# **Beach Books**

What Do Colleges and Universities Want Students to Read Outside Class?

2011-2012

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"To come to college means to come into a new relationship with books."

– Southern Methodist University website

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## **Executive Summary**

Many colleges and universities assign a book, either to their incoming freshman or to the student body at large, as "common reading." In 2010 the National Association of Scholars compiled the most comprehensive report to-date on these initiatives. We offer an updated edition for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Common reading programs are a recent phenomenon; they became popular only in the last decade. Their rise seems to correspond to the decline of core curricula in higher education—as colleges distance themselves from core curricula they find that students still need to have something in common academically. Campus common reading programs are a popular answer to that need. The books they select are often seen as representative of the colleges' values, and controversies sometimes arise when a college picks a book with a political or ideological slant.

What books do colleges and universities assign as common reading? What themes do the books contain? Are they old books or recent ones? What kinds of colleges and universities have common reading programs? What does a typical common reading program look like? What does all this tell us about the state of American higher education today?

To find out, we examined books assigned by 245 colleges and universities for the academic year 2011-2012. We found that they are, on the whole, recent, personal, race-focused, and unchallenging. Our main findings are:

- 1. Recent books trump the classics. Almost 90 percent of colleges chose books published since January 2000, and all but two selected books published since January 1972.
- 2. Only two books—one by Mark Twain and one by Aldous Huxley—are "classics" even in a broad sense.
- 3. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* (2010) by Rebecca Skloot is by far the most popular book.
- 4. Of the 100 colleges that selected books with a racial or ethnic theme, 60 chose books that focused on African Americans.

Among the ways this year differs from last: more colleges assigned books with a Native American theme, fewer colleges assigned books about the Islamic World, and fewer colleges assigned classics.

Colleges continue to ignore the best books when they make their selections for common reading. One likely reason for this is that Americans have eroded the distinction between high and low culture. Author Joseph Epstein writes in a recent *Wall Street Journal* book review that this distinction "started to break down once the works of contemporary authors began to be taught in universities." Its breakdown progressed with the rise of multiculturalism and the study of popular culture.

We encourage colleges to continue and to improve their common reading programs. We offer 11 recommendations to colleges for choosing better books and making the most of the common reading experience. We also offer a list of books we recommend for common reading.

#### **Controversies**

Common readings often spark controversy, and this year was no exception. In August 2010, Brooklyn College announced its selection: *How Does It Feel to Be a Problem? Being Young and Arab in America*, by Moustafa Bayoumi, a Brooklyn College professor of post-colonial literature and a disciple of Edward Said. The book aims to establish Arab and Muslim Americans as victims and indict American society for making them so. Controversy arose when several concerned academics each challenged the College's decision to select this particular book.

A professor at the University of British Columbia wrote to the Brooklyn College president, "While much of it is interesting and informative, the 'afterword' is a harshly-worded polemic against US foreign policy and against Israel. To believe the author, the problems of Brooklyn Arabs arise from U.S. imperialism." A Brooklyn College professor wrote, "It smacks of indoctrination." And one alumnus actually wrote the College out of his will<sup>2</sup> after learning of the book assignment.

(Brooklyn College picked a different book for 2011-2012, but the University of North Carolina-Charlotte was undeterred by the controversy and selected *How Does It Feel to Be a Problem?* this year.)

Then in April 2011, 60 Minutes ran an exposé on Greg Mortenson, whose books Three Cups of Tea (a New York Times bestseller) and Stones Into Schools, have been popular as common reading assignments. The program provided compelling evidence in support of allegations that Mortenson fabricated or exaggerated key points in his books. The 60 Minutes segment put some colleges that had intended to honor Mortenson and have him speak on campus in an awkward position. This year not one college selected a book by Mortenson as common reading.

Common reading programs are extra-curricular and may seem peripheral to campus academic life, but the choice of a single book for this purpose is often (and probably rightly) understood as emblematic of a college's values. Critics "read" the selections as indicating what a college truly considers important.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rosenthal, Abigail L. "Brooklyn College-stan: Letter From a Faculty Member." *JERUSALEM CENTRAL*. 24 Aug. 2010. <a href="http://www.jerusalemcentral.com/2010/08/brooklyn-college-stan-letter-from.html?utm\_source=feedburner">http://www.jerusalemcentral.com/2010/08/brooklyn-college-stan-letter-from.html?utm\_source=feedburner</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Kesler, Bruce. "I Just Disinherited My Alma Mater - Maggie's Farm." *Maggie's Farm.* 27 Aug. 2010. http://maggiesfarm.anotherdotcom.com/archives/15284-I-Just-Disinherited-My-Alma-Mater.html

This may not be a fair view; colleges and universities do not necessarily embrace the views expressed in the books they assign, and some institutions choose controversial books in order to promote healthy debate. Other times, however, colleges do select books specifically because they contain views they believe students should adopt. In any case, it's worth taking note of the books colleges select for common reading programs and considering what these trends tell us about contemporary American higher education.

#### **Methods**

This is intended to be a comprehensive inventory, and we have included all common reading programs for which we could find up-to-date information.

We used the 2010 list, which we compiled from others' previous lists and our own online research, as the starting point for the 2011 list. Eighty-two of the colleges in last year's study discontinued their common reading programs or failed to update their websites and could not be reached by email or phone for information on this year's selection.<sup>3</sup>

We also found new programs that we did not know about last year and added them to our updated edition. We invite other colleges and universities we may have missed to inform us of the books they have selected and send their contact information so that we can include them next year.

Our 2011-2012 list covers 245 colleges and universities, 148 books, and 137 authors. We have listed the programs in several ways:

- 1. Alphabetically by book author
- 2. Alphabetically by institution
- 3. By institution type: public (127), community (28), non-sectarian private (70), and sectarian (20)<sup>4</sup>
- 4. By institutions listed by *U.S. News & World Report* in the top 100 of its National Universities list (42) and its Liberal Arts Colleges list (18)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A list of programs that were included in the 2010 *Beach Books* report but have since been discontinued is available at <a href="http://www.nas.org/userfiles/file/Colleges%20Without%202011%20Common%20Reading%201.xls">http://www.nas.org/userfiles/file/Colleges%20Without%202011%20Common%20Reading%201.xls</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> We also noted here that one historically black university (Lincoln University) and five women's colleges (Mount Holyoke College, Peace College, Smith College, Sweet Briar College, and Cedar Crest College) have common reading programs.

To see the lists organized these four ways, click on the tabs at the bottom of the spreadsheet labeled "By Author," "By Institution," "By Institution Type," and "Nationally Ranked."

For each listing we have included the name of the common reading program and a link to the page on the college's website that tells about the program.

After gathering the data, we collected information about the books. We have provided the year in which the book was published and we have identified which books are written as memoirs, biographies, fiction, histories, and plays. See "Book Genres" below (page 8). We looked for recurring motifs among the books selected and classified all of them according to categories. See "Book Categories" below (page 8). We also identified emphases on particular racial and ethnic groups and emphases on Hurricane Katrina. See "Book Themes" below (page 16).

# **The Mechanics of Common Reading Programs**

As we noted last year, college common reading programs, a relatively new phenomenon, are a sort of proxy for core curricula, which are now all but extinct at most institutions. Without an ordered, sequential curriculum shared by the student body, colleges have felt the need to give students something academic "in common." Otherwise, students have only the corporal aspects of campus life in common: freshman orientation, sports, cafeterias, geographic location, etc. Reading the same book gives them something to talk about by way of *ideas*.

Colleges' have various names for their common reading programs; this year's set includes One Book, Writer as Witness Colloquium, iRead, and Interregnum. Often the readings are part of a yearlong theme chosen by the college. Where these themes were readily apparent, we noted them in the column "Theme." Here is a sampling of the themes we observed:

- Public Health: Promoting Wellness for Self and Community (Bluffton University)
- The Year of China (Brown University)
- Living on the Borders: Migration, Identity and Survival (Chandler-Gilbert Community College)
- Civility (Hiram College)
- Ways of Knowing (James Madison University)

- Righting Civil Wrongs (Lafayette College)
- The Pursuit of Innovation (The College of New Jersey)
- Creating and Living in a Sustainable World (University of Arkansas)

The departments in charge of common reading programs also vary. Usually the sponsor is either the college's new student program, the library, or the English department. Often a committee determines each year's selection by vote, student consensus, or pre-established criteria. For example, Brooklyn College's dean has said that the College typically chooses "memoirs (a genre familiar to students) set in New York City, often reflecting an immigrant experience, and written by authors who are available to visit campus." Southern New Hampshire University selected *Water for Elephants* this year simply "because of its high interest and its potential for satisfying discussion."

Sometimes the assignment is accompanied by an essay prompt or comprehension test, but often the reading is optional and the book selection is superficial – it doesn't matter as much that students actually read the book as it is that the campus puts out press releases announcing its choice and a scheduled speech by the author. Indeed, the availability of the author for a campus visit appears to have become a major factor for most colleges in making their choices.

That may contribute to the extraordinarily low number of selections (two) published before 1972.

#### **Hot Off the Press: Book Publication Dates**

Colleges seek recently published books for common reading programs because:

- They hope to invite the author to speak on campus.
- They assume current books are more accessible to students.
- They believe students will be more enthusiastic about contemporary themes.
- They want the college itself to be identified with fashionable ideas.
- They hope to pick up on the momentum of a book that is popular with the general public, and trust that more students will actually read it.
- A movie version may be available or due soon.

219 out of 245 colleges (89 percent) chose books published in the year 2000 or later. Only two chose books published before 1972: Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, Nebraska with *Brave New World* (1932) and The King's

College in New York, New York with *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* (1889). The most widely assigned book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, was published in 2010.

#### **Book Genres**

Seventy-nine colleges and universities assigned memoirs, 62 assigned biographies, 48 assigned fiction, 4 assigned histories, and 1 assigned a play. Ten assigned graphic novels (comic books). The number that assigned biographies may be artificially inflated by the popularity of *Henrietta Lacks*. Of the 62 biography-assigning schools, 39 chose *Henrietta Lacks*. The memoir genre comprises by far the greatest variety of books selected for common reading programs: 11 different biographies and 42 different memoirs were selected.

Why memoirs? As the Brooklyn College dean said, memoirs are "a genre familiar to students." In high school English courses, students are taught to base their interpretation of works of literature on their own personal experiences. A recent study on high school literary study finds that this emphasis on the personal "may be contributing to the high remediation rates in post-secondary English and reading courses."

Training students to write from the perspective of personal reflection gives them a taste for more of the same. This is one explanation for the popularity of the memoir in common reading programs.

Another is that our society has an appetite for true stories. The growing number of reality TV shows is evidence of this. Getting to hear from the author in person at a scheduled campus speech is part of the allure of the memoir.

The emphasis on memoir may also reflect the rise of post-modern sensibilities in American higher education. A memoir often presents "my truth," rather than "the truth." It is a way of asserting the primacy of self and the importance of opinion as trumping common judgment, authority, and hard-won facts.

# **Book Categories**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Literary Study in Grades 9, 10, and 11: A National Survey, Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers (ALSCW), Fall 2010. <a href="http://www.alscw.org/Forum4.pdf">http://www.alscw.org/Forum4.pdf</a>

As we collected book titles for this year's set, we observed some trends emerging in terms of genre and topic. We designated categories for the books according to these trends. Below is a list of the categories we identified and the distribution of books in each. As can be seen, the top three motifs of books selected by colleges for common reading programs were "Historical Depictions of American Society" (with *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* comprising the bulk of this category), "Multiculturalism/Immigration/Racism," and "Environmentalism/Animal Rights/Food." In 2010, the two latter categories were the most prominent.

Key	#
Historical Depictions of American Society	49
Multiculturalism/Immigration/Racism	43
Environmentalism/Animal Rights/Food	24
War/Disaster/Genocide/Holocaust	24
Spiritual/Philosophy/New Age	17
Poverty	15
Coming of Age	12
Disability/Disease	9
Islamic World	9
Women	8
Self-Help/Pursuit of Happiness	8
Fantasy, Sci-Fi	6
Economics	6
Science	4
Internet/Technology	4
Forgiveness/Redemption	4
Slavery	2
Classics	2
Homosexuality	2
Rapacious Capitalism	1

These categories are provisional. We made our best judgment of where to place each book, usually based on what we could find out about the book from publisher's blurbs and reviews—it being impossible for us to read all 148 books. Many of the books clearly have more than one theme and, since we are listing each book only once, we had to choose which among its several themes was most salient. For example, *The Pact* is a memoir about three young men from inner city Newark who, while attending a magnet school, make a pact to attend and complete college. We could have classified this as "Self-Help/Pursuit of Happiness," "Coming of Age," or even "Forgiveness/Redemption." But we chose to put *The Pact* in our "Poverty" category because the most prominent theme in the book is

overcoming the conditions of the impoverished neighborhoods in which they grew up.

Only a few of our categorization choices were as many-branched as this one, but books are by their nature many-sided. Our aim is to offer a broad overview of the kinds of books colleges are assigning, not to pigeonhole individual books.

The books we assigned to each category are:

## **Historical Depictions of American Society**

Water for Elephants

The United States Constitution: A Graphic Adaptation

The Value of Hawaii: Knowing the Past, Shaping the Future

Listening is an Act of Love: A Celebration of American Life from the StoryCorps

Project

Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got

Wrong

Let the Great World Spin

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

The Optimist's Daughter

The Post-American World

# Multiculturalism/Immigration/Racism

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

Flight: A Novel War Dances

Little Bee: A Novel Brother, I'm Dying

Life is So Good: One Man's Extraordinary Journey through the 20th Century and

How He Learned to Read at Age 98

Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years

Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet: A Novel

Sarah Canary

On the Rez

The Red Umbrella

The Freedom Writers Diary

I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches That Changed the World

Interpreter of Maladies

The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother

Zoli

How to Read the Air Enrique's Journey

The Grace of Silence: A Memoir

A Country for All: An Immigrant Manifesto

Ceremony

Outcasts United: A Refugee Team, An American Town

The Help

Make the Impossible Possible: One Man's Crusade to Inspire Others to Dream

Bigger and Achieve the Extraordinary

A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration My Maasai Life

## **Environmentalism/Animal Rights/Food**

No Impact Man: The Adventures of a Guilty Liberal Who Attempts to Save the Planet, and the Discoveries He Makes About Himself and Our Way of Life in the Process

Plan B 4.0: Mobilizing to Save Civilization

Farm City: The Education of an Urban Farmer

The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America

Farewell, My Subaru: An Epic Adventure in Local Living

Eating Animals

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope The Story of Stuff: How Our Obsession with Stuff is Trashing the Planet, Our Communities, and our Health—and a Vision for Change

Greasy Rider: Two Dudes, One Fry-Oil-Powered Car, and a Cross-Country Search for a Greener Future

The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World

In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto

The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals

Saints at the River

#### War/Disaster/Genocide/Holocaust

Beyond Fundamentalism: Confronting Religious Extremism in the Age of

**Globalization** 

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier

Zeitoun

The Good Soldiers

The Cellist of Sarajevo

September 11, 2001: American Writers Respond

Strength in What Remains

Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History

Ransom

The Things They Carried

When the Emperor Was Divine

City of Refuge

The Complete Maus

Soft Spots: A Marine's Memoir of Combat and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

# Spiritual/Philosophy/New Age

This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women

This I Believe II: More Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women

The Honor Code: How Moral Revolutions Happen

Ways of Knowing

The Good Life: Truths That Last in Time of Need

Life of Pi: A Novel

The Wolf at Twilight: An Indian Elder's Journey through a Land of Ghosts

Six Questions of Socrates: A Modern-Day Journey of Discovery through World

Philosophy

Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know--And Doesn't

Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?

# **Poverty**

The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream

Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates

Scratch Beginnings: Me, \$25, and the Search for the American Dream

The Working Poor: Invisible in America

A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League

In the Sanctuary of Outcasts: A Memoir

## Creating a World Without Poverty: Social Business and the Future of Capitalism

## **Coming of Age**

The Perks of Being a Wallflower
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close
Into the Wild
A Gate at the Stairs
Between a Rock and a Hard Place
The Glass Castle: A Memoir

## Disability/Disease

Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague

Homer and Langley

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: a Hmong Child, Her American

Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures

Emergence: Labeled Autistic

Thinking in Pictures: My Life with Autism

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of

Music

The Last Town on Earth: A Novel

Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's

### **Islamic World**

How Does It Feel to Be a Problem? Being Young and Arab in America Journey From the Land of No: A Girlhood Caught in Revolutionary Iran Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, in the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation

Between Two Worlds: My Life and Captivity in Iran

Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood

### Women

Factory Girls: From Village to City in a Changing China

Woman Hollering Creek

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide

A Pearl in the Storm: How I Found My Heart in the Middle of the Ocean

How to Breathe Underwater

Packinghouse Daughter: A Memoir

## **Self-Help/Pursuit of Happiness**

Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, A Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson

Choosing Civility - The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct

Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has

Never Seen

The Last Lecture

The Element: How Finding Your Passion Changes Everything

Life Safari

29 Gifts: How a Month of Giving Can Change Your Life

## Fantasy/Sci-Fi

Oryx and Crake

World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War

Everything Matters!: A Novel

Neverwhere

Kabuki: The Alchemy

#### **Economics**

How to Change the World: Social Entrepreneurs and the Power of New Ideas

Outliers: The Story of Success

SuperFreakonomics: Global Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes, and Why Suicide

Bombers Should Buy Life Insurance

Midnight Ride, Industrial Dawn: Paul Revere and the Growth of American

Enterprise

The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy: An Economist Examines the

Markets, Power, and Politics of World Trade

Where Am I Wearing: A Global Tour to the Countries, Factories, and People that

Make Our Clothes

#### Science

The Meaning of It All: Thoughts of a Citizen-Scientist

Physics for Future Presidents: The Science Behind the Headlines

Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife

Bonobo Handshake: A Memoir of Love and Adventure in the Congo

## Internet/Technology

The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains

The Victorian Internet: The Remarkable Story of the Telegraph and the Nineteenth

Century's On-line Pioneers

Alone Together: Why We Expect More from Technology and Less from Each Other

And Then There's This: How Stories Live and Die in Viral Culture

## Forgiveness/Redemption

A Human Being Died That Night: A South African Woman Confronts the Legacy of Apartheid

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption

Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption

## **Slavery**

Ending Slavery: How We Free Today's Slaves

The Known World

#### **Classics**

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court Brave New World

# Homosexuality

Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic

The Meaning of Matthew: My Son's Murder in Laramie, and a World Transformed

# **Rapacious Capitalism**

The Legend of Colton H. Bryant

### **Book Themes**

We observed that many books—even those not focused on multiculturalism—paid particular attention to various racial and ethnic groups. These we noted with a symbol, as seen in the chart below.

$\triangle$ Indicates an African American theme	60
☼ Indicates an African theme	18
♦ Indicates Native American theme	10
* Indicates a Latino theme	7
	5

Books with an African American theme far outnumbered those with other racial and ethnic themes. Of the 100 colleges that selected books with a racial or ethnic theme, 60 chose books that focused on African Americans.

We also kept track of three other trends: books for which a movie version exists or is in production, comic books/graphic novels, and books with a Hurricane Katrina theme.

