

Recommended by	Book Title & Author	About the book
Mme. Lapp	<i>The Jamestown Brides</i> by Jennifer Potter	56 young women leave their home and board ships to Jamestown
Ms. Marlor	<i>The Alice Network</i> by Kate Quinn	Great story of strong women during WWI and WWII...spies!
	<i>Before We Were Yours</i> by Lisa Wingate	About a Tennessee orphanage and how a family is reunited...
	<i>The Island of Sea Women</i> by Lisa See	The Title speaks for itself...a powerful story
	<i>The Giver of Stars</i> by Julia Whelan	What, and who, the presence of a library, in rural Kentucky, can inspire
Mrs. Yapsuga	<i>Small Great Things</i> by Jodi Picoult	Tackles tough topics of prejudice, race, and the justice system
	<i>Educated</i> by Tara Westover	Chronicles a young woman growing up in a small Idaho Mormon community and her education of the outside world
Mr. Burns	<i>Fashionopolis</i> by Dana Thomas	Eye opening book about where our clothes really come from.
Dr. Blackburn	<i>The Nickel Boys</i> by Colson Whitehead	Based on the true story of a crooked reform school - it can be heavy at times, but this book just won the Pulitzer and ou cannot put it down.
	<i>Furious Hours</i> by Casey Cep	Based on the true story of the last work that Harper Lee attempted to write.
Ms. Spiegel	<i>Born a Crime</i> by Trevor Noah	An autobiographical comedy book written by the South African comedian Trevor Noah—host of <i>The Daily Show</i>

	<i>Survival of the Sickest</i> Sharon Moalem	Dr. Moalem writes about how many diseases were the result of evolutionary changes that gave our ancestors a "leg up in the survival sweepstakes."
Ms. Baughman	<i>The Weight of Ink</i> Rachel Kadish	Set during London's plague years, a young Jewish woman would prefer to be a scribe than a wife
Ms Holland	<i>Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> Douglas Adams	Sci fi, satire and the end of the world
	<i>The Once and Future King</i> TH White	King Arthur/British mythology I laughed and I cried
	<i>Watership Down</i> Richard Adams	A story of civilization- and bunnies, lots of bunnies
Ms. O Boyle	<i>Code Name Verity</i> Elizabeth Wein	Two young British women undertake a secret mission behind enemy lines in Occupied France in 1943.
	<i>Ayesha at last</i> Uzma Jalaluddin	A captivating romance set in the Muslim community, brimming with humour and heart
	<i>Night Circus</i> Erin Morgenstern	Fantasy novel set near Victorian London about a wandering magical circus
	<i>Little Fires Everywhere</i> Celeste Ng	Two families living in 1990s Shaker Heights, Ohio are brought together through their children.
	<i>The Hate U Give</i> Angie Thomas	A teenage girl who grapples with racism, police brutality, and activism after witnessing her black friend murdered by the police.
	<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> Anthony Doerr	A blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

