandalay Entertainment, Spoelstra has held positions or served as a consultant with several sports teams, including the Portland Trail Blazers, New Jersey Nets, and Dayton Dragons. Here he describes how in his own experience a lack of adequate funds for marketing and advertising goals led to his "outrageous" approach.

Stein, Sherman Strength in numbers

Explores the role of mathematics in modern society, providing a general commentary on the subject that includes discussion of computers, and the use of math in various trades and professions; offers fresh views of math concepts taught in school; and teaches how to compute some common problems.

Steinbeck, John East of Eden **

The saga of three generations of the Trask and Hamilton families in the early 1900's in Northern California.

Steinbeck, John Grapes of Wrath **

One of the greatest and most socially significant novels of the twentieth century, Steinbeck's controversial masterpiece indelibly captured America during the Great Depression through the story of one Oklahoma farm family, the Joads. Intensely human yet majestic in its scale and moral vision, tragic but ultimately stirring in its insistence on human dignity, *The Grapes of Wrath* (1939) is not only a landmark American novel, but it is as well an extraordinary moment in the history of our national conscience.

Stone, Irving Agony and the Ecstasy

Michaelangelo's career is traced from his promising boyhood apprenticeships to the painter Ghillandajo and the sculptor Bertoldo through all the years of his genius.

Stone, Irving Depths of Glory

Camille Pissarro, a Caribbean artist living in Paris, and his friends Cezanne, Manet, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Monet, and others are brought to life in this biographical novel. Pissarro was a brilliant, prolific painter and a father of the Impressionist movement. His struggle to be seen and survive the rejection of the art establishment is set against nineteenth-century Europe.

Stone, Irving Lust for Life

A fictional account of Vincent Van Gogh's life where he refused to bow to convention and his paintings broke every rule yet brought a new kind of beauty to ravish the human eye.

Stowe, Harriet Beecher Uncle Tom's Cabin

A story of slavery in the Old South, with old Uncle Tom as the main character.

Strobel, Lee The Case for Christ

Retraces and expands upon the author's two-year investigation into the eyewitness, documentary, scientific, psychological, circumstantial, and other evidence that led him to the conclusion that the biblical accounts of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus are true.

Taylor, Joshua C. Learning to Look

For art students this book teaches how to view art by studying forty-four specific works, and discussing historical principles and technical matters of art. With additional information on problems peculiar to twentieth-century art.

TenBoom, Corie Hiding place

The memoirs of a Dutch woman who was sent to Ravensbruck concentration camp during World War II as a result of her activities in the anti-Nazi underground.

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Tregaskis, Richard **Guadalcanal Diary**

News correspondent Richard Tregaskis provides an eyewitness account of the World War II battles on Guadalcanal in the fall of 1942.

Updike, John **Centaur**

Retells the myth of Chiron, wisest of the centaurs who gives up immortality for Prometheus, in a modern setting where Chiron is a high-school science teacher, George Caldwell, and Prometheus is his fifteen-year-old son, Peter.

Uris, Leon **Mila 18**

Mila 18 was the command post of the resistance movement organized by the Warsaw Jews. This is the story of the handful of men and women who, knowing they had to die, defied the whole German Army with their homemade weapons and bare hands

Uris, Leon **QB VII**

In Queen's Bench Courtroom Number Seven, the renowned surgeon Sir Adam Kelno stands accused of having been a sadistic doctor in a World War II concentration camp.

Van Gogh, Vincent; edited by Irving Stone **Dear Theo: the Autobiography of Vincent Van Gogh**

An abridgment of The letters of Vincent van Gogh to his brother.

Verne, Jules **20,000 Leagues Under the Sea**

A nineteenth-century science fiction tale of an electric submarine, its eccentric captain, and undersea world, which anticipated many of the scientific achievements of the twentieth century.

Verne, Jules **Mysterious Island**

Translation of: Ile mysterieuse. Five men and a dog are carried out to sea in a balloon and drop from the clouds on the mysterious island. Captain Nemo is the mysterious benefactor who helps the stranded men survive.

Virgil **Aeneid**

Presents Virgil's epic poem in which Aeneas, the future founder of Rome, embarks from the ruins of Troy on a treacherous journey toward a new home

Wagner, Richard **Christianity for Dummies**

"Christianity For Dummies" is a friendly, approachable guide that introduces readers to the Christian faith and Church, putting into everyday language what exactly it means to be a "Christian". The book is for anyone who is curious about Christianity -- both people who are not Christians and those on the periphery of the Church. However, it is also for Christians who are interested in discovering more about their faith.

Walton, Sam **Sam Walton : Made In America**

Autobiography of American businessman Sam Walton peppered with his philosophy of life and practical business advice.

Warren, Rick **Purpose Driven Life**

Draws from the Bible to explain to Christians how to understand God's purpose for them and fulfill it in a Christlike fashion.

White, Theodore **Once and Future King**

The fantasy epic of King Arthur and Camelot, telling the story of how Wart, the adopted son of Sir Ector, becomes the King of England when he is sent in search of a sword by his brother Kay, and is forced to pull one out of an anvil in the churchyard.

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Wooden, John and Jay Carty Coach Wooden : One on One

Coach Wooden shares his thoughts, his philosophies, his heart in this very well-written book. But the added bonus is that the reader gets a chance to hear from one of his assistance at UCLA, who adds some light into this man's dedicated life. Jay Carty, former college basketball star and LA Lakers' player, and author of several inspirational books, shares his humor and wisdom along side Coach Wooden.

Wyss, Johann David Swiss Family Robinson

Relates the fortunes of a shipwrecked family as they imaginatively adapt to life on an island abundantly inhabited by animal and plant life.

Yancey, Philip What's So Amazing About Grace?

Philip Yancey offers a refreshing viewpoint of grace in this spiritually challenging book He effectively uses the scriptures as a lens to focus on the life we lead today. His illustrations help the reader to turn that lens on himself or herself - not in a critical way, but in a soul-opening way. This book needs to be required reading for anyone who takes his or her Christian life seriously

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