☐ Indicates that a film version exists or is in production	64
HK Indicates Hurricane Katrina theme	10
† Indicates comic book or graphic novel	10

## What's Different This Year

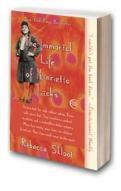
Comparing this year's set of books with 2010's, we noticed a number of changes.

- The book generally seen as the quintessential common reading text, Barbara Ehrenreich's indictment of capitalism *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*, has finally retired.
- Thanks to the 60 Minutes exposé alleging false and fabricated information in them, books by Greg Mortenson, including the formerly popular *Three Cups of Tea*, are now being shunned. Last year it was the third most widely assigned book.

- Books that focus on the Islamic world are no longer popular choices for common reading. The loss of Greg Mortenson's books and the controversy at Brooklyn College over *How Does It Feel to Be a Problem?* may have contributed to this decline
- Only two "classics" have been selected: *Brave New World* and *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. These are also the only two common reading books published before 1972. Last year, by contrast, colleges selected *Frankenstein*, *Walden*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Communist Manifesto*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, and *Crime and Punishment*; two of these were chosen by more than one college. We use the word "classic" in this context with some hesitation. See "Missing Classics" below (page 19).
- More books with a Native American theme have been chosen. The Native American author Sherman Alexie is particularly popular this year; colleges have selected three of his books for common reading.
- Books with an African American theme are hugely popular. This theme is bolstered, not only by *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, but also by books about overcoming obstacles to success presented by life in the inner city, such as *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates, Make the Impossible Possible, A Hope in the Unseen*, and *The Pact*.
- Memoirs are the dominant genre. One possible reason for this is that high schools teach writing from the perspective of personal experiences, and many universities like to stick to a genre familiar to new students. See "Book Genres" above (page 8).

## Henrietta Lacks

The top choice for college common reading programs can tell us a few things about colleges' current values. This year, one book not only topped the list but did so by a huge margin. Thirty-nine colleges and universities selected *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* (2010) by Rebecca Skloot. The next most popular books, Dave Eggers' *Zeitoun* (2009) and the two-volume anthology *This I Believe* (2007, 2008) – which was last year's top choice – didn't



even come close. They were each selected by only nine colleges and universities.

When we recognized the dominance of this book in college common reading programs, we decided to read it in its 328-page entirety. It chronicles the story of a person whose cells were the first to survive in culture so that scientists could test their behavior. The cell line, named HeLa, came from a sample of cervical cancer in an African American woman named Henrietta Lacks, who died from the cancer in 1951. HeLa revolutionized medical research and resulted in thousands of the vaccines and medicines we take for granted today. Oprah Winfrey will produce an HBO film version of the book.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks raises a number of questions, such as whether it was ethical for doctors to have taken the cell sample without Henrietta's informed consent, whether anyone should have profited from their sale, whether the Lacks family should have been given a share of the profits, whether doctors, scientists, and journalists took advantage of the Lacks family because of their race, and whether Henrietta the person was nearly forgotten.

At one point, Deborah Lacks, Henrietta's daughter, said she rejected the racism narrative that others pushed on her:

"Everybody always yellin, 'Racism! Racism! That white man stole that black woman's cells! That white man killed that black woman!' That's crazy talk," she told me. "We all black and white and everything else—this isn't a race thing. There's two sides to the story, and that's what we want to bring out. Nothing about my mother is truth if it's about wantin to fry the researchers. It's not about punish the doctors or slander the hospital. I don't want that."

# But Deborah later wrote this poem:

cancer
check up
can't afford
white and rich get it
my mother was black
black poor people don't have the money to pay for it
mad yes I am mad
we were used by taking our blood and lied to

We had to pay for our own medical, can you relieve [sic] that.

John Hopkin Hospital and all other places, that has my mother cells, don't give her

Nothing.

A major question in the book is *Do people have rights over their former body parts?* Skloot explains that hospitals usually don't throw away tissues, organs, and body parts removed from patients in medical procedures, but keep them for research. A relatively new "tissue rights" movement has begun by those who believe that people should have either property rights to—or at least a say in the use of—anything removed from their bodies. A counter-argument is that once something has been removed, it no longer belongs to the patient whose body it was taken from.

This is an interesting if rather odd debate. It may become part of a real policy debate in years to come; at the moment it has a degree of artificiality: something that the book has stirred up rather than something that was already in the air. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* can thus be taken in two ways:

- A. As introducing a scientific breakthrough that after the fact gave rise to a social controversy.
- B. An effort to create a social controversy on the basis of a long-since settled scientific accomplishment.

The book does make a history of complex scientific research accessible to average readers, and Skloot explains biological jargon in simple terms. Readers will come away from the book having learned new things, but the writing itself is journalistic, not intellectual.

Judging by what they say about it, some colleges seem to have chosen *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* in part because it can be read as a story of racial injustice. Skloot herself is coy about this. The book has numerous allusions to the theme but Skloot never expresses it overtly. North Carolina State University says on its website that it chose *Henrietta Lacks* because it "touches on a number of academic and personal issues, including ethics, economics, racism, community, science, research, politics, education and History." Adelphi University notes that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> "New Student Orientation | First-Year Students." *North Carolina State University :: Welcome to North Carolina State University*. <a href="http://www.ncsu.edu/orientation/firstyear/commonreading.php">http://www.ncsu.edu/orientation/firstyear/commonreading.php</a>

"Her story is at times uncomfortable and forces the reader to confront many issues: bioethics, science, racism, poverty, faith and more."<sup>7</sup>

Southern Methodist University has on its <u>website</u> a list of reasons to persuade students to read the book:<sup>8</sup>

Why Should You Care? THE TOP TEN REASONS

- 1. Law & Order used it for the basis of an episode.
- 2. Her story shaped the ethical process for Medical Experimentation & Informed Consent. Now doctors must follow strict legal and ethical guidelines.
- 3. HeLa cells were the first ever cloned and help developed the Polio vaccine.
- 4. We use HeLa cells in our research on the SMU campus!
- 5. More than 60 critics named The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks as one of the Best Books of 2010, and over 30 colleges have selected it for its [sic] Common Reading.
- 6. Her cells were commercialized and have generated millions of dollars in profit for the medical researchers who patented her tissue.
- 7. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks is being adapted into an HBO film produced by Oprah Winfrey and Alan Ball.
- 8. In 1960 Henrietta's cells went up in the second satellite ever in orbit!
- 9. If all the HeLa cells that have been produced were weighed, they would add up to 50 million metric tones and if laid out, they would wrap around the earth three times. [sic]
- 10. According to Wired, HeLa Cells are the most popularly used cell lines for research.

# **Missing Classics**

Out of 245 colleges and universities, only two selected books that could loosely be termed "classics." These are Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* (1932) and Mark Twain's *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. The former is more of a classic than the latter, which earns the status primarily for its author's reputation, not its own. The two books are also the only two on this list published before 1972.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> "First Year Reading: Getting Started at AU: Adelphi University." *Campus Life at Adelphi University*. Adelphi University. http://students.adelphi.edu/gettingstarted/reading.php

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> "2011 Common Reading: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks - Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility - SMU." Southern Methodist University. <a href="http://www.smu.edu/Provost/Ethics/CommonReading.aspx">http://www.smu.edu/Provost/Ethics/CommonReading.aspx</a>

Last year, by contrast, 9 colleges selected books that could be deemed classics. What accounts for the decline in our colleges' already languishing engagement with great—or even important—books?

Let's note first that the world of books that are tacitly excluded from common reading is very large. Nothing from classical antiquity; nothing from the Renaissance; nothing from the great age of English essays or the rise of the modern novel; and nothing that would in even a mildly restrictive use of the term be considered a true classic makes the list. When we raised some concern about this last year, we received some responses along the lines that all those sorts of books are to be found in the regular curriculum so that there is no need to select among them for common readings. This argument looks shaky. There may be colleges that have general education requirements that include books of enduring philosophy, history, or literature. Apart from the few "great books" programs, such as St. John's, these are difficult to find. (NAS is planning a separate investigation of this.)

So there is something here that needs to be explained: why is American higher education paying so little attention to common readings of books traditionally held in high esteem among educated people?

Perhaps the problem is that colleges are simply being practical. Classic books are more challenging than non-classics, and they require the reader to insert himself into a different era than his own. Both these qualities pose problems for many contemporary American college students. A journalist inquiring at NAS about this study asked, "Where is the balance between high standards and realism?"

While it is better for college students to read *something* rather than nothing, realism doesn't have to mean catering to students' comfort zones. It should be realistic to expect students who aspire to a college education to read challenging books. As it says on the Southern Methodist University website, "To come to college means to come into a new relationship with books."

If colleges are admitting students who dislike reading or are incapable of reading moderately challenging books, this is a fundamental disconnect between the purpose of higher education and colleges' actual behavior. But colleges have a good opportunity to remedy the problem using common reading programs — to introduce students to college-level reading and instill in them a taste for time-tested books. Unfortunately for most, it is a missed opportunity.

### Literature's Fall

Some books are better than others. One reason colleges and universities have drifted away from the best books is precisely because they deny those books' superiority. Joseph Epstein, former editor of *The American Scholar* and author of many essay collections and books, chronicles literature's decline in his August 27, 2011 book review of a new anthology, *The Cambridge History of the American Novel*. Epstein faults the book for promoting a stiff view of literature in which race, class, and gender are always the leading themes and America is a cruel empire full of bigots. He writes that this view asserted itself only "after the death of the once-crucial distinction between high and low culture, a distinction that, until 40 or so years ago, dominated the criticism of literature and all the other arts." Epstein explains:

Under the rule of this distinction, critics felt it their job to close the gates on inferior artistic products. The distinction started to break down once the works of contemporary authors began to be taught in universities.

The study of popular culture—courses in movies, science fiction, detective fiction, works at first thought less worthy of study in themselves than for what they said about the life of their times—made the next incursion against the exclusivity of high culture. Multiculturalism, which assigned an equivalence of value to the works of all cultures, irrespective of the quality of those works, finished off the distinction between high and low culture, a distinction whose linchpin was seriousness.

In today's university, no one is any longer in a position to say which books are or aren't fit to teach; no one any longer has the authority to decide what is the best in American writing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Epstein, Joseph. "What Killed American Lit." Wall Street Journal. 27 Aug.
2011. <a href="http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424053111903999904576468011530847064.html?mod=WSJ\_Opinion\_LEFTTopOpinion">http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424053111903999904576468011530847064.html?mod=WSJ\_Opinion\_LEFTTopOpinion</a>.

Epstein observes that the number of students choosing to major in English is rapidly declining. He quotes English professor William Chace on this point, who wrote in a 2009 article<sup>10</sup>:

What are the causes for this decline? There are several, but at the root is the failure of departments of English across the country to champion, with passion, the books they teach and to make a strong case to undergraduates that the knowledge of those books and the tradition in which they exist is a human good in and of itself. What departments have done instead is dismember the curriculum, drift away from the notion that historical chronology is important, and substitute for the books themselves a scattered array of secondary considerations (identity studies, abstruse theory, sexuality, film and popular culture). In so doing, they have distanced themselves from the young people interested in good books.

Most college common reading programs repeat English departments' mistakes: they fail to distinguish between high and low culture; they pay service to multiculturalism, relativism, popular culture, and the primacy of self; they extol books that are critical of America and the West; and they alienate students who can appreciate really good books.

In so doing, colleges exacerbate some of the key problems that plague both higher education and American society at large:

- 1. An inability to distinguish "the truth" from "my truth"
- 2. A tendency to ignore aspects of the world that fall outside the bounds of race, class, and gender
- 3. A shallow understanding of the human heart
- 4. A lack of humility and willingness to learn
- 5. A sense of resentment toward those who are prosperous

Colleges should, in principle, distinguish among excellent books, good ones, the merely mediocre, and dross. And, in the limited time that colleges have the chance to influence students, they should try to form their taste for the better.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Chace, William M. "The Decline of the English Department: How It Happened and What Could Be Done to Reverse It." *The American Scholar*. 22 Sept. 2009. <a href="http://theamericanscholar.org/the-decline-of-the-english-department/">http://theamericanscholar.org/the-decline-of-the-english-department/</a>.

### **Recommendations**

We applaud colleges and universities that assign a single book to freshmen or the whole student body as a common reading experience. This is an initiative that should continue, but should also improve if it is to be effective in raising students' sights to what is really "higher" in their higher education.

In 2010, the National Association of Scholars offered a list of books we recommend for college common reading programs. See Appendix G: Recommended Books for College Common Reading (page 77) for the full list and the reasons we picked each one. We recommended 37 books appropriate for any college common book program, and six choices that are more ambitious either because of length or intrinsic difficulty.

We regret that no college accepted our invitation to use this resource. None of the books we recommended was actually chosen. Nevertheless we again invite colleges to draw on our suggestions.

In addition to recommending specific books, we have some additional general recommendations for common reading programs.

To choose better books, we recommend that colleges:

- 1. Choose books that challenge students intellectually.
- 2. Pay deliberate attention to important books from earlier eras.
- 3. Choose the chooser(s) wisely. Consult those who read widely and well and who are intimately acquainted with good books.
- 4. Consult outside sources, such as the National Association of Scholars' list (See Appendix G: Recommended Books for College Common Reading, page 77) or the National Endowment for the Arts program The Big Read.
- 5. Ask alumni, "Which book that you read in college influenced you the most?" and consider their answers as candidates for common reading.
- 6. Break bad habits. Choosing books that cheerlead for popular causes or reinforce a political sensibility is a bad habit.
- 7. Mix it up. Alienation and oppression are important themes but so are courage, fidelity, redemption, self-sacrifice, fellowship, and truth, among others.

To make the most of the common reading experience, we recommend that colleges:

- 8. Make reading the book mandatory, and enforce the assignment with a test.
- 9. Require that students submit a list of new words they learn from the book.
- 10. Stage dramatic readings of the book by professors who can do voices.
- 11. Bring in an impersonator or an expert on the writings of a deceased author to speak and answer questions.

# **Appendix A: Key and Totals**

Key	#
Historical Depictions of American	
Society	49
Multiculturalism/Immigration/Racism	43
Environmentalism/Animal Rights/Food	24
War/Disaster/Genocide/Holocaust	24
Spiritual/Philosophy/New Age	17
Poverty	15
Coming of Age	12
Disability/Disease	9
Islamic World	9
Women	8
Self-Help/Pursuit of Happiness	8
Fantasy, Sci-Fi	6
Economics	6
Science	4
Internet/Technology	4
Forgiveness/Redemption	4
Slavery	2
Classics	2
Homosexuality	2
Rapacious Capitalism	1
△ Indicates an African American theme	58
☼ Indicates an African theme	18
♦ Indicates Native American theme	10
★ Indicates a Latino theme	7
	5
☐ Indicates that a film version exists or	
is in production	64
HK Indicates Hurricane Katrina theme	10
† Indicates comic book or graphic novel	10
M=Memoir	79
B=Biography	62
F=Fiction	48
H=History	4
P=Play	1

# **Appendix B: By Author**

College/University		Book	Author	Year	Туре	Program Name
		Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old				
Lindsey Wilson		Man, A Young Man, and Life's				
College		Greatest Lesson	Albom, Mitch	1997	М	Common Text
		The Absolutely True Diary of a				Common Reading
Adams State College	•	Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009		Experience
		The Absolutely True Diary of a				One Maryland, One
Chesapeake College	<b>♦</b>	Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	Book
						Campus
University of		The Absolutely True Diary of a				Community Book
California, Davis	<b>*</b>	Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	Project
University of		The Absolutely True Diary of a				Ranger Read
Wisconsin, Parkside	◆	Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	Program
Washburn University	<b>♦</b>	War Dances	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	iRead
						One Book One
Sierra Nevada						Campus/Common
College	<b>♦</b>	Flight: A Novel	Alexie, Sherman	2007	F	Reading
		This I Believe II: More				
		Personal Philosophies of	Allison, Jay and			Common Reading
Aquinas College		Remarkable Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2008	M	Experience
		This I Believe II: More				
		Personal Philosophies of	Allison, Jay and			First Year Reading
Longwood University		Remarkable Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2008	M	Experience
		This I Believe II: More				
Louisiana Tech		Personal Philosophies of	Allison, Jay and			Common Read
University		Remarkable Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2008	М	Program
Virginia Polytechnic		This I Believe II: More				
Institute and State		Personal Philosophies of	Allison, Jay and			
University		Remarkable Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2008	M	Common Book
		This I Believe: The Personal				
		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and			
Cedar Crest College		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	М	Shared Reading
		This I Believe: The Personal				
		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and			
Kent State University		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	М	Summer Reading
		This I Believe: The Personal				
		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and			
Shepherd University		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	М	Common Reading
		This I Believe: The Personal				
		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and			
University of Dayton		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	М	First Year Read
		This I Believe: The Personal				
University of		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and	000-	1	ULM Summer
Lousiana-Monroe		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	М	Reading
		The Honor Code: How Moral	Appiah, Kwame	0015		Common Reading
Rice University		Revolutions Happen	Anthony	2010		Program
James Madison						
University		Ways of Knowing	Article Collection			Preface
		Beyond Fundamentalism:				
Sweet Briar College		Confronting Religious	Aslan, Reza	2010		Common Reading

		Extremism in the Age of				
		Globalization				
University of			Atwood,			Freshman
Pittsburgh		Oryx and Crake	Margaret	2004	F	Common Reader
Chandler-Gilbert		Ending Slavery: How We Free				
Community College		Today's Slaves	Bales, Kevin	2007		Common Books
		How Does It Feel to Be a				
University of North		Problem? Being Young and	Bayoumi,			Common Reading
Carolina, Charlotte		Arab in America	Moustafa	2009		Experience
Henderson State		A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of				Common Book
University	☆	a Boy Soldier	Beah, Ishmael	2007	М	Program
Pennsylvania State		A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of				Summer Reading
University, Harrisburg	$\Rightarrow$	a Boy Soldier	Beah, Ishmael	2007	М	Program
Ţ.		No Impact Man: The	·			
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
Atlantic Cape		Makes About Himself and Our				College-Wide Book
Community College		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	Project
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		No Impact Man: The	, , , ,			
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
Bowling Green State		Makes About Himself and Our				Common Reading
University		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	Experience
S.iivereity		No Impact Man: The	Boavari, Comi	2000	1	ZAPONONOO
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
Northern Arizona		Makes About Himself and Our				
University		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	NAUReads
Criterally		No Impact Man: The	Boavari, Comi	2000	141	147 COTCCCC
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
University of		Makes About Himself and Our				One Book, One
Arkansas		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	Community
Alkansas		No Impact Man: The	Deavan, Com	2003	IVI	Community
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
University of Rhode		Makes About Himself and Our				URI Common
Island		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	Reading
Island		No Impact Man: The	Beavail, Colli	2009	IVI	Reading
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
University of South		Makes About Himself and Our		1		First-Year Reading
Carolina		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	Experience
Caronna			Deavail, Collii	2009	IVI	New Student
Brandaia University	†	Fun Home: A Family	Rochdol Alican	2007	N.A	Forum
Brandeis University		Tragicomic	Bechdel, Alison	2007	M	1-OTUITI
Indiana University Desa	luc.	How to Change the World:		1		
Indiana University Purc		Social Entrepreneurs and the Power of New Ideas	Pornotoin Dovid	2007		Common Theme
University of Indianapo	115		Bornstein, David	1	+-	
Fairmont State		Year of Wonders: A Novel of	Brooks,	2001	F	Common Book

