

SPX READS! Book List



BOOKS FOR THE ADVENTUROUS

Hatchet, Gary Paulsen
Into Thin Air, Jon Krakauer
The Perfect Storm, Sebastian Junger
The Right Stuff, Tom Wolfe

BOOKS ABOUT AMERICA

American Dreams, Studs Terkel
Blue Highways, William Least Heat Moon
Citizen Soldiers, Stephen Ambrose
Jasmine, Bharati Mukherjee
Rocket Boys, Homer Hickam, Jr.

BOOKS A TEENAGE GUY WOULD WANT TO READ

Dogsong, Gary Paulsen
Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card
Lord of the Rings, J.R.R. Tolkien
A River Runs Through It, Norman Maclean
This Boy's Life, Tobias Wolff
The Radioactive Boy Scout: The True Story, Ken Silverstein

BOOKS ABOUT THE FUTURE/FANTASY

Kindred, Octavia Butler
Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card
Mortal Engines, Philip Reeve
The Time Machine, H.G. Wells
The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien
On a Pale Horse, Piers Anthony
Any *Harry Potter* book, J.K. Rowling

HISTORICAL/SOCIAL ISSUES

The Last of the Mohicans, James Fenimore Cooper

The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan

The Sun Also Rises, Ernest Hemingway

Dangerous Minds, Louanne Johnson

Gone with the Wind, Margaret Mitchell

The Clan of the Cave Bear, Jean M. Auel

Ethan Frome, Edith Wharton

WAR

The Red Badge of Courage, Stephen Crane

Hiroshima, John Hersey

BOOKS FOR PEOPLE WHO THINK THE WORLD IS ABSURD

Cat's Cradle, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Catch-22, Joseph Heller

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (and other books in the trilogy), Douglass Adams

Scoop, Evelyn Waugh

BOOKS A TEENAGE GIRL WOULD WANT TO READ

Ellen Foster, Kaye Gibbons

How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent, Julie Alvarez

Jane Eyre, Charlotte Brontë

I Capture the Castle, Dodie Smith

Chinese Cinderella, Adeline Yen Mah

BOOKS FOR THOSE IN PAIN OR DESPAIR

Care of the Soul, Thomas Moore

The Diving Bell and the Butterfly, Jean-Dominique Bauby

Chinese Cinderella, Adeline Yen Mah

BOOKS FOR THE PHILOSOPHICAL

Cloister Walk, Kathleen Norris

A History of Knowledge: Past, Present, and Future, Charles Van Doren

Man's Search for Meaning, Victor Frankl

Six Great Ideas, Mortimer Adler

Sophie's World – Jostein Gaarder

Life of Pi, Yann Martel

BOOKS ABOUT PLACE

Dakota: A Spiritual Geography, Kathleen Norris

Lonesome Dove, Larry McMurty

A Year in Provence, Peter Mayle

My Dog Skip, Willie Morris

Jubilee, Alice Walker

Gone With the Wind, Margaret Mitchell
The Good Earth, Pearl Buck
The No. 1 Female Detective Agency (1st in a series), Alexander McCall Smith
Under the Persimmon Tree, Suzanne Fisher Staples

THE WORLD BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

Catalyst, Laurie Halse Anderson
Ten Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Went Out into the Real World, Maria Shriver
Nickel and Dime: On (Not) Getting By in America, Barbara Ehrenreich

BOOKS FOR A RAINY DAY

Cold Mountain, Charles Frazier
Dear Theo: The Autobiography of Vincent Van Gogh, Vincent Van Gogh
The Notebook, Nicholas Sparks
Practical Magic, Alice Hoffman

BOOKS FOR THE RUGGED INDIVIDUALIST

Fountainhead, Ayn Rand
The Monkey Wrench Gang, Edward Abbey

BOOKS FOR THE SCIENTIST IN US ALL

The Hot Zone, Richard Preston
Lives of a Cell, Lewis Thomas
Andromeda Strain, Michael Crichton

BOOKS FOR THE SHORT STORY LOVER

The Collected Stories of Ernest Hemingway, Ernest Hemingway
The Collected Stores of Flannery O'Connor, Flannery O'Connor
The Collected Stories of John Cheever, John Cheever
The Stories of Eva Luna, Isabel Allende
Ten Top Stories, edited by David A. Sohn

INSPIRATIONAL/SPIRITUAL

A Simple Path, Mother Theresa
Hinds' Feet on High Places, Hanah Hurnard
The Tao of Pooh and *The Te of Piglet* by Benjamin Hoff
The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer
The Practice of the Presence of God, Brother Lawrence
Gifted Hands, Ben Carson

DETECTIVE/THRILLER

Agatha Christie's murder mysteries
Dorothy Sayer's murder mysteries
The Brother Cadfael series by Ellis Peters
A Time to Kill and *The Client*, John Grisham
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The Moonstone, Wilkie Collins
In Cold Blood, Truman Capote

BOOKS ABOUT TEACHING

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, Robert Pirsig

BOOKS FOR SPORTS FANS

Sacred Hoops: Spiritual Lessons of a Hardwood Warrior, Phil Jackson

Values of the Game, Bill Bradley

Bleachers, John Grisham

Brian's Song, Gayle Sayers

Crackback, John Coy

Ultimate Sports: Short Stories by Outstanding Writers for Young Adults, edited by Donald R. Gallo

THE NATURAL WORLD

The Race to Save the Lord God Bird, Philip Hoose

Revenge of the Whale: The True Story of the Whaleship Essex, Nathaniel Philbrick

STORIES OF SURVIVAL

It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life, Lance Armstrong

My Sister's Keeper, Jodi Picoult

TASTY CLASSICS

1984, George Orwell

Emma, Jane Austen

The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Victor Hugo

The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway

The Once and Future King, T.H.White

Sense and Sensibility, Jane Austen

The Souls of Black Folks, W.E.B. DuBois

Billy Budd, Herman Melville

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, Frederick Douglass

SCIENCE FICTION

Fahrenheit 451 or *The Martian Chronicles*, Ray Bradbury

The Left Hand of Darkness, Ursula LeGuin

Stranger in a Strange Land, Robert Heinlein

1984, George Orwell

Jurassic Park, Michael Crichton