	<p><i>Love, Hate and Other Filters</i> Samira Ahmed</p> <p><i>I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter</i> Erika Sanchez</p> <p><i>Ready Player One</i> Ernest Cline</p> <p><i>Fountains of Silence</i> Ruta Sepetys</p> <p><i>A Very Large Expanse of Sea</i> Tahereh Mafi</p> <p><i>The Downstairs Girl</i> Stacey Lee</p> <p><i>American Street</i> Ibi Zoboi</p>	<p>Muslim-Americans teen pursues her dreams, falls in love, and finds her place</p> <p>Poignant but often funny YA novel about losing a sister and finding yourself amid the pressures, expectations, and stereotypes of growing up in a Mexican-American home.</p> <p>Science fiction set in a dystopia in 2045, follows Wade Watts on his search for an Easter egg in a worldwide virtual reality game that will lead to fortune</p> <p>Depicts life Spain in the late 1950's under the dictatorship of Generalissimo Franco. Daniel is the young and privileged American son of a Texas oil baron who comes to Spain with his parents while his father is on business.</p> <p>A fiery, relatable, quasi-autobiographical novel of being a post-9/11 Muslim high school sophomore.</p> <p>Story of a Chinese-American teen living in 1890s Atlanta that explores how Chinese American are virtually unseen by their society, a society which sees only in terms of 'black' and 'white'.</p> <p>A gritty and haunting tale of a Haitian teenage immigrant who is separated from her mother when her mother is detained by immigration officials at the airport upon reaching America.</p>
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	<p><i>Lucy and Linh</i> Alice Pung</p>	<p>An exclusive school for girls has a secret core, The Cabinet, a trio of girls who wield power over their classmates - and some of their teachers.</p>
	<p><i>The Poet X</i> Elizabeth Acevedo</p>	<p>A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's religion and her own relationship to the world.</p>
	<p><i>Island of Sea Women</i> Lisa See</p>	<p>Explores the complexities of female friendship and introduces readers to the remarkably strong and spirited female divers of Jeju Island in South Korea</p>
	<p><i>Middlesex</i> Eugenides</p>	<p><i>Middlesex</i> is a story about what it means to occupy the unnamed middle ground between male and female, Greek and American, past and present.</p>
	<p><i>Joy Luck Club</i> Amy Tan</p>	<p>Story of the relationships between Chinese-American women and their Chinese immigrant mothers.</p>

Dr. Mr. Wassel	<p>If you enjoyed <i>Life in a Jar</i> by Jack Mayer (or are interested in learning more about the Holocaust through literature):</p> <p><i>The Diary of Dawid Sierakowiak: Five Notebooks from the Lodz Ghetto</i></p> <p><i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel</p> <p><i>I Have Lived a Thousand Years</i> by Livia Bitton-Jackson</p> <p><i>MAUS (Vols. I & II)</i> by Art Spiegelman</p> <p><i>A Scrap of Time and Other Stories</i> by Ida Fink</p>	<p>A startlingly perceptive 16-year-old chronicles his family's experience as Polish Jews living under Nazi occupation.</p> <p>Probably the best known and most widely read Holocaust memoir available. In it, Wiesel recounts the horrors of his imprisonment in Auschwitz</p> <p>Written with a younger audience in mind, Bitton-Jackson recounts how Nazi oppression and imprisonment disrupted her adolescence. A searing and powerful story that, for all its grim intensity, retains a focus on hope and resilience.</p> <p>A son of Holocaust survivors, Spiegelman tells his father's story in comic book form, using mice to represent Jewish prisoners and cats to represent their Nazi oppressors.</p> <p>A collection of short stories set in Nazi-occupied Poland which, though fictional, are unfortunately all-too-plausible. Fink refrains from depicting violence and focuses instead on the emotional pain brought on by occupation and oppression.</p>
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	<i>Fragments of Isabella</i> by Isabella Leitner	One of the few Holocaust memoirs written originally in English, <i>Fragments of Isabella</i> recounts Leitner's imprisonment in Auschwitz as a teenager, her emigration to the U.S. after the war, and her return to Germany and Poland as an adult, during peaceful times.
	<i>I Never Saw Another Butterfly</i> by Hana Volavková	A deeply moving collection of poems and drawings, all composed by children during their imprisonment in the Theresienstadt ghetto.
	<i>Surviving the Angel of Death</i> by Eva Mozes Kor	Eva Kor's memoir of surviving Auschwitz at the age of 10 with her twin sister, Miriam. The book also chronicles Kor's postwar life in the United States, as well as the epiphany she experienced as an adult, leading to her forgiving her oppressors and embracing forgiveness itself as a path to healing.
Dr. Mrs. Wassel	<i>Peace Like a River</i> by Leif Enger	The 11-year-old narrator is delightful as he tells us this story of a family bond, and incredible journey, and a reason to believe in magic.
	<i>The Dancers Dancing</i> by Éilís Ní Dhuibhne	In Ireland, and a group of teenage girls from Dublin are sent to a summer camp to improve their Irish Gaelic and experience the local culture. They learn about