University		the Plague	Geraldine			Project
Florida Southern		World War Z: An Oral History				•
College		of the Zombie War	Brooks, Max	2006	F	Common Reading
•		Plan B 4.0: Mobilizing to Save	Brown, Lester			
Barry University		Civilization	Russell	2009		Common Reader
		Farm City: The Education of an	Carpenter,			Welcome Week
Butler University		Urban Farmer	Novella	2010	M	Book
-						One Book One
		Farm City: The Education of an	Carpenter,			Campus One
Cornell College		Urban Farmer	Novella	2010	М	Community
		Farm City: The Education of an	Carpenter,			
Cuesta College		Urban Farmer	Novella	2010	M	Book of the Year
Wheaton College		The Shallows: What the				Summer Reading
(Massachusetts)		Internet is Doing to Our Brains	Carr, Nicholas	2010		Assignment
		Factory Girls: From Village to				
Brown University	$\mathfrak{H}$	City in a Changing China	Chang, Leslie	2009		First Readings
Slippery Rock						
University of		The Perks of Being a	Chbosky,			Summer Book
Pennsylvania		Wallflower	Stephen C	1999	F	Program
Chandler-Gilbert						
Community College	*	Woman Hollering Creek	Cisneros, Sandra	1991		Common Books
Pace University	☼	Little Bee: A Novel	Cleave, Chris	2008	F	Common Reading
University of Toledo		Everything Matters!: A Novel	Currie, Ron Jr.	2009	F	First Read
•			Danticat,			
Brooklyn College		Brother, I'm Dying	Edwidge	2007	M	Common Reading
The College of			Danticat,			
Wooster		Brother, I'm Dying	Edwidge	2007	М	Summer Reading
		The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a	Davis, Sampson, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt, and Lisa Frazier			Common Read
Lincoln University	Δ	Dream	Page	2003	М	Program
		Life is So Good: One Man's				
		Extraordinary Journey through	Dawson, George			
		the 20th Century and How He	and Richard			Common Book
Eastfield College	$\triangle$	Learned to Read at Age 98	Glaubman	2000	M	Project
			Delaney, Sarah L., A. Elizabeth			
Midlands Technical		Having Our Say: The Delaney	Delaney, and			
College	$\triangle$	Sisters' First 100 Years	Amy Hill Hearth	1997	М	MTC Reads
			ĺ			New Student
Cornell University		Homer and Langley	Doctorow, E.L.	2009	F	Reading Project
Abilene Christian		Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of	·			Freshman
University		Growing Up Iranian in America	Dumas, Firoozeh	2003	M	Common Reading
		The Big Burn: Teddy				
		Roosevelt and the Fire that				Common Read
University of Idaho		Saved America	Egan, Timothy	2009	Н	Program
California State						
University, Chico	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Book in Common
Catawba College	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Reading
Kansas State						K-State Book
University	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Network
Parkland College	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Parkland Reads
Tufts University	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Reading

University of Missouri	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Mizzou Reads
University of North						Common Reading
Carolina, Wilmington	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Experience
,			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			Common Literature
Utah State University	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Experience
Wright State						·
University	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Text
		The Spirit Catches You and				
		You Fall Down: a Hmong				
		Child, Her American Doctors,				
		and the Collision of Two				
Whitman College	$\mathfrak{H}$	Cultures	Fadiman, Anne	1997		Summer Reading
University of		The Meaning of It All:	Feynman,			
Washington		Thoughts of a Citizen-Scientist	Richard	2005		UW Common Book
						Summer Common
University of Texas,		Farewell, My Subaru: An Epic				Reading
San Antonio		Adventure in Local Living	Fine, Doug	2009	M	Experience
			-			Summer Common
Kalamazoo College		The Good Soldiers	Finkel, David	2010		Reading
American University		The Good Soldiers	Finkel, David	2009		Writer as Witness
			Foer, Jonathon			
Duke University		Eating Animals	Safran	2010	М	Summer Reading
Saint Michael's			Foer, Jonathon			First Year Seminar
College		Eating Animals	Safran	2010	М	Common Text
University of North		Zamig / minitals	Foer, Jonathon			Summer Reading
Carolina, Chapel Hill		Eating Animals	Safran	2010	М	Program
Caromia, Griapor i iii		Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon	20.0		. rogiam
Amarillo College		Close	Safran	2005	F	Common Reader
7 unaime conege		Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon	2000		- Common Reader
Baruch College		Close	Safran	2005	F	Freshman Text
Georgia State		Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon		-	First-Year Book
University		Close	Safran	2005	F	Program
Michigan State		Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon			One Book One
University		Close	Safran	2005	F	Community
		Hotel on the Corner of Bitter				
Villanova University	æ	and Sweet: A Novel	Ford, Jamie	2009	F	One Book Villanova
vinariova Stirvoroity	1	Choosing Civility - The Twenty-	r ora, carmo	2000	<u>'</u>	one been rimanera
Pennsylvania State		Five Rules of Considerate				Common Reading
University, Berks		Conduct	Forni, P.M.	2003		Program
Cime only, 20me		0 0.144.01	Fowler, Karen			1 109.4
Trinity University	¥	Sarah Canary	Joy	1991	F	Reading TUgether
Bellevue College	•	On the Rez	Frazier, lan	2001	-	BCC Reads
Pellevae College	+	The Legend of Colton H.	i iazici, iaii	2001	+	DOC NEaus
Marietta College		Bryant	Fuller, Alexandra	2009	В	Common Reading
wanetta college	+	Dryant	i ulici, Alexaliula	2008	D	One Book One
DePaul University		Neverwhere	Gaiman, Neil	1996	F	Chicago
Washington	+	146 VET WITETE	Gairrian, Nell	1330	1	First Year Reading
University in St. Louis		The Cellist of Sarajevo	Galloway, Steven	2008	F	Program
OTHIVETSILY III St. LOUIS	+	The Cellist of Safajevo	Gladwell,	2000	Г	One Book, One
Vantura Callaga		Outliers: The Stony of Suggest	Malcolm	2000		
Ventura College	+	Outliers: The Story of Success	IVIAICUIIII	2008		Campus
		A Human Being Died That	Gobodo-			
St. Mary's College of		Night: A South African Woman				
, ,	₩	Confronts the Legacy of	Madikizela,	2004	М	Summer Peeding
Maryland	٧	Apartheid	Pumla	2004	IVI	Summer Reading

		The Good Life: Truths That				
Vanderbilt University		Last in Time of Need	Gomes, Peter J.	2003		Commons Reading
Florida International		Eddt III TIIIIO OF 11000	Gonzales,	2000		FIU Common
University	*	The Red Umbrella	Christina	2010	F	Reading
University of Alabama	<u> </u>	Thinking in Pictures: My Life	Omouna	2010	<u> </u>	rtodding
at Birmingham		with Autism	Grandin, Temple	1995	М	Discussion Book
State University of			- Cramann, rompre	1000		Freshman Summer
New York, Brockport		Emergence: Labeled Autistic	Grandin, Temple	1986	М	Reading Program
		Little Princes: One Man's	Cramann, rompre	1000		i todanig i rogiani
St. Bonaventure		Promise to Bring Home the				All Bonaventure
University		Lost Children of Nepal	Grennan, Conor	2011	М	Reads
Southern New						Common Book
Hampshire University		Water for Elephants	Gruen, Sara	2007	F	Program
Indiana State		Transfer for Eleptratine	- C. G. C. I., C. G. I.		-	1
University		The Freedom Writers Diary	Gruwell, Erin	1999	М	Fall Read
Eastern Kentucky		The Curious Incident of the	Orawon, Emi	1000	1	- Cili i Coda
University		Dog in the Night-Time	Haddon, Mark	2003	F	EKU Reads
		Journey From the Land of No:			-	
		A Girlhood Caught in				Common Summer
Peace College	†	Revolutionary Iran	Hakakian, Roya	2004	М	Reading
		. to retailer only train				Common
Texas State		The United States Constitution:	Hennessy,			Experience
University	†	A Graphic Adaptation	Jonathan	2008/17	87	Summer Reading
Owensboro		r Crapino ridapianon	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2000/11	1	- Canning
Community and		September 11, 2001: American				
Technical College		Writers Respond	Heyen, William	2002		Common Reading
		Unbroken: A World War II				J
		Story of Survival, Resilience,	Hillenbrand,			
Grace College		and Redemption	Laura	2010	В	Summer Reading
			Howes, Craig			- Camara and a same a
			and Jonathan			
			Kay			
Hawaii Pacific		The Value of Hawaii: Knowing	Kamakawiwoole			HPU Reads:
University		the Past, Shaping the Future	Osorio	2010	Н	Common Book
Metropolitan		, ,				Common Reading
Community College		Brave New World	Huxley, Aldous	1932	F	Project
, ,		Listening is an Act of Love: A	, ,			,
Middle Tennessee		Celebration of American Life				Community
State University		from the StoryCorps Project	Isay, Dave	2007	M	Reading Program
College of Charleston	Δ	The Known World	Jones, Edward P.	2003	F	College Reads
	<u> </u>	The Boy Who Harnessed the	Kamkwamba,		-	
		Wind: Creating Currents of	William and			Summer Reading
Miami University	₩	Electricity and Hope	Bryan Mealer	2009	М	Program
		The Boy Who Harnessed the	Kamkwamba,			3 -
		Wind: Creating Currents of	William and			
Thomas College	✡	Electricity and Hope	Bryan Mealer	2009	М	Common Read
			,			Civic Engagement:
Bluffton University	✡	Strength in What Remains	Kidder, Tracy	2009	В	Summer Reading
,		I Have a Dream: Writings and	. ,			
Georgia Institute of		Speeches That Changed the	King, Jr., Martin			Freshman Reading
Technology		World	Luther	1992		Project
<u> </u>		Field Notes from a				·
University of		Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and				First-Year Reading
Montana, Missoula	1	Climate Change	Kolbert, Elizabeth	2006	1	Experience

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University of the						One Book One
Sciences in		Into the Mild	Kuakawan laha	1007	Ь	One Book, One
Philadelphia		Into the Wild	Krakauer, John	1997	В	Campus
Eastern Illinois		Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity	Kristof, Nicholas D. and Sheryl			
		for Women Worldwide	WuDunn	2008		Eastern Reads
University	-		Kristof, Nicholas	2006		Eastern Reaus
May and I labyates		Half the Sky: Turning	,			
Mount Holyoke		Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide	D. and Sheryl WuDunn	2008		Common Booding
College				2006		Common Reading
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University of		Oppression into Opportunity	D. and Sheryl	2000		,
Richmond		for Women Worldwide	WuDunn	2008		Campus
Illinois Wesleyan		Interpretary of Malayline	Labini Harriana	4000	_	Summer Reading
University		Interpreter of Maladies	Lahiri, Jhumpa	1999	F	Program
0		Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time,				Decided Decide
Sam Houston State		and the Deadliest Hurricane in		0000	١	Bearkats Read to
University		History	Larson, Erik	2000	Н	Succeed Program
	1			2010		
		Heaten and the Ocean before		(trans.		0
		Hector and the Search for		into	_	Summer Common
Linfield College	-	Happiness	Lelord, François	English)	F	Reading
		The Story of Stuff: How Our				
		Obsession with Stuff is				
		Trashing the Planet, Our				
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University of Illinois,		Health—and a Vision for	I a a a a a a la A a a la	0040		One Book, One
Urbana-Champaign		Change	Leonard, Annie	2010		Campus
		SuperFreakonomics: Global				
		Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes,	Levitt, Steven D.			Fire()/(aca Data line
0.1		and Why Suicide Bombers	and Stephen J.	0040		First Year Reading
Salem State College	-	Should Buy Life Insurance	Dubner	2010		Experience
		Lies My Teacher Told Me:	1 1			
Damara Callana		Everything Your American	Loewen, James	0007		O D. a. alia a.
Ramapo College		History Textbook Got Wrong	W.	2007		Summer Reading
A stis Data Otata		The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an				
Austin Peay State		Unlikely Friendship, and the		0000	_	The Deep Deep
University		Redemptive Power of Music	Lopez, Steve	2008	В	The Peay Read
Northern Kentucky		Kale III The Alekson	Mad Dati	0004	_	Deal Occupation
University	†	Kabuki: The Alchemy	Mack, David	2004	F	Book Connection
III O . II		Barrery	Mala ( Da II	0000	_	First Year Reading
Ithaca College		Ransom	Malouf, David	2009	F	Initiative
University of Texas,					_	Freshman Summer
Tyler	-	Life of Pi: A Novel	Martel, Yann	2001	F	Reading Program
Franklin W. Olin		Midnight Ride, Industrial Dawn:				
College of		Paul Revere and the Growth of		0040	_	0 0 "
Engineering		American Enterprise	Martello, Robert	2010	В	Summer Reading
11.22	1	The Color of Water: A Black				0
University of		Man's Tribute to His White	Market	4000		Common Reading
Kentucky	$\triangle$	Mother	McBride, James	1996	М	Experience
Carroll College	1				_	Alpha Seminar
(Montana)	$\perp$	Let the Great World Spin	McCann, Colum	2009	F	Summer Reading
Kingsborough	1					
Community College		Let the Great World Spin	McCann, Colum	2009	F	KCC Reads
	1				_	Summer Book
Concordia College		Zoli	McCann, Colum	2000	F	Read

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		Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe,				
		Superathletes, and the				
Appalachian State		Greatest Race the World Has	McDougall,	0000		O D. a.l'.
University	•	Never Seen	Christopher	2009	М	Summer Reading
		A Pearl in the Storm: How I				
		Found My Heart in the Middle	McLure, Tori			Common Reading
Xavier University		of the Ocean	Murden	2009	М	Experience
		Greasy Rider: Two Dudes,				
1		One Fry-Oil-Powered Car, and				
Johnson State		a Cross-Country Search for a				Common Reading
College		Greener Future	Melville, Greg	2008	М	Initiative
						First-Year
Georgetown						Academic
University	☼	How to Read the Air	Mengestu, Dinaw	2010	F	Workshop
Skidmore College		A Gate at the Stairs	Moore, Lorrie	2009	F	Summer Reading
		The Other Wes Moore: One				Summer Reading
Berry College	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	M	Program
-		The Other Wes Moore: One				
Goucher College	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Summer Reading
		The Other Wes Moore: One	,			
Marian University	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Common Read
		The Other Wes Moore: One	,			First Year Reading
Marquette University	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Project
New College of		The Other Wes Moore: One				Common Summer
Florida	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Book
University of		The Other Wes Moore: One	1110010, 1100	20.0	1	Dook
Louisville	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Book in Common
Virginia		Traine, Two Fates	1110010, 1100	2010	101	Book in Common
Commonwealth		The Other Wes Moore: One				Summer Reading
University	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Program
University of South		The Last Town on Earth: A	WOOTO, WOO	2010	141	First Year Reading
Carolina, Aiken		Novel	Mullen, Thomas	2006	F	Experience
Caronila, Aikeri		Physics for Future Presidents:	Walleri, Triomas	2000	'	Experience
Washington State		The Science Behind the	Muller, Richard			
University		Headlines	A.	2008		Common Reading
Chandler-Gilbert		Tieaulites	Λ.	2000		Common Reading
Community College	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Common Books
Jacksonville	T	Lillique's Journey	Mazano, Sonia	2000	- B	Common Reading
University	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	
University	<u> </u>	Emique's Journey	Nazano, Sonia	2000	Ь	Program
Manadith Callaga	<b>J</b>	Fariguela laureau	No-orio Conio	2000	Ь	Summer Reading
Meredith College	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Program
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Millersville University	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Campus
University of	Alc.	Endough to a	No sets O 1	0000		O . D' . D
Wisconsin, Madison	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Go Big Read
		The Wolf at Twilight: An Indian				
Gustavus Adolphus		Elder's Journey through a				Reading in
College	•	Land of Ghosts	Nerburn, Kent	2010	М	Common
California State						
University,		The Grace of Silence: A				
Sacramento		Memoir	Norris, Michele	2010	М	One Book
University of						
Wisconsin, Fond du						
Lac		The Things They Carried	O'Brien, Tim	1990	F	Common Read

Agnes Scott College		How to Breathe Underwater	Orringer, Julie	2003	F	Common Reading
			-			First-Year Summer
Saint Louis University	¥	When the Emperor Was Divine	Otsuka, Julie	2003	F	Reading
		Acts of Faith: The Story of an				
		American Muslim, in the				
Loras College		Struggle for the Soul of a Generation	Patel, Eboo	2010	М	Common Reading
Loras College		Generation	Pausch, Randy &	2010	IVI	One Book One
Triton College		The Last Lecture	Jeffrey Zaslow	2008	М	Triton
Thierr conege		Six Questions of Socrates: A	Comey Eddien	2000	1	111.011
		Modern-Day Journey of				
Rutgers (School of		Discovery through World	Phillips,			
Arts and Sciences)		Philosophy	Christopher	2004		Summer Reading
						Common Book
Otterbein College	HK	City of Refuge	Piazza, Tom	2009	F	Program
Texas Tech		In Defense of Food: An Eater's	Delle Misteral	0007		Summer Reading
University of Mains		Manifesto	Pollan, Michael	2007		Program
University of Maine, honors college		The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals	Pollan, Michael	2006		The Honors Read
Honors college		The Botany of Desire: A	Foliali, Michael	2000		One Book One
Chaffey College		Plant's-Eye View of the World	Pollan, Michael	2001		College
Chancy Conego		Religious Literacy: What Every	r onari, mioriaor	2001		Conogo
Western Washington		American Needs to KnowAnd	Prothero,			
University		Doesn't	Stephen	2007		Western Reads
Montana State		Between a Rock and a Hard				
University		Place	Ralston, Aron	2005	М	Summer Reading
Indiana University,		A Country for All: An Immigrant				Common
Southeast		Manifesto	Ramos, Jorge	2010		Experience
Claman I Ini ravaitu		Cointe et the Diver	Dook Don	2005	F	Freshman Summer
Clemson University Winona State		Saints at the River Packinghouse Daughter: A	Rash, Ron	2005	Г	Reading Program Common Book
University		Memoir	Register, Cheri	2001	М	Project
Offiverally		The Travels of a T-Shirt in the	register, onen	2001	IVI	1 Tojout
		Global Economy: An				
		Economist Examines the				
		Markets, Power, and Politics of				First-Year Summer
Dartmouth College		World Trade	Rivoli, Pietra	2009		Reading
Spokane Falls		Spook: Science Tackles the				
Community College		Afterlife	Roach, Mary	2005		Common Reader
University of		The Element: How Finding Your Passion Changes				One Community
Pittsburgh at Johnstown		Everything	Robinson, Ken	2009		One Community, One Book
Montcalm Community		Look Me in the Eye: My Life	Robison, John	2009		One Book One
College		with Asperger's	Elder	2007	М	Community
Moraine Valley		Between Two Worlds: My Life	2.001	2001	1	One Book One
Community College		and Captivity in Iran	Saberi, Roxana	2010	М	College
Case Western		Justice: What's the Right Thing	•			Common Reading
Reserve University		to Do?	Sandel, Michael	2009		Program
	l	Persepolis: The Story of a				
Hamline University	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Summer Reading
Llimana Calliana		Persepolis: The Story of a	Ontara ' Mar '	0004	B 4	On many in Direction
Hiram College	†□	Childhood  Derganalia, The Start of a	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	M	Common Reading
Mare Hill College	† <b>□</b>	Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood	Satrani Mariana	2004	N/I	Summer Reading
Mars Hill College		Childriood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	M	Program

