

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, **one** of which is required. **Three** other choices from the list are left to you. Please be ready to discuss your reading early in the fall. **Bring the required reading book 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 email mschloat @deerfield.edu. He will help you resolve the difficulty.**

Grade 9 required book: Walls, Jeannette. - **The Glass Castle**

Grade 10 required books: Doerr, Anthony. **All the Light We Cannot See**

### Grade 09 and 10 Choices – select and read THREE

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.

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.

Cash, Wiley. **A Land More Kind Than Home** Can two brothers face down evil in a small Appalachian town?

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.

Davies, Peter Ho. **The Welsh Girl** A P.O.W. camp for Germans placed in Wales creates tensions in the community and upheaval in the life of 17-year-old Esther.

De Rosnay, Tatiana. **Sarah's Key** A journalist unlocks a secret from the Holocaust and finds a personal bond.

Diaz, Junot. **Drown** These stories will ask you to consider the American Dream from an immigrant's eyes.

Esquivel, Laura. **Like Water for Chocolate** A Mexican girl learns the secrets of her mother's kitchen and heart in this favorite of the magic realism genre.

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.

Gould, Stephen Jay. **The Panda's Thumb** A science writer explains the oddities of evolution.

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.

Guest, Judith. **Ordinary People** Before the Oscar-winning movie came this portrait of the dissolution of an all-too-typical middle-class family in the face of a beloved boy's accidental drowning.

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.

Hosseini, Khaled. **The Kite Runner** Two childhood friends lose and find one another in Afghanistan, a country blasted into chaos by war and the Taliban.

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.

Kesey, Ken. **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest** McMurphy and Big Nurse square off in a mental institution where freedom and authority collide.

Kidder, Tracy. **Strength in What Remains** Marvel at Deo's escape from genocide in Burundi and his return to his country to found a health clinic. (Deo's younger brothers attended Deerfield.)

Kingsolver, Barbara. **Animal Dreams** In the Southwest, a young woman finds love and new meaning in her life by embracing dreams, Native American myths, and her past.

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

Lahiri, Jhumpa. **The Interpreter of Maladies** Make your way into American life with the immigrants who struggle to balance their old and new lives.

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.

Mandel, Emily St. John. **Station Eleven** Can literature, music, and beauty survive in a post-apocalyptic world? A band of intrepid survivors who form an itinerant acting ensemble find the answer.

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

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

Miller, Madeline. **The Song of Achilles** The great hero fights for much more than glory.

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

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.

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 preppie navigates through a lonely weekend in Manhattan.

Sebold, Alice. **The Lovely Bones** Narrated by a murder victim looking down from heaven, a family's story in the wake of the crime unfolds in loving detail.

Sofer, Dalia. **The Septembers of the Shiraz** Escape post-revolutionary Iran with the Sofer family in in this semi-autobiographical novel.

Stedman, M. L. **The Light Between Oceans** In solitude and grief, an Australian lighthouse keeper and his wife discover more about their love and loss.

Tan, Amy. **The Joy Luck Club** Trace the stories of four immigrant families with histories and hopes in both China and San Francisco.

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. **Half Broke Horses** The author of **The Glass Castle** offers a true-life novel based on her grandmother's life.

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.

Wolff, Tobias. **Old School** The famous writers visiting a boarding school are not the only ones creating imagined lives and identities. Teachers and students seem to be practicing the same craft.

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