		<p>friendship and themselves as they experience the summer away from their parents.</p> <p>Seven women all live in apartments in Brewster Place, and have their own stories that intersect at times. These stories reveal “the strengths, struggles, and hopes of black women in America.” Oprah Winfrey produced a miniseries of the book that is available to rent on Amazon Prime.</p>
	<p><i>The Women of Brewster Place</i> by Gloria Naylor</p>	
	<p><i>Landing</i> by Emma Donoghue</p>	<p>A romantic comedy of a novel: two women separated by age and distance fall in love and must decide what they would give up in order to be together.</p>
	<p><i>More Than Enough</i> by Elaine Welteroth</p>	<p>Elaine Welteroth was the first black beauty editor of <i>Teen Vogue</i> magazine; then in 2017, at age 29, she was promoted to become the magazine’s youngest Editor-in-Chief AND its first black Editor-in-Chief. This book is her memoir about believing in herself and following her dreams.</p>
	<p><i>Americanah</i> by Chimimanda Adichie</p>	<p>“A young Nigerian woman moves to the United States for school, leaving behind her boyfriend and her family.” She experiences life in America as both a black woman and an African, and her identity is shaped by both nations.</p>

	<p><i>In the After</i> by Demitria Lunetta</p> <p><i>Love Medicine</i> by Louise Erdrich</p> <p><i>Angela's Ashes</i> by Frank McCourt</p>	<p>This page-turner is a post-apocalyptic thriller with a teenage girl trying to survive after the world suffers an alien attack.</p> <p>Three generations of a Native American family in North Dakota tell their stories in a variety of voices—a moving novel you won't forget.</p> <p>In this memoir, the author looks back on his childhood with humor and compassion. There is also a film version available to rent on Amazon Prime.</p>
Ms. Miller	<p><i>My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry</i> by Fredrik Backman</p> <p><i>And Then There Were None</i> by Agatha Christie</p> <p><i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> by Anthony Doerr</p>	<p>Elsa's grandmother dies and leaves behind a series of letters apologizing to the people she's wronged. These letters give Elsa refuge and lead her on a series of adventures, and the discovery of the most wonderful dog. A beautiful novel about love and how it's ok to be different.</p> <p>A classic mystery and perfect summer read. Ten strangers are invited to a mystery island and one by one go missing. Who will survive?</p> <p>A blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.</p>

	<i>The Ocean at the End of the Lane</i> by Neil Gaiman	A lonely boy befriends a little girl at the end of the lane who is not as she seems. A fantasy landscape where he confronts his childhood fears.
	<i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> by Khaled Hosseini	-A sweeping mother-daughter story set in Afghanistan, exploring the struggle to survive, to raise a family, and to find happiness.
	<i>Pachinko</i> by Min Jin Lee	An epic historical novel following five generations of a Korean family who are exiled from their homeland.
	<i>Born a Crime</i> by Trevor Noah	Trevor Noah's path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show. Laugh-out-loud funny but also real and raw, especially exploring his relationship with his mom.
	<i>Eligible</i> by Curtis Sittenfeld	A modern retelling of <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> . A fun page turner about finding real love. (Also read <i>Prep</i> by Sittenfeld- a girl's time at an elite boarding school in Massachusetts)
	<i>The Glass Castle</i> by Jeanette Walls	Walls' memoir is a revelatory look into a family's dysfunction and vibrancy. (If you liked <i>Hillbilly Elegy</i> by J.D. Vance or <i>Educated</i> by Tara Westover, you will also love this book!)
	<i>Sing, Unburied Sing</i> by Jesmyn Ward	A coming of age story set in rural Mississippi. An archetypal road trip, a ghost who needs to be heard, and a struggle to find self and familial acceptance.