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Murray State	* -	Persepolis: The Story of a	Catuani Maniana	0004		MSU Reading
University	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Experience
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Wartburg College	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Common
		Scratch Beginnings: Me, \$25,				
		and the Search for the				Freshman Reading
Methodist University		American Dream	Shepard, Adam	2007	М	Program
		The Meaning of Matthew: My				
University at Buffalo,		Son's Murder in Laramie, and				
SUNY		a World Transformed	Shepard, Judy	2009	M	UB Reads
Indiana University,		The Working Poor: Invisible in				Common
Southeast		America	Shipler, David K.	2004		Experience
Chandler-Gilbert			Silko, Leslie			,
Community College	<b>♦</b>	Ceremony	Marmon	1977	F	Common Books
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Albion College			Skloot, Rebecca	2010	Ь	Experience
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Boise State University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Campus Read
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Central College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common
Cleveland State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Common Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Experience
Coastal Carolina		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Big Read
Community College		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Community Book
of Baltimore County		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Connection
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(Massachusetts)		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
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College		Lauks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	Ь	Common Reading
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George Washington		The Immortal Life of Henrietta		0040	_	Freshman Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
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Hamilton College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
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		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Enlightenment
Lafayette College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
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College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
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Tennessee, Knoxville □△ Lacks Skloot, Rebecca 2010 B Life of the Mind
University of Texas, The Immortal Life of Henrietta
Arlington □△ Lacks Skloot, Rebecca 2010 B OneBook
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University of Vermont □△ Lacks Skloot, Rebecca 2010 B Program
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University of Florida	₩	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		Program
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Florida	$\Rightarrow$	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		UNF Reads
		The Victorian Internet: The				
		Remarkable Story of the				
The College of New		Telegraph and the Nineteenth				
Jersey		Century's On-line Pioneers	Standage, Tom	1998	Н	Summer Reading
College of the						
Redwoods		The Help	Stockett, Kathryn	2011	F	Book of the Year
Humboldt State			<u> </u>		_	
University		The Help	Stockett, Kathryn	2011	F	Book of the Year
Florida Gulf Coast	J.				_	First Year Reading
University	☼	Life Safari	Strelecky, John	2007	F	Project
		Make the Impossible Possible:				
		One Man's Crusade to Inspire				Carrage David
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Winthrop University	$\triangle$	Achieve the Extraordinary	Strickland, Bill	2007	M	Project
North Georgia		A Hope in the Unseen: An				Carrana Daadhan
College and State	_	American Odyssey from the	Cualind Dan	1000	l <sub>D</sub>	Common Reading
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East Carolina	$\triangle$	Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of	Ronald Cotton,	2000	М	Direte Dood
University	$\Delta$	Injustice and Redemption	Erin Torneo	2009	IVI	Pirate Read
			Thompson-			
		Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of	Cannino, Jennifer Ronald Cotton,			New Student
Salisbury University	Δ	Injustice and Redemption	Erin Torneo	2009	М	Reader
Salisbury Offiversity		Where Am I Wearing: A Global	Elli Tollieo	2009	IVI	Neauei
		Tour to the Countries,				
West Texas A&M		Factories, and People that	Timmerman,			
University		Make Our Clothes	Kelsey	2008		Readership WT
Offiversity		Alone Together: Why We	recisey	2000		Treadership WT
		Expect More from Technology				Common Reading
Hampshire College		and Less from Each Other	Turkle, Sherry	2011		for New Students
Tidinpointe Conege		A Connecticut Yankee in King	rando, enerry	2011		TOT TOW OLUGOING
The King's College		Arthur's Court	Twain, Mark	1889	F	Interregnum
rung a danaga		Soft Spots: A Marine's Memoir	ani, man		<u> </u>	orrogram
		of Combat and Post-Traumatic				
Collin College		Stress Disorder	Van Winkle, Clint	2009	М	Book in Common
State Fair Community		29 Gifts: How a Month of	· sar rrando, omit		1	One Book One
College		Giving Can Change Your Life	Walker, Cami	2009		Community
23.1090		A Mighty Long Way: My	anoi, Jaiin			- John Mariney
Colorado Mountain		Journey to Justice at Little	Walls LaNier,			
College	Δ	Rock Central High School	Carlotta	2009	М	Common Reader
	<del>                                     </del>	The state of the s			1	Freshman
Ball State University		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	М	Common Reader
California State					1	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
University, Northridge		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	М	Common Reading
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Michigan Technological University		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	M	Summer Reading
University of Akron		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	М	Common Reading
Western Illinois University		And Then There's This: How Stories Live and Die in Viral Culture	Wasik, Bill	2009		FYE Common Reading
Mississippi State University		The Optimist's Daughter	Welty, Eudora	1972	F	Maroon Edition
Davidson College		In the Sanctuary of Outcasts: A Memoir	White, Neil	2009	M	New Student Orientation Book
Grand Valley State University		The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration	Wilkerson, Isabel	1995	В	Community Reading Project
Pennsylvania State University, New Kensington	☼	My Maasai Life	Wiszowaty, Robin	2009	М	Summer Reading Program
State University of New York, Oswego	<b>‡</b>	Bonobo Handshake: A Memoir of Love and Adventure in the Congo	Woods, Vanessa	2010	М	Oswego Reading Initiative
Elon University		Creating a World Without Poverty: Social Business and the Future of Capitalism	Yunus, Muhammad	1999		Common Reading
Indiana University, South Bend		The Post-American World	Zakaria, Fareed	2008		One Book One Campus
Ohio University		6 books + Common Experience Reader	,			Common Experience Project

# **Appendix C: By Institution Name**

College/University		Book	Author	Year	Туре	Program Name
Abilene Christian		Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of				Freshman Common
University		Growing Up Iranian in America	Dumas, Firoozeh	2003	М	Reading
Adama Otata Oallana	_	The Absolutely True Diary of a	Ale le Oleman	0000	_	Common Reading
Adams State College	<b>*</b>	Part-Time Indian The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	Experience
Adelphi University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	First Year Reading
Agnes Scott College		How to Breathe Underwater	Orringer, Julie	2003	F	Common Reading
7 ignes cour conogs		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Orringor, cano	2000		Common Reading
Albion College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Experience
3		Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon			
Amarillo College		Close	Safran	2005	F	Common Reader
American University		The Good Soldiers	Finkel, David	2009		Writer as Witness
-		Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe,				
		Superathletes, and the				
Appalachian State		Greatest Race the World Has	McDougall,			
University	•	Never Seen	Christopher	2009	М	Summer Reading
		This I Believe II: More	Alliana Income			Oarrana a Daarlin a
Aguinga Callaga		Personal Philosophies of	Allison, Jay and	2000	M	Common Reading
Aquinas College		Remarkable Men and Women No Impact Man: The	Dan Gediman	2008	IVI	Experience
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
Atlantic Cape		Makes About Himself and Our				College-Wide Book
Community College		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	Project
, ,		The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an	,			•
Austin Peay State		Unlikely Friendship, and the				
University		Redemptive Power of Music	Lopez, Steve	2008	В	The Peay Read
						Freshman Common
Ball State University		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	М	Reader
		Plan B 4.0: Mobilizing to Save	Brown, Lester			
Barry University		Civilization	Russell	2009		Common Reader
	_	Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon		_	
Baruch College		Close	Safran	2005	F	Freshman Text
Bellevue College	<b>♦</b>	On the Rez	Frazier, lan	2001		BCC Reads
5 0 "		The Other Wes Moore: One		0040	١.,	Summer Reading
Berry College	Δ	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	M	Program
	J.,		=		_	Civic Engagement:
Bluffton University	☼	Strength in What Remains	Kidder, Tracy	2009	В	Summer Reading
Boise State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta			1	
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Campus Read
		No Impact Man: The			1	
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal			1	
		Who Attempts to Save the			1	
Powling Cross State		Planet, and the Discoveries He			1	Common Booding
Bowling Green State University		Makes About Himself and Our Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	M	Common Reading
Offiversity	ַ	way or the in the Process	Deavan, Collin	2009	IVI	Experience

		Fun Home: A Family				
Brandeis University	†	Tragicomic	Bechdel, Alison	2007	М	New Student Forum
Drooklyn Collogo		Broth on the Drive	Danticat,	2007	N.4	Common Booding
Brooklyn College		Brother, I'm Dying Factory Girls: From Village to	Edwidge	2007	М	Common Reading
Brown University	¥	City in a Changing China	Chang, Leslie	2009		First Readings
		Farm City: The Education of an	Carpenter,			Welcome Week
Butler University		Urban Farmer	Novella	2010	M	Book
California State	HK	Zeitoun	Eggoro Dovo	2009	В	Book in Common
University, Chico California State	ПК	Zellouri	Eggers, Dave	2009	Ь	BOOK III COIIIIIOII
University, Northridge		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	М	Common Reading
California State		The Glass Gastle. A Wellen	vano, coamicio	2000	101	Common reading
University,		The Grace of Silence: A				
Sacramento		Memoir	Norris, Michele	2010	M	One Book
Carroll College				0000	_	Alpha Seminar
(Montana) Case Western		Let the Great World Spin  Justice: What's the Right Thing	McCann, Colum	2009	F	Summer Reading Common Reading
Reserve University		to Do?	Sandel, Michael	2009		Program
Catawba College	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Reading
<u> </u>		This I Believe: The Personal	,			Ĭ .
		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and			
Cedar Crest College		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	М	Shared Reading
0 1 0 11		The Immortal Life of Henrietta		0040	_	Reading in
Central College		Lacks The Botany of Desire: A	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common One Book One
Chaffey College		Plant's-Eye View of the World	Pollan, Michael	2001		College
Chandler-Gilbert		Ending Slavery: How We Free	,			<u> </u>
Community College		Today's Slaves	Bales, Kevin	2007		Common Books
Chandler-Gilbert						
Community College	*	Woman Hollering Creek	Cisneros, Sandra	1991		Common Books
Chandler-Gilbert	ala.			0000	_	
Community College	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Common Books
Chandler-Gilbert Community College	•	Ceremony	Silko, Leslie Marmon	1977	F	Common Books
Community College	<b>-</b>	The Absolutely True Diary of a	Maimon	1377	'	One Maryland, One
Chesapeake College	<b>♦</b>	Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	Book
						Freshman Summer
Clemson University		Saints at the River	Rash, Ron	2005	F	Reading Program
Cleveland State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Common Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Experience
Coastal Carolina		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Big Read
College of Charleston	Δ	The Known World	Jones, Edward P.	2003	F	College Reads
College of the		The Help	Ctookott Kathuru	2011	_	Dook of the Veer
Redwoods		The Help Soft Spots: A Marine's Memoir	Stockett, Kathryn	2011	F	Book of the Year
		of Combat and Post-Traumatic				
Collin College		Stress Disorder	Van Winkle, Clint	2009	М	Book in Common
Colorado Mountain		A Mighty Long Way: My	Walls LaNier,			
College	$\triangle$	Journey to Justice at Little	Carlotta	2009	М	Common Reader

		Rock Central High School				
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Community College of Baltimore County		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Community Book Connection
Concordia College		Zoli	McCann, Colum	2000	F	Summer Book Read
Concordia College		2011	McCariri, Colum	2000	'	One Book One
		Farm City: The Education of an	Carpenter,			Campus One
Cornell College		Urban Farmer	Novella	2010	М	Community
						New Student
Cornell University		Homer and Langley	Doctorow, E.L.	2009	F	Reading Project
Oversta Oallana		Farm City: The Education of an	Carpenter,	0040	.,	Deals of the Man
Cuesta College		Urban Farmer The Travels of a T-Shirt in the	Novella	2010	М	Book of the Year
		Global Economy: An				
		Economist Examines the				
		Markets, Power, and Politics of				First-Year Summer
Dartmouth College		World Trade	Rivoli, Pietra	2009		Reading
		In the Sanctuary of Outcasts: A				New Student
Davidson College		Memoir	White, Neil	2009	M	Orientation Book
						One Book One
DePaul University		Neverwhere	Gaiman, Neil	1996	F	Chicago
			Foer, Jonathon			
Duke University		Eating Animals	Safran	2010	М	Summer Reading
			Thompson-			
East Carolina		Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of	Cannino, Jennifer Ronald Cotton,			
University	$\triangle$	Injustice and Redemption	Erin Torneo	2009	М	Pirate Read
Chirolotty		Half the Sky: Turning	Kristof, Nicholas	2000	101	T Hato Hoad
Eastern Illinois		Oppression into Opportunity	D. and Sheryl			
University		for Women Worldwide	WuDunn	2008		Eastern Reads
Eastern Kentucky		The Curious Incident of the			_	
University		Dog in the Night-Time	Haddon, Mark	2003	F	EKU Reads
		Life is So Good: One Man's	Dawaan Caaraa			
		Extraordinary Journey through the 20th Century and How He	Dawson, George and Richard			Common Book
Eastfield College	$\triangle$	Learned to Read at Age 98	Glaubman	2000	М	Project
Edgewood College	†	The Complete Maus	Spiegelman, Art	1987		Common Reading
		Creating a World Without				
		Poverty: Social Business and	Yunus,			
Elon University		the Future of Capitalism	Muhammad	1999		Common Reading
Emmanuel College		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
(Massachusetts)		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
Fairmont State		Year of Wonders: A Novel of	Brooks,		_	Common Book
University		the Plague	Geraldine	2001	F	Project
Florida Gulf Coast	<b>*</b>	Life Seferi	Strologica John	2007	F	First Year Reading
University	☼	Life Safari	Strelecky, John	2007	-	Project
Florida International	*	The Red Limbrelle	Gonzales,	2010	F	FIU Common
University Florida Southern	<del>  ^</del>	The Red Umbrella World War Z: An Oral History	Christina	2010	F	Reading
College		of the Zombie War	Brooks, Max	2006	F	Common Reading
Florida State					<u> </u>	
University		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	One Book One Campus
Offiversity		Lauks	Uniout, Nebecca	2010	טו	Campus

		Outpoots United: A Defugee				Common Dooding
Fort Louis College	<b>\(\psi\</b>	Outcasts United: A Refugee	Ct John Warren	2000		Common Reading
Fort Lewis College	꾸	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		Experience
Framingham State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta			_	
College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
Franklin W. Olin		Midnight Ride, Industrial Dawn:				
College of		Paul Revere and the Growth of		0040	_	0 5 "
Engineering		American Enterprise	Martello, Robert	2010	В	Summer Reading
		<del>-</del>				First Chapter: The
George Washington		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Oldert Debesse	0040	_	Freshman Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
Coorgotown						First-Year Academic
Georgetown	<b>‡</b>	How to Read the Air	Managastu Dinaw	2010	F	
University	74	I Have a Dream: Writings and	Mengestu, Dinaw	2010	Г	Workshop
Coorgio Instituto of		Speeches That Changed the	King Ir Mortin			Freehman Booding
Georgia Institute of Technology		World	King, Jr., Martin Luther	1992		Freshman Reading Project
Georgia State		Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon	1992		First-Year Book
University		Close	Safran	2005	F	Program
OTHIVETORY	<del>                                     </del>	The Other Wes Moore: One	Janan	2000	<del>                                     </del>	i iogiaiii
Goucher College	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Summer Reading
Goddiel College		Unbroken: A World War II	WOOTE, WES	2010	IVI	Summer Reading
		Story of Survival, Resilience,	Hillenbrand,			
Grace College		and Redemption	Laura	2010	В	Summer Reading
Orace Conege		The Warmth of Other Suns:	Laura	2010		Carriner recading
Grand Valley State		The Epic Story of America's				Community
University	$\triangle$	Great Migration	Wilkerson, Isabel	1995	В	Reading Project
- CTIN CTORY		The Wolf at Twilight: An Indian	William Corn, Todasor	1000		Trodding Froject
Gustavus Adolphus		Elder's Journey through a				Reading in
College	<b>♦</b>	Land of Ghosts	Nerburn, Kent	2010	М	Common
<u> </u>		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	,			
Hamilton College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
Transition College		Persepolis: The Story of a	Skiddi, ixebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
Hamline University	† 🗆	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Summer Reading
Transitie Offiversity		Alone Together: Why We	Janapi, Marjane	2004	IVI	Summer Reading
		Expect More from Technology				Common Reading
Hampshire College		and Less from Each Other	Turkle, Sherry	2011		for New Students
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			and Jonathan			
			Kay			
Hawaii Pacific		The Value of Hawaii: Knowing	Kamakawiwoole	1		HPU Reads:
University		the Past, Shaping the Future	Osorio	2010	Н	Common Book
Henderson State		A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of				Common Book
University	<b>\rightarrow</b>	a Boy Soldier	Beah, Ishmael	2007	М	Program
	1	Persepolis: The Story of a				
Hiram College	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Common Reading
Humboldt State				1		
University		The Help	Stockett, Kathryn	2011	F	Book of the Year
Illinois Wesleyan	1		, ,		İ	Summer Reading
University		Interpreter of Maladies	Lahiri, Jhumpa	1999	F	Program
Indiana State		·	, ,			
University	1	The Freedom Writers Diary	Gruwell, Erin	1999	М	Fall Read
Indiana University		How to Change the World:	·			
Purdue University of		Social Entrepreneurs and the	Bornstein, David	2007		Common Theme
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Indianapolis		Power of New Ideas				
Indiana University, South Bend		The Post-American World	Zakaria, Fareed	2008		One Book One Campus
Indiana University, Southeast		A Country for All: An Immigrant Manifesto	Ramos, Jorge	2010		Common Experience
Indiana University, Southeast		The Working Poor: Invisible in America	Shipler, David K.	2004		Common Experience
Ithaca College		Ransom	Malouf, David	2009	F	First Year Reading Initiative
Jacksonville University	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Common Reading Program
James Madison University		Ways of Knowing	Article Collection			Preface
Johnson State College		Greasy Rider: Two Dudes, One Fry-Oil-Powered Car, and a Cross-Country Search for a Greener Future	Melville, Greg	2008	M	Common Reading Initiative
Kalamazoo College		The Good Soldiers	Finkel, David	2010		Summer Common Reading
Kansas State University	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	K-State Book Network
Kennesaw State University	☼	Outcasts United: A Refugee Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		Common Reader
Kent State University		This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women	Allison, Jay and Dan Gediman	2007	М	Summer Reading
Kingsborough Community College		Let the Great World Spin	McCann, Colum	2009	F	KCC Reads
Lafayette College		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	First Year Enlightenment Summer Reading
Laguardia Community College		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
Le Moyne College		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading Program
Lehigh University		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading Program
Lincoln University		The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream	Davis, Sampson, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt, and Lisa Frazier Page	2003	M	Common Read Program
Lindsey Wilson College		Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, A Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson	Albom, Mitch	1997	M	Common Text
Linfield College		Hector and the Search for Happiness	Lelord, François	2010 (tran s. into Engli sh)	F	Summer Common Reading

		This I Believe II: More				1
		Personal Philosophies of	Allison, Jay and			First Year Reading
Longwood University		Remarkable Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2008	М	Experience
Longwood Oniversity		Acts of Faith: The Story of an	Dan Gedinan	2000	IVI	Lybelletice
		American Muslim, in the				
		Struggle for the Soul of a				
Loras College		Generation	Patel, Eboo	2010	М	Common Reading
Loras College		This I Believe II: More	i atei, Lboo	2010	IVI	Common Reading
Louisiana Tech		Personal Philosophies of	Allison, Jay and			Common Read
University		Remarkable Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2008	М	Program
Oniversity		The Other Wes Moore: One	Dan Gedinan	2000	IVI	i rogram
Marian University	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Common Read
Ivialian Onliversity		The Legend of Colton H.	WOOTE, WES	2010	IVI	Common Nead
Marietta College		Bryant	Fuller, Alexandra	2009	В	Common Reading
Wanetta Conege		The Other Wes Moore: One	T dilot, Michariata	2000		First Year Reading
Marquette University	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Project
Warquette Offiversity		Persepolis: The Story of a	WOOTC, WC3	2010	IVI	Summer Reading
Mars Hill College	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Program
			Catrapi, Marjarie	2004	IVI	Trogram
Massbay Community		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Oldert Belever	0040	_	O - D - I
College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	OneBook
Manaditle Callana	<b>J</b>	Englewels Javanese	Namaria Carria	0000	_	Summer Reading
Meredith College	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Program
		Scratch Beginnings: Me, \$25, and the Search for the				Freehman Deading
Methodist University		American Dream	Chapard Adam	2007	М	Freshman Reading Program
Metropolitan		American Dream	Shepard, Adam	2007	IVI	Common Reading
Community College		Brave New World	Huxley, Aldous	1932	F	Project
Community Conege		The Boy Who Harnessed the	Kamkwamba,	1302	<b>'</b>	1 TOJCOL
		Wind: Creating Currents of	William and			Summer Reading
Miami University	✡	Electricity and Hope	Bryan Mealer	2009	М	Program
Michigan State	711	Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon	2000	101	One Book One
University		Close	Safran	2005	F	Community
Michigan		0.000	Canan	2000	<u> </u>	Community
Technological						
University		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	М	Summer Reading
		Listening is an Act of Love: A	,			
Middle Tennessee		Celebration of American Life				Community
State University		from the StoryCorps Project	Isay, Dave	2007	М	Reading Program
•			Delaney, Sarah			
			L., A. Elizabeth			
Midlands Technical		Having Our Say: The Delaney	Delaney, and			
College	$\triangle$	Sisters' First 100 Years	Amy Hill Hearth	1997	М	MTC Reads
_						One Book, One
Millersville University	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Campus
Mississippi State		,	2. 2. 2, 22			r p
University		The Optimist's Daughter	Welty, Eudora	1972	F	Maroon Edition
Missouri State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	•			
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reader
Montana State		Between a Rock and a Hard	Chioot, Nebecca	2010		Common Neader
University		Place	Ralston, Aron	2005	М	Summer Reading
Montcalm Community		Look Me in the Eye: My Life	Robison, John			One Book One
College		with Asperger's	Elder	2007	М	Community
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Moraine Valley		Between Two Worlds: My Life				One Book One
Community College		and Captivity in Iran	Saberi, Roxana	2010	М	College
		Half the Sky: Turning	Kristof, Nicholas			
Mount Holyoke		Oppression into Opportunity	D. and Sheryl			
College		for Women Worldwide	WuDunn	2008		Common Reading
Mountain View		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Common Book
College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Project
Murray State		Persepolis: The Story of a				MSU Reading
University	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Experience
New College of Florida	_	The Other Wes Moore: One	Maara \//aa	2040	N 4	Common Summer Book
	Δ	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	
North Carolina State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	011 . 5 .	0040	_	Common Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Initiative
North Georgia		A Hope in the Unseen: An				Common Dooding
College and State University	Δ	American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League	Suskind, Ron	1999	В	Common Reading Program
Offiversity		No Impact Man: The	Suskina, IXOII	1999	Ь	Fiografii
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
Northern Arizona		Makes About Himself and Our				
University		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	M	NAUReads
Northern Kentucky						
University	†	Kabuki: The Alchemy	Mack, David	2004	F	Book Connection
Northwestern		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				One Book One
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Northwestern
			Smith, Anna			
Occidental College		Twilight: Los Angles, 1992	Deavere	1994	Р	First-Year Reading
	J.,	Outcasts United: A Refugee				Buckeye Book
Ohio State University	☼	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		Community
Ohio Haironnito		6 books + Common				Common
Ohio University		Experience Reader Outcasts United: A Refugee				Experience Project
Oklahoma City University	<b>\( \tau \)</b>	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		OCUReads
Offiversity	74	Team, An American Town	Ot. John, Warren	2003		Common Book
Otterbein College	HK	City of Refuge	Piazza, Tom	2009	F	Program
Owensboro		ony or readings	r iazza, rom	2000	<u> </u>	1 Togram
Community and		September 11, 2001: American				
Technical College		Writers Respond	Heyen, William	2002		Common Reading
Pace University	<b>\(\frac{1}{2}\)</b>	Little Bee: A Novel	Cleave, Chris	2008	F	Common Reading
Parkland College	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Parkland Reads
Ž		Journey From the Land of No:				
		A Girlhood Caught in				Common Summer
Peace College	†	Revolutionary Iran	Hakakian, Roya	2004	M	Reading
		Choosing Civility - The Twenty-				
Pennsylvania State		Five Rules of Considerate	Fami DM	0000		Common Reading
University, Berks	1	Conduct	Forni, P.M.	2003	1	Program
Pennsylvania State	*	A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of	Dealer Control	000=		Summer Reading
University, Harrisburg	☼	a Boy Soldier	Beah, Ishmael	2007	М	Program
Pennsylvania State			Miczowoty			Summer Peeding
University, New Kensington	☼	My Maasai Life	Wiszowaty, Robin	2009	М	Summer Reading Program
Renaington	꾸	IVIY IVIAASAI LIIE	TODITI	2003	IVI	i iogiaiii

Dhile delahie		The Immedial if a of Henriette				Cummar Danding
Philadelphia University		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading Program
Offiveroity		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Oktobi, rebedda	2010		Common Reading
Purdue University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
1 drado eniversity		Lies My Teacher Told Me:	Citioot, respected	2010		rrogram
		Everything Your American	Loewen, James			
Ramapo College		History Textbook Got Wrong	W.	2007		Summer Reading
		The Honor Code: How Moral	Appiah, Kwame			Common Reading
Rice University		Revolutions Happen	Anthony	2010		Program
		Six Questions of Socrates: A				
Rutgers (School of		Modern-Day Journey of Discovery through World	Phillips,			
Arts and Sciences)		Philosophy	Christopher	2004		Summer Reading
7 11 10 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11						First-Year Summer
Saint Louis University	$\mathbb{H}$	When the Emperor Was Divine	Otsuka, Julie	2003	F	Reading
Saint Michael's			Foer, Jonathon			First Year Seminar
College		Eating Animals	Safran	2010	M	Common Text
		SuperFreakonomics: Global				
		Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes,	Levitt, Steven D.			Finat Vacu Dagding
Salem State College		and Why Suicide Bombers Should Buy Life Insurance	and Stephen J. Dubner	2010		First Year Reading Experience
Salem State College		Should Buy Life Histianice		2010		Experience
			Thompson-			
		Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of	Cannino, Jennifer Ronald Cotton,			New Student
Salisbury University	$\triangle$	Injustice and Redemption	Erin Torneo	2009	М	Reader
Camera any Crimi Creaty	_	Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time,			1	. 100.00
Sam Houston State		and the Deadliest Hurricane in				Bearkats Read to
University		History	Larson, Erik	2000	Н	Succeed Program
San Jose State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Campus Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
Santa Barbara City		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	SBCC Reads
		This I Believe: The Personal	A 11:			
Shaphard University		Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women	Allison, Jay and Dan Gediman	2007	М	Common Reading
Shepherd University		Wen and Women	Dan Geuman	2007	IVI	One Book One
Sierra Nevada						Campus/Common
College	<b>♦</b>	Flight: A Novel	Alexie, Sherman	2007	F	Reading
Skidmore College		A Gate at the Stairs	Moore, Lorrie	2009	F	Summer Reading
Slippery Rock						
University of		The Perks of Being a	Chbosky,	4000	_	Summer Book
Pennsylvania		Wallflower	Stephen C	1999	F	Program
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
Smith College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
South Dakota State	₩	Outcasts United: A Refugee Team, An American Town	St John Warren	2009		Common Read
University	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	·	St. John, Warren	2009		Common Read
Southern Methodist		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Oklaat Dahaas	2010	Ь	Common Boading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
Southern New		Water for Elephants	Cruon Soro	2007	_	Common Book
Hampshire University		Water for Elephants	Gruen, Sara	2007	F	Program

Chakana Falla		Charles Caianna Taokkaa tha				
Spokane Falls Community College		Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife	Roach, Mary	2005		Common Reader
Community College		Little Princes: One Man's	Nuacii, iviaiy	2005		Common Reader
St. Bonaventure		Promise to Bring Home the				All Bonaventure
University		Lost Children of Nepal	Grennan, Conor	2011	М	Reads
Criterally		A Human Being Died That	Orchitati, Conor	2011	IVI	reads
		Night: A South African Woman	Gobodo-			
St. Mary's College of		Confronts the Legacy of	Madikizela,			
Maryland	☼	Apartheid	Pumla	2004	М	Summer Reading
State Fair Community		29 Gifts: How a Month of				One Book One
College		Giving Can Change Your Life	Walker, Cami	2009		Community
State University of			,			Freshman Summer
New York, Brockport		Emergence: Labeled Autistic	Grandin, Temple	1986	М	Reading Program
14cw Tork, Brockport		Bonobo Handshake: A Memoir	Orandin, rempie	1300	IVI	reading r rogram
State University of		of Love and Adventure in the				Oswego Reading
New York, Oswego	✡	Congo	Woods, Vanessa	2010	М	Initiative
Trem Ferri, Cerrege	711	Beyond Fundamentalism:	Trocac, ranceca	20.0		madavo
		Confronting Religious				
		Extremism in the Age of				
Sweet Briar College		Globalization	Aslan, Reza	2010		Common Reading
Texas Christian		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	, , ,			J
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
University		Lacks	Skiddl, Rebecca	2010	Ь	Common
Texas State		The United States Constitution:	Hennessy,	2008/		Experience
University	†	A Graphic Adaptation	Jonathan	1787		Summer Reading
Texas Tech	1	In Defense of Food: An Eater's	Julialilali	1707		Summer Reading
University		Manifesto	Pollan, Michael	2007		Program
Offiversity		The Victorian Internet: The	i Ollari, Micriael	2001		Trogram
		Remarkable Story of the				
The College of New		Telegraph and the Nineteenth				
Jersey		Century's On-line Pioneers	Standage, Tom	1998	Н	Summer Reading
The College of			Danticat,			Carrinor reading
Wooster		Brother, I'm Dying	Edwidge	2007	M	Summer Reading
		A Connecticut Yankee in King				J
The King's College		Arthur's Court	Twain, Mark	1889	F	Interregnum
		The Boy Who Harnessed the	Kamkwamba,			
		Wind: Creating Currents of	William and			
Thomas College	<b>\(\Delta\)</b>	Electricity and Hope	Bryan Mealer	2009	M	Common Read
Ĭ			Fowler, Karen			
Trinity University	$\mathfrak{H}$	Sarah Canary	Joy	1991	F	Reading TUgether
			Pausch, Randy &			One Book One
Triton College		The Last Lecture	Jeffrey Zaslow	2008	M	Triton
J			,			
Tufts University	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Reading
. and Ornvolony			_gg0.0, Davo	2000		2 3 minori reducing
Tolera Hall 1999		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Oldert Debere	0040	_	Deadles Declar
Tulane University		Lacks The Magning of Method Mr.	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Reading Project
Linivaraity at Duffala		The Meaning of Matthew: My				
University at Buffalo,		Son's Murder in Laramie, and	Chanard ludy	2000	N/	LID Doods
SUNY	-	a World Transformed	Shepard, Judy	2009	M	UB Reads
University of Akron		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	M	Common Reading
University of		TI. I B				
Alabama at		Thinking in Pictures: My Life		400-		D:
Birmingham		with Autism	Grandin, Temple	1995	M	Discussion Book

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University of Arizona,		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Oldert Debesse	0040	_	Common Reading
honors college		Lacks No Impact Man: The	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
University of		Makes About Himself and Our				One Book, One
Arkansas		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	Community
						Campus
University of		The Absolutely True Diary of a				Community Book
California, Davis	<b>♦</b>	Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	Project
University of						
California, Los		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	011 1 5 1	0040	_	TI 0 D I
Angeles		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	The Common Book
University of		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
California, Santa Barbara		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	UCSB Reads
Daibaia		This I Believe: The Personal	Skiddl, Kebecca	2010	В	OCOD Reads
		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and			
University of Dayton		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	М	First Year Read
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				First Year Common
University of Delaware		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Reader
Delaware		Outcasts United: A Refugee	Skiddl, Nebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
University of Florida	✡	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		Program
Chiverency of Frenda	~	The Big Burn: Teddy	Ot. Comi, Warren	2000		1 Togram
		Roosevelt and the Fire that				Common Read
University of Idaho		Saved America	Egan, Timothy	2009	Н	Program
		The Story of Stuff: How Our	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
		Obsession with Stuff is				
		Trashing the Planet, Our				
		Communities, and our				
University of Illinois,		Health—and a Vision for		0040		One Book, One
Urbana-Champaign		Change	Leonard, Annie	2010		Campus
University of		The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White				Common Dooding
University of Kentucky	Δ	Mother	McBride, James	1996	М	Common Reading Experience
University of		The Other Wes Moore: One	Wichide, James	1330	IVI	Lxperience
Louisville	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Book in Common
Logiovino		This I Believe: The Personal	10010, 1100	2010	101	Book in Common
University of		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and			ULM Summer
Lousiana-Monroe		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	М	Reading
University of Maine,		The Omnivore's Dilemma: A				
honors college		Natural History of Four Meals	Pollan, Michael	2006		The Honors Read
University of		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	,			First Year Book
Maryland		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
University of Missouri	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Mizzou Reads
Chivorony of Missouli	1	Field Notes from a	Lygoro, Dave	2000	-	IVIIZZOU I (OUU)
University of		Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and				First-Year Reading
Montana, Missoula		Climate Change	Kolbert, Elizabeth	2006	1	Experience
University of North		<u> </u>	Foer, Jonathon			Summer Reading
Carolina, Chapel Hill		Eating Animals	Safran	2010	М	Program
University of North		How Does It Feel to Be a	Bayoumi,		<u> </u>	Common Reading
Carolina, Charlotte		Problem? Being Young and	Moustafa	2009	1	Experience
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		Arab in America				
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University of North Carolina, Wilmington	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Reading Experience
University of Northern Florida	☼	Outcasts United: A Refugee Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		UNF Reads
University of Pittsburgh		Oryx and Crake	Atwood, Margaret	2004	F	Freshman Common Reader
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown		The Element: How Finding Your Passion Changes Everything	Robinson, Ken	2009		One Community, One Book
University of Rhode Island		No Impact Man: The Adventures of a Guilty Liberal Who Attempts to Save the Planet, and the Discoveries He Makes About Himself and Our Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	M	URI Common Reading
University of Richmond		Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide	Kristof, Nicholas D. and Sheryl WuDunn	2008		One Book, One Campus
University of South Carolina		No Impact Man: The Adventures of a Guilty Liberal Who Attempts to Save the Planet, and the Discoveries He Makes About Himself and Our Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	M	First-Year Reading Experience
University of South Carolina, Aiken		The Last Town on Earth: A Novel	Mullen, Thomas	2006	F	First Year Reading Experience
University of Tennessee, Knoxville		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Life of the Mind
University of Texas, Arlington		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	OneBook
University of Texas, San Antonio		Farewell, My Subaru: An Epic Adventure in Local Living	Fine, Doug	2009	М	Summer Common Reading Experience
University of Texas, Tyler		Life of Pi: A Novel	Martel, Yann	2001	F	Freshman Summer Reading Program
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia		Into the Wild	Krakauer, John	1997	В	One Book, One Campus
University of Toledo		Everything Matters!: A Novel	Currie, Ron Jr.	2009	F	First Read
University of Vermont		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading Program
University of Washington University of		The Meaning of It All: Thoughts of a Citizen-Scientist	Feynman, Richard	2005		UW Common Book
Wisconsin, Fond du Lac		The Things They Carried	O'Brien, Tim	1990	F	Common Read
University of Wisconsin, Madison	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Go Big Read
University of Wisconsin, Parkside	<b>*</b>	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	Ranger Read Program

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Utah State University	пк	Zeitoun The Good Life: Truths That	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Experience
Vanderbilt University		Last in Time of Need	Gomes, Peter J.	2003		Commons Reading
- variable and conversely			Gladwell.			One Book, One
Ventura College		Outliers: The Story of Success	Malcolm	2008		Campus
vontara conoge		Hotel on the Corner of Bitter	Widiooiiii	2000		Campao
Villanova University	$\mathfrak{R}$	and Sweet: A Novel	Ford, Jamie	2009	F	One Book Villanova
Virginia						
Commonwealth		The Other Wes Moore: One				Summer Reading
University	Δ	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	M	Program
Virginia Polytechnic		This I Believe II: More	Alliago lavand			
Institute and State University		Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women	Allison, Jay and Dan Gediman	2008	М	Common Book
University			Dan Geuinan	2006	IVI	COMMON BOOK
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Wagner College		Lacks Persepolis: The Story of a	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
Wartburg College	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Readings in Common
Washburn University		War Dances	Alexie, Sherman	2004	F	iRead
washburn University	•	Physics for Future Presidents:	Alexie, Sherman	2009	Г	IReau
Washington State		The Science Behind the	Muller, Richard			
University		Headlines	A.	2008		Common Reading
Washington		Treatmine.	7.0	2000		First Year Reading
University in St. Louis		The Cellist of Sarajevo	Galloway, Steven	2008	F	Program
		Where Am I Wearing: A Global	James Hay, Green			
		Tour to the Countries,				
West Texas A&M		Factories, and People that	Timmerman,			
University		Make Our Clothes	Kelsey	2008		Readership WT
NA		And Then There's This: How				E)/E 0
Western Illinois		Stories Live and Die in Viral Culture	Masik Dill	2009		FYE Common
University		A Hope in the Unseen: An	Wasik, Bill	2009		Reading
Western New		American Odyssey from the				Summer Reading
England College	$\triangle$	Inner City to the Ivy League	Suskind, Ron	1999	В	Assignment
9		Religious Literacy: What Every				
Western Washington		American Needs to KnowAnd	Prothero,			
University		Doesn't	Stephen	2007		Western Reads
Wheaton College		The Shallows: What the				Summer Reading
(Massachusetts)		Internet is Doing to Our Brains	Carr, Nicholas	2010		Assignment
		The Spirit Catches You and				
		You Fall Down: a Hmong				
		Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two				
Whitman College	*	Cultures	Fadiman, Anne	1997		Summer Reading
	00		i adiman, Anno	1991		
William Woods		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Ckloot Dahasas	2040	В	New Student
University Winona State		Lacks Packinghouse Daughter: A	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading Common Book
University		Memoir	Register, Cheri	2001	М	Project
OTHVOIGILY		Make the Impossible Possible:	regiotor, Offeri	2001	171	. 10,000
		One Man's Crusade to Inspire				
		Others to Dream Bigger and				Common Book
Winthrop University	Δ	Achieve the Extraordinary	Strickland, Bill	2007	М	Project
Wright State	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Text