Ms. Ackerman	<p><i>A Hope in the Unseen</i> - Ron Suskind</p> <p><i>In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle</i> - Madeleine Blais</p> <p><i>The Boys in the Boat</i> - Daniel James Brown</p> <p><i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> - J.D. Salinger</p> <p><i>In the Time of the Butterflies</i> - Julia Alvarez</p> <p><i>Pigs in Heaven</i> - Barbara Kingsolver</p> <p><i>There are No Children Here</i> - Alex Kotlowitz</p> <p><i>The Book Thief</i> - Markus Zusak</p>	<p>Follow Cedric Jennings on his compelling journey from a DC high school to Brown University.</p> <p>Like sports stories? You'll be cheering for this girls' basketball team.</p> <p>Need to be inspired? Read about Joe Rantz's exciting career as a college and Olympic rower.</p> <p>If you haven't met Holden Caulfield, you gotta meet Holden Caulfield. He'll kill ya.</p> <p>Set in the Dominican Republic, this is an enlightening story about 4 sisters and their dangerous rebellion against a dictatorship.</p> <p>If you liked <i>The Bean Trees</i> and want to know what happens next to Taylor and Turtle, pick up <i>Pigs in Heaven</i>.</p> <p>You will be drawn into the lives of these two young boys who are growing up under extremely difficult conditions in Chicago public housing.</p> <p>Such a poignant piece of WWII literature with memorable characters and touching relationships.</p>

	<p><i>A Shining Season</i> - William J. Buchanan</p> <p><i>Einstein's Dreams</i> Alan Lightman</p>	<p>The moving story of how a teacher/coach who is battling cancer uplifts his students and team members</p> <p>This one's a bit of mind-bender! It fictionalizes Albert Einstein and describes the dreams he experiences while working on the theory of relativity.</p>
Mrs. Maranto	<p><i>Life of Pi</i> Yann Martel</p> <p><i>The Road</i> Cormac McCarthy</p> <p><i>Salvage the Bones</i> Jesmyn West</p> <p><i>Great Expectations</i> Charles Dickens</p>	<p>After a storm sinks the ship on which his family was traveling, Pi Patel finds himself adrift in a small lifeboat with only a large Bengal tiger to keep him company. Pi is determined to survive.</p> <p>A post-apocalyptic story. A father and son journey through a desolate landscape, fighting to survive.</p> <p>The novel explores the plight of a working-class African-American family in Mississippi as they prepare for Hurricane Katrina and follows them through the aftermath of the storm.</p> <p>The story of Pip, an orphan boy adopted by a blacksmith's family, who has good luck and great expectations, and then loses both his luck and his expectations.</p> <p>About the forced evacuation of Japanese Americans to internment camps; the book</p>

	<p><i>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i> Jamie Ford</p>	<p>depicts the pain and trauma of separation through the friendship of the Chinese-American Henry and his Japanese-American friend Keiko.</p>
	<p><i>The Round House</i> Louise Erdich</p>	<p>Story of a 13-year-old boy's investigation and desire for revenge following a brutal attack on his mother that leaves his father, a tribal judge on the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota, helpless in his pursuit to bring the perpetrator to justice</p>
	<p><i>Wild</i> Cheryl Strayed</p>	<p>Strayed's account of her 1,100-mile solo hike along the Pacific Crest Trail, from the Mojave Desert to Washington State and the physical and emotional challenges she met.</p>
	<p><i>The Things They Carried</i> Tim O'Brien</p>	<p>A collection of linked short stories about a platoon of American soldiers fighting on the ground in the Vietnam War.</p>
	<p><i>The Resister</i> Gish Jen</p>	<p>Set in the not-too-distant future in "Autoamerica", a country under surveillance by a Big Brother that is part artificial intelligence, part internet and oddly human and often even funny.</p>