University					
	A Pearl in the Storm: How I				
	Found My Heart in the Middle	McLure, Tori			Common Reading
Xavier University	of the Ocean	Murden	2009	M	Experience

# **Appendix D: By Institution Type**

College/University		Book	Author	Year	Туре	Program Name
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Public Institutions		The Absolutely True Diemy of a				Common Dooding
Adams State College	<b>*</b>	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	Common Reading Experience
Adams State College	<b>V</b>	Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe,	Alexie, Sheiman	2009	Г	Experience
		Superathletes, and the				
Appalachian State		Greatest Race the World Has	McDougall,			
University	<b>♦</b>	Never Seen	Christopher	2009	М	Summer Reading
- Cimi Ci Ciny	İ	The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an				
Austin Peay State		Unlikely Friendship, and the				
University		Redemptive Power of Music	Lopez, Steve	2008	В	The Peay Read
						Freshman
Ball State University		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	M	Common Reader
		Plan B 4.0: Mobilizing to Save	Brown, Lester			
Barry University		Civilization	Russell	2009		Common Reader
5		Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon		_	
Baruch College		Close	Safran	2005	F	Freshman Text
Boise State	_	The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Oldert Debesse	0040		0
University	Δ	Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Campus Read
		No Impact Man: The Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
Bowling Green State		Makes About Himself and Our				Common Reading
University		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	Experience
		.,	Danticat,			
Brooklyn College		Brother, I'm Dying	Edwidge	2007	M	Common Reading
California State						
University, Chico	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Book in Common
California State						
University, Northridge		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	M	Common Reading
California State						
University,		The Grace of Silence: A		0040	1.4	
Sacramento		Memoir	Norris, Michele	2010	M	One Book
						Freshman
Clemson University		Saints at the River	Dach Dan	2005	F	Summer Reading
Cleveland State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Rash, Ron	2003	<u> </u>	Program Common Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Experience
Coastal Carolina		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Children, Hobberta	20.0		ZAPONONO
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Big Read
College of Charleston	Δ	The Known World	Jones, Edward P.	2003	F	College Reads
2.9.2.2.2.2.2.0.1		A Mighty Long Way: My				
Colorado Mountain		Journey to Justice at Little	Walls LaNier,			
College	$\triangle$	Rock Central High School	Carlotta	2009	М	Common Reader
			Thompson-			
			Cannino, Jennifer			
East Carolina		Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of	Ronald Cotton,	0000	1	
University	$\triangle$	Injustice and Redemption	Erin Torneo	2009	M	Pirate Read

	1	Half the Sky: Turning	Kristof, Nicholas			
Eastern Illinois		Oppression into Opportunity	D. and Sheryl			
University		for Women Worldwide	WuDunn	2008		Eastern Reads
Eastern Kentucky		The Curious Incident of the	VVaDami	2000		Lasterriteads
University		Dog in the Night-Time	Haddon, Mark	2003	F	EKU Reads
Fairmont State		Year of Wonders: A Novel of	Brooks,	2000	<u> </u>	Common Book
University		the Plague	Geraldine	2001	F	Project
Florida Gulf Coast		the Flague	Geraidine	2001	1	First Year
University	<b>\(\phi\)</b>	Life Safari	Strologica John	2007	F	
Florida International	X	Life Salaii	Strelecky, John Gonzales,	2007	Г	Reading Project FIU Common
	*	The Red Umbrella	Christina	2010	F	
University Florida State	<u> </u>	The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Chilistina	2010	Г	Reading One Book One
			Cklast Dahassa	2040	n	
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Campus
	<b>*</b>	Outcasts United: A Refugee	0	0000		Common Reading
Fort Lewis College	☼	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		Experience
Framingham State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	011 1 5 1	0010		
College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
		I Have a Dream: Writings and				
Georgia Institute of		Speeches That Changed the	King, Jr., Martin			Freshman
Technology		World	Luther	1992		Reading Project
Georgia State		Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon			First-Year Book
University		Close	Safran	2005	F	Program
		The Warmth of Other Suns:				
Grand Valley State		The Epic Story of America's				Community
University	$\triangle$	Great Migration	Wilkerson, Isabel	1995	В	Reading Project
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
Hamilton College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
Henderson State		A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of				Common Book
University	☆	a Boy Soldier	Beah, Ishmael	2007	M	Program
Humboldt State						
University		The Help	Stockett, Kathryn	2011	F	Book of the Year
Indiana State		·	, ,			
University		The Freedom Writers Diary	Gruwell, Erin	1999	М	Fall Read
,	1	How to Change the World:	,			
Indiana University Pure	due	Social Entrepreneurs and the				
University of Indianapo		Power of New Ideas	Bornstein, David	2007		Common Theme
Indiana University,	1	. one. o. rem ideae	200.0, 20			One Book One
South Bend		The Post-American World	Zakaria, Fareed	2008		Campus
Indiana University,		A Country for All: An Immigrant				Common
Southeast		Manifesto	Ramos, Jorge	2010		Experience
Indiana University,		The Working Poor: Invisible in	rtainos, sorgo	2010		Common
Southeast		America	Shipler, David K.	2004	1	Experience
James Madison		America	Onipier, David N.	2004		Lybellelloc
University		Ways of Knowing	Article Collection			Preface
Offiversity		Greasy Rider: Two Dudes,	Article Collection			Fielace
		One Fry-Oil-Powered Car, and				
Johnson State						Common Booding
Johnson State		a Cross-Country Search for a	Mobillo Cros	2000	N.4	Common Reading
College State		Greener Future	Melville, Greg	2008	M	Initiative
Kansas State		Zaikayya	Famoro Davia	2000	D	K-State Book
University	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Network
Kennesaw State	<b>*</b> *	Outcasts United: A Refugee	00 121 344	0000		0
University	☼	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		Common Reader
		This I Believe: The Personal	Allison, Jay and	000=	1	
Kent State University		Philosophies of Remarkable	Dan Gediman	2007	M	Summer Reading

		Men and Women				
			Davis, Sampson,			
			George Jenkins,			
		The Pact: Three Young Men	Rameck Hunt,			
Lincoln Hairraraitre	_	Make a Promise and Fulfill a	and Lisa Frazier	2002	N 4	Common Read
Lincoln University	Δ	Dream This I Believe II: More	Page	2003	M	Program First Year
		Personal Philosophies of	Allison, Jay and			Reading
Longwood University		Remarkable Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2008	М	Experience
Longwood Chivolony		This I Believe II: More	Dan Godinan	2000	1	ZXPONONOO
Louisiana Tech		Personal Philosophies of	Allison, Jay and			Common Read
University		Remarkable Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2008	M	Program
		The Boy Who Harnessed the	Kamkwamba,			
		Wind: Creating Currents of	William and			Summer Reading
Miami University	☼	Electricity and Hope	Bryan Mealer	2009	M	Program
Michigan State		Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close	Foer, Jonathon Safran	2005	_	One Book One
University Michigan		Ciuse	Saliali	2005	F	Community
Technological						
University		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	М	Summer Reading
	1	Listening is an Act of Love: A	,			
Middle Tennessee		Celebration of American Life				Community
State University		from the StoryCorps Project	Isay, Dave	2007	M	Reading Program
			Delaney, Sarah			
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Midlands Technical		Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years	Delaney, and	4007	N.4	MTC Doods
College		Sisters First 100 Years	Amy Hill Hearth	1997	M	MTC Reads One Book, One
Millersville University	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Campus
Mississippi State						
University		The Optimist's Daughter	Welty, Eudora	1972	F	Maroon Edition
Missouri State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reader
Montana State		Between a Rock and a Hard	5			
University		Place State of a	Ralston, Aron	2005	M	Summer Reading
Murray State University	† <b>□</b>	Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	MSU Reading Experience
New College of		The Other Wes Moore: One	Satiapi, ivialjane	2004	IVI	Common
Florida	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Summer Book
North Carolina State	†	The Immortal Life of Henrietta	1110010, 1100	20.0	1	Common Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Initiative
		No Impact Man: The				
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
Northorn Arizana		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
Northern Arizona University		Makes About Himself and Our Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	NAUReads
Northern Kentucky		way or the in the Flocess	Deavail, Collii	2008	IVI	INTOINEAUS
University	†	Kabuki: The Alchemy	Mack, David	2004	F	Book Connection
North Georgia	<u> </u>	A Hope in the Unseen: An	, <u> </u>	<u> </u>		
College and State		American Odyssey from the				Common Reading
University	Δ	Inner City to the Ivy League	Suskind, Ron	1999	В	Program
		Outcasts United: A Refugee				Buckeye Book
Ohio State University	☼	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		Community

						Common
		6 books + Common				Experience
Ohio University		Experience Reader				Project
		Choosing Civility - The Twenty-				
Pennsylvania State		Five Rules of Considerate				Common Reading
University, Berks		Conduct	Forni, P.M.	2003		Program
Pennsylvania State		A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of	- ,			Summer Reading
University, Harrisburg	<b>\rightarrow</b>	a Boy Soldier	Beah, Ishmael	2007	М	Program
Pennsylvania State			,			J
University, New			Wiszowaty,			Summer Reading
Kensington	☆	My Maasai Life	Robin	2009	М	Program
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Common Reading
Purdue University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
		Lies My Teacher Told Me:				
		Everything Your American	Loewen, James			
Ramapo College		History Textbook Got Wrong	W.	2007		Summer Reading
		Six Questions of Socrates: A				
		Modern-Day Journey of				
Rutgers (School of		Discovery through World	Phillips,			
Arts and Sciences)		Philosophy	Christopher	2004		Summer Reading
		SuperFreakonomics: Global				=:
		Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes,	Levitt, Steven D.			First Year
0-1 0(-(- 0-11		and Why Suicide Bombers	and Stephen J.	0040		Reading
Salem State College		Should Buy Life Insurance	Dubner	2010		Experience
Sam Houston State		Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in				Bearkats Read to
University		History	Larson, Erik	2000	Н	Succeed Program
San Jose State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Laison, Enk	2000	11	Campus Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
Offiveroity		This I Believe: The Personal	Chicot, rescool	2010		1 Togram
		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and			
Shepherd University		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	М	Common Reading
South Dakota State		Outcasts United: A Refugee				J J
University	<b>\</b>	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		Common Read
•						Freshman
State University of						Summer Reading
New York, Brockport		Emergence: Labeled Autistic	Grandin, Temple	1986	М	Program
		Bonobo Handshake: A Memoir				
State University of	٠	of Love and Adventure in the				Oswego Reading
New York, Oswego	☼	Congo	Woods, Vanessa	2010	M	Initiative
T 0		TI 11 '' 10' ' 0 '' ''				Common
Texas State	†	The United States Constitution:	Hennessy,	2000/470	7	Experience
University Texas Tech	1	A Graphic Adaptation In Defense of Food: An Eater's	Jonathan	2008/178	) / 	Summer Reading Summer Reading
University		Manifesto	Pollan, Michael	2007		Program
University		The Victorian Internet: The	Fullatt, Milchael	2007		Fiografii
		Remarkable Story of the				
The College of New		Telegraph and the Nineteenth				
Jersey		Century's On-line Pioneers	Standage, Tom	1998	Н	Summer Reading
<b>j</b>		The Meaning of Matthew: My			1	Januari 1. Todani 19
University at Buffalo,		Son's Murder in Laramie, and				
SUNY		a World Transformed	Shepard, Judy	2009	M	UB Reads
University of Akron		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	М	Common Reading
	1	Glado Gadao. / Tividifidii	a.s, coarmono	_000		- common reading
University of		Thinking in Pictures: My Life	Grandin, Temple	1995	М	Discussion Book

Alabama at		with Autism				
Birmingham						
University of Arizona, honors college		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading Program
University of		No Impact Man: The Adventures of a Guilty Liberal Who Attempts to Save the Planet, and the Discoveries He Makes About Himself and Our	Sittoot, Hosecoa	2010		One Book, One
Arkansas		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	Community
University of California, Davis	•	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	Campus Community Book Project
University of California, Los Angeles		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	The Common Book
University of California, Santa		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
Barbara		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	UCSB Reads
University of Delaware		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	First Year Common Reader
University of Florida	☼	Outcasts United: A Refugee Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		Common Reading Program
University of Idaho		The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America	Egan, Timothy	2009	Н	Common Read Program
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign		The Story of Stuff: How Our Obsession with Stuff is Trashing the Planet, Our Communities, and our Health—and a Vision for Change	Leonard, Annie	2010		One Book, One Campus
University of Kentucky	Δ	The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother	McBride, James	1996	М	Common Reading Experience
University of Louisville	Δ	The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Book in Common
University of Lousiana-Monroe		This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women	Allison, Jay and Dan Gediman	2007	M	ULM Summer Reading
University of Maine, honors college		The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals	Pollan, Michael	2006		The Honors Read
University of		The Immortal Life of Henrietta			_	First Year Book
Maryland University of Missouri	HK	Lacks Zeitoun	Skloot, Rebecca Eggers, Dave	2010	B B	Program Mizzou Reads
University of Missouri	TIIN	Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	First-Year Reading
Montana, Missoula		Climate Change	Kolbert, Elizabeth	2006		Experience
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill		Eating Animals	Foer, Jonathon Safran	2010	М	Summer Reading Program
University of North Carolina, Charlotte		How Does It Feel to Be a Problem? Being Young and Arab in America	Bayoumi, Moustafa	2009		Common Reading Experience
University of North	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Reading

Carolina, Wilmington						Experience
University of Northern		Outcasts United: A Refugee				1
Florida	✡	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		UNF Reads
University of	/T\	ream, rurrumentam retim	Cu comi, vranon	2000		Freshman
Pittsburgh		Oryx and Crake	Atwood, Margaret	2004	F	Common Reader
University of		The Element: How Finding	Atwood, Margaret	2004	1	Common Reader
						One Community
Pittsburgh at		Your Passion Changes	Dahinaan Kan	2000		One Community,
Johnstown		Everything	Robinson, Ken	2009		One Book
		No Impact Man: The				
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
University of Rhode		Makes About Himself and Our				URI Common
Island		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	M	Reading
		Half the Sky: Turning	Kristof, Nicholas			
University of		Oppression into Opportunity	D. and Sheryl			One Book, One
Richmond		for Women Worldwide	WuDunn	2008		Campus
		No Impact Man: The				
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				First-Year
University of South		Makes About Himself and Our				Reading
Carolina		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	Experience
Caronia		vvay or End in the Fredede	Boavan, Com	2000	101	First Year
University of South		The Last Town on Earth: A				Reading
Carolina, Aiken		Novel	Mullen, Thomas	2006	F	Experience
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	iviulien, momas	2000	Г	Expendice
University of Tennessee, Knoxville		Lacks	Ckloot Dobooco	2010	В	Life of the Mind
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	Ь	Life of the Millio
University of Texas,			Oklast Dahassa	2040		OneDeels
Arlington		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	OneBook
						Summer
University of Texas,		Farewell, My Subaru: An Epic	<u></u> -			Common Reading
San Antonio		Adventure in Local Living	Fine, Doug	2009	M	Experience
						Freshman
University of Texas,						Summer Reading
Tyler		Life of Pi: A Novel	Martel, Yann	2001	F	Program
University of Toledo		Everything Matters!: A Novel	Currie, Ron Jr.	2009	F	First Read
•		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	·			Summer Reading
University of Vermont		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
University of		The Meaning of It All:	Feynman,		1	UW Common
Washington		Thoughts of a Citizen-Scientist	Richard	2005	1	Book
University of			:		†	=
Wisconsin, Fond du					1	
Lac		The Things They Carried	O'Brien, Tim	1990	F	Common Read
University of		The Things They Camed	O Dileii, Tilli	1990	+ -	Common Neau
Wisconsin, Madison	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Go Big Bood
	<u> </u>		inazaiiu, Suilla	2006	D	Go Big Read
University of		The Absolutely True Diary of a	Alassia Obsesses	0000	_	Ranger Read
Wisconsin, Parkside	<b>♦</b>	Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	Program
						Common
				0000		Literature
Utah State University	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Experience
Virginia						
Commonwealth	1.	The Other Wes Moore: One				Summer Reading
University	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	M	Program

		This I Believe II: More				
Virginia Polytechnic In	stitute	Personal Philosophies of	Allison, Jay and			
and State University		Remarkable Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2008	М	Common Book
Washburn University	<b>♦</b>	War Dances	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	iRead
•		Physics for Future Presidents:				
Washington State		The Science Behind the	Muller, Richard			
University		Headlines	A.	2008		Common Reading
		Where Am I Wearing: A Global				
M . T A O M A		Tour to the Countries,	<b> </b>			
West Texas A&M		Factories, and People that	Timmerman,	0000		Deceleration WT
University		Make Our Clothes	Kelsey	2008	+	Readership WT
Western Illinois		And Then There's This: How Stories Live and Die in Viral				FYE Common
University		Culture	Wasik, Bill	2009		Reading
Offiversity		Religious Literacy: What Every	Wasik, Dili	2009		Reading
Western Washington		American Needs to KnowAnd	Prothero,			
University		Doesn't	Stephen	2007		Western Reads
Winona State		Packinghouse Daughter: A	Otophon	2007	+	Common Book
University		Memoir	Register, Cheri	2001	М	Project
		Make the Impossible Possible:	giordi, circii			
		One Man's Crusade to Inspire				
		Others to Dream Bigger and				Common Book
Winthrop University	$\triangle$	Achieve the Extraordinary	Strickland, Bill	2007	М	Project
Wright State						
University	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Text
Community						
Colleges						
		Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon			
Amarillo College		Close	Safran	2005	F	Common Reader
		No Impact Man: The				
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
Atlantic Cape		Makes About Himself and Our				College-Wide
Community College		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	Book Project
Bellevue College	•	On the Rez	Frazier, Ian	2001		BCC Reads
Delievae College	+	The Botany of Desire: A	T Tazier, Tarr	2001		One Book One
Chaffey College		Plant's-Eye View of the World	Pollan, Michael	2001		College
Chandler-Gilbert		Ending Slavery: How We Free				
Community College		Today's Slaves	Bales, Kevin	2007		Common Books
Chandler-Gilbert			,			
Community College	*	Woman Hollering Creek	Cisneros, Sandra	1991		Common Books
Chandler-Gilbert						
Community College	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Common Books
Chandler-Gilbert	1		Silko, Leslie			
Community College	•	Ceremony	Marmon	1977	F	Common Books
0		The Absolutely True Diary of a		0000		One Maryland,
Chesapeake College	•	Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	One Book
College of the		The Help	Ctookett Kathani	2044	_	Dook of the Vee
Redwoods		The Help	Stockett, Kathryn	2011	F	Book of the Year
		Soft Spots: A Marine's Memoir of Combat and Post-Traumatic				
Collin College		Stress Disorder	Van Winkle, Clint	2009	М	Book in Common
Commit Conlege	1	Olicos Districti	van vinke, Cilil	2003	IVI	POOK III COIIIIIIOII

Community College	1	The Immediate		1		Community Dools
Community College		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Oldoot Doboooo	2040		Community Book
of Baltimore County		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Connection
Cuanto Collogo		Farm City: The Education of an Urban Farmer	Carpenter, Novella	2010	М	Book of the Year
Cuesta College		Life is So Good: One Man's	Novella	2010	IVI	DOOK OF THE TEAT
		Extraordinary Journey through	Dawson, George			
		the 20th Century and How He	and Richard			Common Book
Eastfield College	Δ	Learned to Read at Age 98	Glaubman	2000	М	Project
Kingsborough		Learned to Read at Age 98	Giaubiliali	2000	IVI	Fioject
Community College		Let the Great World Spin	McCann, Colum	2009	F	KCC Reads
Laguardia		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Wicoarii, Coluiii	2003	<u> </u>	100 reads
Community College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
Massbay Community		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Chicot, Hobocca	20.0		Common reading
College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	OneBook
Metropolitan			<u> </u>		1	Common Reading
Community College		Brave New World	Huxley, Aldous	1932	F	Project
Montcalm Community		Look Me in the Eye: My Life	Robison, John			One Book One
College		with Asperger's	Elder	2007	М	Community
Moraine Valley		Between Two Worlds: My Life				One Book One
Community College		and Captivity in Iran	Saberi, Roxana	2010	M	College
Mountain View		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	·			Common Book
College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Project
Owensboro Commun	nity	September 11, 2001: American				
and Technical Colleg	je	Writers Respond	Heyen, William	2002		Common Reading
Parkland College	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Parkland Reads
						First-Year
Saint Louis University	$\mathbb{H}$	When the Emperor Was Divine	Otsuka, Julie	2003	F	Summer Reading
			Thompson-			
			Cannino, Jennifer			
		Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of	Ronald Cotton,			New Student
Salisbury University	Δ	Injustice and Redemption	Erin Torneo	2009	M	Reader
Santa Barbara City		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	SBCC Reads
Spokane Falls		Spook: Science Tackles the	Decelo Man	0005		0
Community College		Afterlife	Roach, Mary	2005		Common Reader
State Fair Community		29 Gifts: How a Month of	Maller Comi	2009		One Book One
College		Giving Can Change Your Life	Walker, Cami	2009		Community
Triton College		The Last Lecture	Pausch, Randy & Jeffrey Zaslow	2008	М	One Book One Triton
Thtorr College		The Last Lecture	Gladwell,	2000	IVI	One Book, One
Ventura College		Outliers: The Story of Success	Malcolm	2008		Campus
- ontara conogo		Persepolis: The Story of a	Maiooiiii	2000	1	Readings in
Wartburg College	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Common
			zamapi, marjano		1	
Private Institutions						
(Non-Sectarian)						
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				First Year
Adelphi University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Reading
Agnes Scott College		How to Breathe Underwater	Orringer, Julie	2003	F	Common Reading
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	-			Common Reading
Albion College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Experience
American University		The Good Soldiers	Finkel, David	2009		Writer as Witness
		The Other Wes Moore: One				Summer Reading
Berry College	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	M	Program

		Fun Home: A Family				New Student
Brandeis University	†	Tragicomic	Bechdel, Alison	2007	М	Forum
		Factory Girls: From Village to	200, 7		1	
Brown University	$\mathfrak{H}$	City in a Changing China	Chang, Leslie	2009		First Readings
,		Farm City: The Education of an	Carpenter,			Welcome Week
Butler University		Urban Farmer	Novella	2010	M	Book
Case Western		Justice: What's the Right Thing				Common Reading
Reserve University		to Do?	Sandel, Michael	2009		Program
Catawba College	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Reading
		This I Believe: The Personal				
		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and			
Cedar Crest College		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	M	Shared Reading
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Reading in
Central College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common
						One Book One
		Farm City: The Education of an	Carpenter,			Campus One
Cornell College		Urban Farmer	Novella	2010	M	Community
			5 . 5.		_	New Student
Cornell University	1	Homer and Langley	Doctorow, E.L.	2009	F	Reading Project
		The Travels of a T-Shirt in the				
		Global Economy: An				
		Economist Examines the				<b>5</b> '221
5 ( ( 0 )		Markets, Power, and Politics of	D: 1: D: 4	0000		First-Year
Dartmouth College		World Trade	Rivoli, Pietra	2009		Summer Reading
De Maria Oellana		In the Sanctuary of Outcasts: A	AA/Is 'Car Alla 'I	0000		New Student
Davidson College		Memoir	White, Neil	2009	M	Orientation Book
Duka University		Fating Animala	Foer, Jonathon Safran	2010	М	Cummor Dooding
Duke University		Eating Animals Creating a World Without	Salian	2010	IVI	Summer Reading
		Poverty: Social Business and	Yunus,			
Elon University		the Future of Capitalism	Muhammad	1999		Common Booding
Florida Southern		World War Z: An Oral History	iviuriaminau	1999		Common Reading
College		of the Zombie War	Brooks, Max	2006	F	Common Reading
Franklin W. Olin		Midnight Ride, Industrial Dawn:	Diooks, Wax	2000	<u>'</u>	Common reading
College of		Paul Revere and the Growth of				
Engineering		American Enterprise	Martello, Robert	2010	В	Summer Reading
Linginiooning		7 interiouri Enterprice	Martono, Modert	2010		First Chapter: The
George Washington		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Freshman
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Reading Program
- Crim Grondy		The Other Wes Moore: One	Chicot, Hobocca	20.0		Trodding Frogram
Goucher College	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Summer Reading
		The Wolf at Twilight: An Indian	<b>,</b>			3
Gustavus Adolphus		Elder's Journey through a				Reading in
College	<b>♦</b>	Land of Ghosts	Nerburn, Kent	2010	М	Common
		Persepolis: The Story of a	·			
Hamline University	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	M	Summer Reading
		Alone Together: Why We				
		Expect More from Technology				Common Reading
Hampshire College		and Less from Each Other	Turkle, Sherry	2011		for New Students
			Howes, Craig			
			and Jonathan			
			Kay			
Hawaii Pacific		The Value of Hawaii: Knowing	Kamakawiwoole			HPU Reads:
University		the Past, Shaping the Future	Osorio	2010	Н	Common Book

		Persepolis: The Story of a			1	
Hiram College	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Common Reading
Illinois Wesleyan		Criticaliood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	IVI	Summer Reading
University		Interpreter of Maladies	Lahiri, Jhumpa	1999	F	Program
Offivoroity		miorprotor or maidales	Lanin, onampa	1000	•	First Year
Ithaca College		Ransom	Malouf, David	2009	F	Reading Initiative
Jacksonville			,		-	Common Reading
University	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Program
,			,			Summer
Kalamazoo College		The Good Soldiers	Finkel, David	2010		Common Reading
<u> </u>			·			First Year
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Enlightenment
Lafayette College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Summer Reading
Lehigh University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
		Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old				
Lindsey Wilson		Man, A Young Man, and Life's				
College		Greatest Lesson	Albom, Mitch	1997	M	Common Text
				2010		
				(trans.		
		Hector and the Search for		into		Summer
Linfield College		Happiness	Lelord, François	English)	F	Common Reading
		The Legend of Colton H.				
Marietta College		Bryant	Fuller, Alexandra	2009	В	Common Reading
	l	Persepolis: The Story of a				Summer Reading
Mars Hill College	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Program
	١.				_	Summer Reading
Meredith College	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Program
		Scratch Beginnings: Me, \$25,				
Marthaultat Laterautt		and the Search for the	Observation Advance	0007		Freshman
Methodist University		American Dream	Shepard, Adam	2007	М	Reading Program
Marriet Habrielia		Half the Sky: Turning	Kristof, Nicholas			
Mount Holyoke		Oppression into Opportunity	D. and Sheryl	0000		Common Donalina
College		for Women Worldwide	WuDunn	2008		Common Reading
Northwestern University		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Ckloot Dobooco	2010	ь	One Book One
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca Smith, Anna	2010	В	Northwestern First-Year
Occidental College		Twilight: Los Angles, 1002	,	1994	Р	
Oklahoma City		Twilight: Los Angles, 1992 Outcasts United: A Refugee	Deavere	1994	Г	Reading
University	₩	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		OCUReads
Offiversity	~	ream, An American Town	Ot. John, Wanen	2003		Common Book
Otterbein College	HK	City of Refuge	Piazza, Tom	2009	F	Program
Pace University	☆	Little Bee: A Novel	Cleave, Chris	2008	F	Common Reading
race Offiversity	\\ \( \tau_{\tau} \)	Journey From the Land of No:	Cleave, Cillis	2000	1	Common Reading
		A Girlhood Caught in				Common
Peace College	†	Revolutionary Iran	Hakakian, Roya	2004	М	Summer Reading
Philadelphia	<del>                                     </del>	The Immortal Life of Henrietta	i anamari, regu	2007		Summer Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
2		The Honor Code: How Moral	Appiah, Kwame		_	Common Reading
Rice University		Revolutions Happen	Anthony	2010		Program
	1					One Book One
Sierra Nevada						Campus/Common
College	<b>♦</b>	Flight: A Novel	Alexie, Sherman	2007	F	Reading
Skidmore College	† •	A Gate at the Stairs	Moore, Lorrie	2009	F	Summer Reading
Chiamore Conege	1	71 July at the olding	.viccio, Loillo		<u>'                                     </u>	- Sammor Reading

Slippery Rock				I		
University of		The Perks of Roing a	Chbosky,			Summer Book
Pennsylvania		The Perks of Being a Wallflower	Stephen C	1999	F	
Perinsylvania		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Stephen C	1999	Г	Program
Smith College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
Southern Methodist		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Skiddi, ikebecca	2010	Ь	Summer Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
Southern New		Lacks	Skiddl, Kebecca	2010	Ь	Common Book
Hampshire University		Water for Elephants	Gruen, Sara	2007	F	Program
Trampshire University		A Human Being Died That	Grueri, Sara	2007	Г	Flogram
		Night: A South African Woman	Gobodo-			
St. Mary's College of		Confronts the Legacy of	Madikizela,			
Maryland	₩	Apartheid	Pumla	2004	М	Summer Reading
iviai yiai id	~~	Beyond Fundamentalism:	i uiiia	2004	IVI	Outline Reading
		Confronting Religious				
		Extremism in the Age of				
Sweet Briar College		Globalization	Aslan, Reza	2010		Common Reading
Texas Christian		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Asian, Noza	2010		Common reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
The College of		Edoko	Danticat,	2010		Common reading
Wooster		Brother, I'm Dying	Edwidge	2007	М	Summer Reading
77000101		The Boy Who Harnessed the	Kamkwamba,	2001	101	Carrinor recauring
		Wind: Creating Currents of	William and			
Thomas College	<b>\(\Delta\)</b>	Electricity and Hope	Bryan Mealer	2009	М	Common Read
Themas conego	7	Licotriotty and Piopo	Fowler, Karen	2000	101	Reading
Trinity University	æ	Sarah Canary	Joy	1991	F	TUgether
Tufts University	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Reading
Tutto Offiversity	1111	The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Lggoro, Davo	2000		Common reading
Tulane University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Reading Project
University of the		Edoko	Onioot, Nobella	2010		rtodding i rojeot
Sciences in						One Book, One
Philadelphia		Into the Wild	Krakauer, John	1997	В	Campus
		The Good Life: Truths That	Thanada, Com			Commons
Vanderbilt University		Last in Time of Need	Gomes, Peter J.	2003		Reading
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				l
Wagner College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
Washington			<u> </u>		-	First Year
University in St. Louis		The Cellist of Sarajevo	Galloway, Steven	2008	F	Reading Program
		A Hope in the Unseen: An				3 23 2
Western New		American Odyssey from the				Summer Reading
England College	$\triangle$	Inner City to the Ivy League	Suskind, Ron	1999	В	Assignment
Wheaton College		The Shallows: What the	,			Summer Reading
(Massachusetts)		Internet is Doing to Our Brains	Carr, Nicholas	2010		Assignment
		The Spirit Catches You and				
		You Fall Down: a Hmong				
		Child, Her American Doctors,				
		and the Collision of Two				
Whitman College	$\mathfrak{H}$	Cultures	Fadiman, Anne	1997		Summer Reading
William Woods		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				New Student
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
Private Institutions						
(Sectarian)						
Abilene Christian		Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of	Dumas, Firoozeh	2003	М	Freshman
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University		Growing Up Iranian in America				Common Reading
		This I Believe II: More Personal Philosophies of	Allison, Jay and			Common Reading
Aquinas College		Remarkable Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2008	M	Experience
						Civic
DI (((a. 11a))(	**	Other and the Miller Describe	Killer Tees	0000		Engagement:
Bluffton University	☼	Strength in What Remains	Kidder, Tracy	2009	В	Summer Reading
Carroll College		Lattha Creat Morld Crin	MaCana Calum	2000	-	Alpha Seminar
(Montana)		Let the Great World Spin	McCann, Colum	2009	F	Summer Reading Summer Book
Concordia College		Zoli	McCann, Colum	2000	F	Read
Concordia College	+	ZOII	WicCariri, Colum	2000	<u>'</u>	One Book One
DePaul University		Neverwhere	Gaiman, Neil	1996	F	Chicago
Edgewood College	†	The Complete Maus	Spiegelman, Art	1987	<u>'</u>	Common Reading
Emmanuel College	+!	The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Spiegeiman, Art	1901		Common Reading
(Massachusetts)		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
(Maddadiraddila)		Edoko	Chioot, Hobocod	2010		First-Year
Georgetown						Academic
University	<b>\(\Delta\)</b>	How to Read the Air	Mengestu, Dinaw	2010	F	Workshop
- Common only	†	Unbroken: A World War II	geeta, =			
		Story of Survival, Resilience,	Hillenbrand,			
Grace College		and Redemption	Laura	2010	В	Summer Reading
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Common Reading
Le Moyne College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
		Acts of Faith: The Story of an				
		American Muslim, in the				
		Struggle for the Soul of a				
Loras College		Generation	Patel, Eboo	2010	M	Common Reading
Manian Hairranait.	_	The Other Wes Moore: One	Massa 10/22	0040		O D
Marian University	Δ	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	M	Common Read
Marguetta I Iniversity	_	The Other Wes Moore: One	Maara Waa	2010	N.4	First Year
Marquette University	Δ	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	M	Reading Project First Year
Saint Michael's			Foer, Jonathon			Seminar Common
College		Eating Animals	Safran	2010	М	Text
College	+	Little Princes: One Man's	Canan	2010	101	TOAL
St. Bonaventure		Promise to Bring Home the				All Bonaventure
University		Lost Children of Nepal	Grennan, Conor	2011	М	Reads
	+	A Connecticut Yankee in King	,	_		
The King's College		Arthur's Court	Twain, Mark	1889	F	Interregnum
		This I Believe: The Personal				
		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and			
University of Dayton		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	M	First Year Read
		Hotel on the Corner of Bitter				One Book
Villanova University	¥	and Sweet: A Novel	Ford, Jamie	2009	F	Villanova
		A Pearl in the Storm: How I	<b> </b>			
		Found My Heart in the Middle	McLure, Tori		١.,	Common Reading
Xavier University	+	of the Ocean	Murden	2009	M	Experience
111 ( 1 11 51 1						
Historically Black						
Institutions	1	The Doct Three Vous Men	Dovio Common			
		The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a	Davis, Sampson, George Jenkins,			Common Read
Lincoln University	Δ	Dream	Rameck Hunt,	2003	М	Program
Lincoln Only erally	<u> </u>	Dicalii	rameor num,	2003	IVI	i iogiaiii

			and Lisa Frazier Page			
Women's Colleges						
Mount Holyoke College		Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide	Kristof, Nicholas D. and Sheryl WuDunn	2008		Common Reading
Peace College	†	Journey From the Land of No: A Girlhood Caught in Revolutionary Iran	Hakakian, Roya	2004	M	Common Summer Reading
Smith College		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
Sweet Briar College		Beyond Fundamentalism: Confronting Religious Extremism in the Age of Globalization	Aslan, Reza	2010		Common Reading
Cedar Crest College		This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women	Allison, Jay and Dan Gediman	2007	М	Shared Reading

# Appendix E: Nationally Ranked Institutions (Listed by U.S. News & World Report)

College/University		Book	Author	Year	Туре	Program Name
National Universities						
American University		The Good Soldiers	Finkel, David	2009		Writer as Witness
Brandeis University	<b>†</b>	Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic	Bechdel, Alison	2007	М	New Student Forum
Brown University	¥	Factory Girls: From Village to City in a Changing China	Chang, Leslie	2009		First Readings
Case Western Reserve University		Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?	Sandel, Michael	2009		Common Reading Program
Clemson University		Saints at the River	Rash, Ron	2005	F	Freshman Summer Reading Program
Cornell University		Homer and Langley	Doctorow, E.L.	2009	F	New Student Reading Project
		The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy: An Economist Examines the Markets, Power, and Politics of				First-Year
Dartmouth College		World Trade	Rivoli, Pietra	2009		Summer Reading
Duko University		Esting Animals	Foer, Jonathon Safran	2010	M	Summer Reading
Duke University  Georgetown University	☼	Eating Animals  How to Read the Air	Mengestu, Dinaw	2010	F	First-Year Academic Workshop
George Washington University		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	First Chapter: The Freshman Reading Program
Georgia Institute of Technology		I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches That Changed the World	King, Jr., Martin Luther	1992		Freshman Reading Project
Lehigh University		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading Program
Marquette University	Δ	The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	First Year Reading Project
Michigan State		Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon			One Book One
University		Close	Safran	2005	F	Community
Northwestern		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Cklast Dahassa	2010	В	One Book One
University		Lacks Outcasts United: A Refugee	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Northwestern Buckeye Book
Ohio State University	₩	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		Community
Pace University	<b>\(\Delta\)</b>	Little Bee: A Novel	Cleave, Chris	2008	F	Common Reading
Purdue University		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading Program
,		The Honor Code: How Moral	Appiah, Kwame	-		Common Reading
Rice University	<u> </u>	Revolutions Happen	Anthony	2010		Program
Rutgers (School of Arts and Sciences)		Six Questions of Socrates: A Modern-Day Journey of	Phillips, Christopher	2004		Summer Reading

		Discovery through World				
		Philosophy				
Coint Louis University	¥	When the Emperer Wee Divine	Otauka kulia	2002	F	First-Year
Saint Louis University Southern Methodist	- Ф	When the Emperor Was Divine The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Otsuka, Julie	2003	Г	Summer Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
Texas Christian		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Citioot, Hobocoa	2010		Common reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				_
Tulane University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Reading Project
						Campus
University of	•	The Absolutely True Diary of a	Alassia Obassasas	0000	F	Community Book
California, Davis University of	•	Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009		Project
California, Los		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				The Common
Angeles		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Book
University of		Lacks	Chicot, Hobocca	20.0		Book
California, Santa		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
Barbara		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	UCSB Reads
		This I Believe: The Personal				
		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and		1	
University of Dayton		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	М	First Year Read
University of		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Cklast Dahassa	2010	Ь	First Year
Delaware		Outcasts United: A Refugee	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reader Common Reading
University of Florida	☼	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		Program
Chirolotty of Florida	~	The Story of Stuff: How Our	Ot. Comi, Wanten	2000		1 Togram
		Obsession with Stuff is				
		Trashing the Planet, Our				
		Communities, and our				
University of Illinois,		Health—and a Vision for				One Book, One
Urbana-Champaign		Change	Leonard, Annie	2010		Campus
University of	^	The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Oldari Dahassa	2010	_	First Year Book
Maryland	△   HK	Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca		В	Program
University of Missouri	пк	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Mizzou Reads
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill		Eating Animals	Foer, Jonathon Safran	2010	M	Summer Reading Program
University of		Lating Animais	Atwood,	2010	IVI	Freshman
Pittsburgh		Oryx and Crake	Margaret	2004	F	Common Reader
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta			1	Summer Reading
University of Vermont		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
University of		The Meaning of It All:	Feynman,			UW Common
Washington		Thoughts of a Citizen-Scientist	Richard	2005		Book
University of	ماد	Foriends January	Managia Occita	0000	_	On Dim Daniel
Wisconsin, Madison	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Go Big Read
						Common Literature
Utah State University	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Experience
Starr State Striverency		The Good Life: Truths That	_gg0.0, Davo		†	Commons
Vanderbilt University		Last in Time of Need	Gomes, Peter J.	2003		Reading
Virginia Polytechnic	•	This I Believe II: More				Ĭ
Institute and State		Personal Philosophies of	Allison, Jay and			
University		Remarkable Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2008	М	Common Book
Washington		The Cellist of Sarajevo	Galloway, Steven	2008	F	First Year

University in St. Louis						Reading Program
Liberal Arts Colleges						
Agnes Scott College		How to Breathe Underwater	Orringer, Julie	2003	F	Common Reading
Cornell College		Farm City: The Education of an Urban Farmer	Carpenter, Novella	2010	M	One Book One Campus One Community
Davidson College		In the Sanctuary of Outcasts: A Memoir	White, Neil	2009	M	New Student Orientation Book
Gustavus Adolphus College	<b>*</b>	The Wolf at Twilight: An Indian Elder's Journey through a Land of Ghosts	Nerburn, Kent	2010	М	Reading in Common
Hamilton College		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
Illinois Wesleyan University		Interpreter of Maladies	Lahiri, Jhumpa	1999	F	Summer Reading Program
Kalamazoo College		The Good Soldiers	Finkel, David	2010		Summer Common Reading
Lafayette College		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	First Year Enlightenment Summer Reading
Mount Holyoke College		Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide	Kristof, Nicholas D. and Sheryl WuDunn	2008		Common Reading
New College of Florida	Δ	The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	M	Common Summer Book
Occidental College		Twilight: Los Angles, 1992	Smith, Anna Deavere	1994	Р	First-Year Reading
Skidmore College		A Gate at the Stairs	Moore, Lorrie	2009	F	Summer Reading
Smith College		The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
St. Mary's College of Maryland	☼	A Human Being Died That Night: A South African Woman Confronts the Legacy of Apartheid	Gobodo- Madikizela, Pumla	2004	M	Summer Reading
The College of Wooster		Brother, I'm Dying	Danticat, Edwidge	2007	М	Summer Reading
University of Richmond		Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide	Kristof, Nicholas D. and Sheryl WuDunn	2008		One Book, One Campus
Wheaton College (Massachusetts)		The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains	Carr, Nicholas	2010		Summer Reading Assignment
Whitman College	<b></b>	The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: a Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures	Fadiman, Anne	1997		Summer Reading
Unranked						
Abilene Christian University		Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America	Dumas, Firoozeh	2003	М	Freshman Common Reading
Adams State College	•	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	Common Reading Experience

		The Immortal Life of Henrietta			1	First Year
Adelphi University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Reading
Adelphil Offiversity		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Skiddi, Kebecca	2010	Ь	Common Reading
Albion College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Experience
Albion College		Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon	2010	Ь	Expenence
Amarillo College		Close	Safran	2005	F	Common Reader
Amanilo College		Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe,	Janan	2003	1	Common Neader
		Superathletes, and the				
Appalachian State		Greatest Race the World Has	McDougall,			
University	•	Never Seen	Christopher	2009	М	Summer Pending
Offiversity	<b>V</b>	This I Believe II: More	Christopher	2009	IVI	Summer Reading
		Personal Philosophies of	Alliago loveand			Common Booding
Aguinga Callaga		Remarkable Men and Women	Allison, Jay and Dan Gediman	2008	М	Common Reading
Aquinas College			Dan Gedinan	2006	IVI	Experience
		No Impact Man: The				
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
Atlantia Cana		Planet, and the Discoveries He				Collogo Wido
Atlantic Cape		Makes About Himself and Our	Daguer Calin	2000	N.4	College-Wide
Community College		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	M	Book Project
A stir Description		The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an				
Austin Peay State		Unlikely Friendship, and the		0000		The Deep Deep I
University		Redemptive Power of Music	Lopez, Steve	2008	В	The Peay Read
5 11 6 1 1 1 1			144 11 1			Freshman
Ball State University		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	M	Common Reader
		Plan B 4.0: Mobilizing to Save	Brown, Lester			
Barry University		Civilization	Russell	2009		Common Reader
	_	Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon		_	
Baruch College		Close	Safran	2005	F	Freshman Text
Bellevue College	<b>♦</b>	On the Rez	Frazier, Ian	2001		BCC Reads
		The Other Wes Moore: One				Summer Reading
Berry College	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	M	Program
						Civic
						Engagement:
Bluffton University	$\Rightarrow$	Strength in What Remains	Kidder, Tracy	2009	В	Summer Reading
Boise State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Campus Read
-		No Impact Man: The				·
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
Bowling Green State		Makes About Himself and Our				Common Reading
University		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	Experience
,			Danticat,			
Brooklyn College		Brother, I'm Dying	Edwidge	2007	М	Common Reading
, ,		Farm City: The Education of an	Carpenter,			Welcome Week
Butler University		Urban Farmer	Novella	2010	М	Book
California State			· <del>-</del> -		1	
University, Chico	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Book in Common
California State	1				<del>  -</del>	
University, Northridge		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	М	Common Reading
California State		THE GLOOP CACALOT A MOTHOR	ano, obamiotto		1	- common reading
University,		The Grace of Silence: A				
Sacramento		Memoir	Norris, Michele	2010	М	One Book
	<del>                                     </del>		·		F	
Carroll College		Let the Great World Spin	McCann, Colum	2009		Alpha Seminar

(Montana)						Summer Reading
Catawba College	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Reading
Catawba College	1111	This I Believe: The Personal	Lygers, Dave	2003	<u> </u>	Common Reading
		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and			
Cedar Crest College		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	М	Shared Reading
Cedal Crest College	<del> </del>	The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Dan Geuinan	2007	IVI	Reading in
Control College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common
Central College		The Botany of Desire: A	Skiddl, Kebecca	2010	Ь	One Book One
Chaffay Callaga			Dallan Michael	2004		
Chaffey College Chandler-Gilbert	<u> </u>	Plant's-Eye View of the World	Pollan, Michael	2001		College
		Ending Slavery: How We Free	Doloo Kovin	2007		Cammon Dooks
Community College	<u> </u>	Today's Slaves	Bales, Kevin	2007		Common Books
Chandler-Gilbert	ماء	We are a Hellerica Const	0'	4004		0
Community College	*	Woman Hollering Creek	Cisneros, Sandra	1991		Common Books
Chandler-Gilbert	.1.					
Community College	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Common Books
Chandler-Gilbert			Silko, Leslie	40	_	
Community College	•	Ceremony	Marmon	1977	F	Common Books
		The Absolutely True Diary of a			_	One Maryland,
Chesapeake College	<b>♦</b>	Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	One Book
Cleveland State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta			1_	Common Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Experience
Coastal Carolina		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Big Read
College of Charleston	$\triangle$	The Known World	Jones, Edward P.	2003	F	College Reads
College of the						
Redwoods		The Help	Stockett, Kathryn	2011	F	Book of the Year
		Soft Spots: A Marine's Memoir				
		of Combat and Post-Traumatic				
Collin College		Stress Disorder	Van Winkle, Clint	2009	M	Book in Common
		A Mighty Long Way: My				
Colorado Mountain		Journey to Justice at Little	Walls LaNier,			
College	$\triangle$	Rock Central High School	Carlotta	2009	M	Common Reader
Community College		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Community Book
of Baltimore County		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Connection
			·			Summer Book
Concordia College		Zoli	McCann, Colum	2000	F	Read
		Farm City: The Education of an	Carpenter,			
Cuesta College		Urban Farmer	Novella	2010	М	Book of the Year
						One Book One
DePaul University		Neverwhere	Gaiman, Neil	1996	F	Chicago
			Thompson-			g -
			Cannino, Jennifer			
East Carolina		Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of	Ronald Cotton,			
University	$\triangle$	Injustice and Redemption	Erin Torneo	2009	М	Pirate Read
	1	Half the Sky: Turning	Kristof, Nicholas		1	
Eastern Illinois		Oppression into Opportunity	D. and Sheryl			
University		for Women Worldwide	WuDunn	2008		Eastern Reads
Eastern Kentucky		The Curious Incident of the				
University		Dog in the Night-Time	Haddon, Mark	2003	F	EKU Reads
- Chirolony	1	Life is So Good: One Man's	riaddon, Man	2000	1	
		Extraordinary Journey through	Dawson, George			
		the 20th Century and How He	and Richard			Common Book
Eastfield College	$\triangle$	Learned to Read at Age 98	Glaubman	2000	М	Project
Edgewood College	†	The Complete Maus	Spiegelman, Art	1987	141	Common Reading
Lagewood College	<u> </u>	The Complete Maus	opiegeiman, Art	1901		Common Reading

		Creating a World Without				
		Poverty: Social Business and	Yunus,			
Elon University		the Future of Capitalism	Muhammad	1999		Common Reading
Emmanuel College		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Munammau	1333		Common Reading
(Massachusetts)		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
Fairmont State		Year of Wonders: A Novel of	Brooks,	2010	Ь	Common Book
University		the Plague	Geraldine	2001	F	
Florida Gulf Coast		the Flague	Geraldine	2001	Г	Project First Year
	☼	Life Coferi	Ctrologia, John	2007	F	
University	꾸	Life Safari	Strelecky, John	2007	Г	Reading Project
Florida International	ماد	The Ded Herbacks	Gonzales,	0040	1_	FIU Common
University	*	The Red Umbrella	Christina	2010	F	Reading
Florida Southern		World War Z: An Oral History	D 1 M	0000	_	0 5 "
College		of the Zombie War	Brooks, Max	2006	F	Common Reading
Florida State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				One Book One
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Campus
		Outcasts United: A Refugee				Common Reading
Fort Lewis College	☼	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		Experience
Framingham State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
Franklin W. Olin		Midnight Ride, Industrial Dawn:				
College of		Paul Revere and the Growth of				
Engineering		American Enterprise	Martello, Robert	2010	В	Summer Reading
Georgia State		Extremely Loud and Incredibly	Foer, Jonathon			First-Year Book
University		Close	Safran	2005	F	Program
•		The Other Wes Moore: One				
Goucher College	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Summer Reading
		Unbroken: A World War II	,			
		Story of Survival, Resilience,	Hillenbrand,			
Grace College		and Redemption	Laura	2010	В	Summer Reading
		The Warmth of Other Suns:				
Grand Valley State		The Epic Story of America's				Community
University	$\triangle$	Great Migration	Wilkerson, Isabel	1995	В	Reading Project
- Chirtonolly		Persepolis: The Story of a	William Touris	1000		rtodding r rojoot
Hamline University	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Summer Reading
Training Chiverency		Alone Together: Why We	Catrapi, Marjario	2001	101	Cummor recaumy
		Expect More from Technology				Common Reading
Hampshire College		and Less from Each Other	Turkle, Sherry	2011		for New Students
Trampshire College		and Less norn Lacif Other	Howes, Craig	2011		Tor New Students
			and Jonathan			
			Kay			
Hawaii Pacific		The Value of Hawaii: Knowing	Kamakawiwoole			HPU Reads:
University		the Past, Shaping the Future	Osorio	2010	Н	Common Book
Henderson State			OSUIIO	2010	11	Common Book
	☼	A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of	Dook Johnson	2007	N/	
University	사	a Boy Soldier	Beah, Ishmael	2007	М	Program
Llizara Callaga	* -	Persepolis: The Story of a	Cotroni Moriona	2004	N 4	Common Dooding
Hiram College	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Common Reading
Humboldt State		The Hele	Ota aleast Marthur	0044	1_	Daalaat daa Waa
University		The Help	Stockett, Kathryn	2011	F	Book of the Year
Indiana State		TI - 1		4000	1	- " D .
University		The Freedom Writers Diary	Gruwell, Erin	1999	M	Fall Read
Indiana Usb. 19. D		How to Change the World:				
Indiana University Purdue		Social Entrepreneurs and the			1	
University of Indiana	polis	Power of New Ideas	Bornstein, David	2007	1	Common Theme
Indiana University,		The Post-American World	Zakaria, Fareed	2008	1	One Book One
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South Bend						Campus
Indiana University,		A Country for All: An Immigrant				Common
Southeast		Manifesto	Ramos, Jorge	2010		Experience
Indiana University,		The Working Poor: Invisible in	, ,			Common
Southeast		America	Shipler, David K.	2004		Experience
						First Year
Ithaca College		Ransom	Malouf, David	2009	F	Reading Initiative
Jacksonville						Common Reading
University	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Program
James Madison						
University		Ways of Knowing	Article Collection			Preface
		Greasy Rider: Two Dudes,				
		One Fry-Oil-Powered Car, and				
Johnson State		a Cross-Country Search for a		0000		Common Reading
College		Greener Future	Melville, Greg	2008	М	Initiative
Kansas State	1112	7.90	F D	0000	_	K-State Book
University Kennesaw State	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Network
	☼	Outcasts United: A Refugee Team, An American Town	St John Warren	2009		Common Reader
University	X	This I Believe: The Personal	St. John, Warren	2009		Common Reader
		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and			
Kent State University		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	M	Summer Reading
Kingsborough		Well alla Women	Dan Gedinan	2001	IVI	Summer Reading
Community College		Let the Great World Spin	McCann, Colum	2009	F	KCC Reads
Laguardia		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Woodin, Colum	2000		100 Houds
Community College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading
Community Conogo		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Chicot, Hobecca	2010		Common Reading
Le Moyne College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
			Davis, Sampson,			, <b>.</b>
			George Jenkins,			
		The Pact: Three Young Men	Rameck Hunt,			
		Make a Promise and Fulfill a	and Lisa Frazier			Common Read
Lincoln University	$\triangle$	Dream	Page	2003	M	Program
		Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old				
Lindsey Wilson		Man, A Young Man, and Life's				
College		Greatest Lesson	Albom, Mitch	1997	М	Common Text
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Linfield College		Happiness	Lelord, François	English)	F	Common Reading
		This I Believe II: More	Alliana Isrrairi			First Year
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Longwood University		Remarkable Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2008	М	Experience
		Acts of Faith: The Story of an				
		American Muslim, in the Struggle for the Soul of a				
Loras College		Generation	Patel, Eboo	2010	М	Common Reading
Loras College		This I Believe II: More	ו מוסו, בטטט	2010	IVI	John Neauling
Louisiana Tech		Personal Philosophies of	Allison, Jay and			Common Read
University		Remarkable Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2008	М	Program
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		The Legend of Colton H.	, 1100			J
Marietta College		Bryant	Fuller, Alexandra	2009	В	Common Reading
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		Persepolis: The Story of a				Summer Reading
Mars Hill College	† 🗆	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	М	Program
Massbay Community		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Catrapi, Marjano	2001	101	riogiani
College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	OneBook
						Summer Reading
Meredith College	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Program
J		Scratch Beginnings: Me, \$25,	·			
		and the Search for the				Freshman
Methodist University		American Dream	Shepard, Adam	2007	M	Reading Program
Metropolitan						Common Reading
Community College		Brave New World	Huxley, Aldous	1932	F	Project
		The Boy Who Harnessed the	Kamkwamba,			
		Wind: Creating Currents of	William and			Summer Reading
Miami University	☼	Electricity and Hope	Bryan Mealer	2009	M	Program
Michigan						
Technological						
University		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	M	Summer Reading
		Listening is an Act of Love: A				
Middle Tennessee		Celebration of American Life	. 5	0007		Community
State University		from the StoryCorps Project	Isay, Dave	2007	M	Reading Program
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Midlands Technical	_	Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years	Delaney, and Amy Hill Hearth	1007	N.4	MTC Reads
College	Δ	Sisters First 100 fears	Amy niii neam	1997	M	One Book, One
Millersville University	*	Enrique's Journey	Nazario, Sonia	2006	В	Campus
Mississippi State	<u>~</u>	Emilique's Journey	Mazario, Soriia	2000	Ь	Campus
University		The Optimist's Daughter	Welty, Eudora	1972	F	Maroon Edition
Missouri State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	vvoity, Eddora	1372	1	Waroon Edition
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reader
Montana State		Between a Rock and a Hard			1	
University		Place	Ralston, Aron	2005	М	Summer Reading
Montcalm Community		Look Me in the Eye: My Life	Robison, John			One Book One
College		with Asperger's	Elder	2007	М	Community
Moraine Valley		Between Two Worlds: My Life				One Book One
Community College		and Captivity in Iran	Saberi, Roxana	2010	M	College
Mountain View		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Common Book
College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Project
Murray State		Persepolis: The Story of a				MSU Reading
University	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	M	Experience
North Carolina State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				Common Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Initiative
North Georgia		A Hope in the Unseen: An				
College and State	_	American Odyssey from the	0 11 1 5	4000		Common Reading
University	$\triangle$	Inner City to the Ivy League	Suskind, Ron	1999	В	Program
		No Impact Man: The				
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the Planet, and the Discoveries He				
Northern Arizona		Makes About Himself and Our				
University		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	NAUReads
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University	+	Kabuki: The Alchemy	Mack, David	2004	F	Book Connection
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Otterbein College	HK	City of Refuge	Piazza, Tom	2009	F	Program
Owensboro Community Technical College	y and	September 11, 2001: American Writers Respond	Heyen, William	2002		Common Reading
Pace University	₩	Little Bee: A Novel	Cleave, Chris	2002	F	Common Reading
	HK	Zeitoun	,	2009	В	Parkland Reads
Parkland College	ПК	Journey From the Land of No:	Eggers, Dave	2009	Ь	Parkiano Reaus
		A Girlhood Caught in				Common
Peace College	†	Revolutionary Iran	Hakakian, Roya	2004	М	Summer Reading
		Choosing Civility - The Twenty-	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			<u> </u>
Pennsylvania State		Five Rules of Considerate				Common Reading
University, Berks		Conduct	Forni, P.M.	2003		Program
Pennsylvania State	\ <b>1</b> .	A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of				Summer Reading
University, Harrisburg	☼	a Boy Soldier	Beah, Ishmael	2007	M	Program
Pennsylvania State University, New			Missourch			Common or Dooding
Kensington	☼	My Maasai Life	Wiszowaty, Robin	2009	М	Summer Reading Program
Philadelphia	**	The Immortal Life of Henrietta	TODIT	2003	IVI	Summer Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
		Lies My Teacher Told Me:				J. J. J. L.
		Everything Your American	Loewen, James			
Ramapo College		History Textbook Got Wrong	W.	2007		Summer Reading
						First Year
Saint Michael's		Fating Animals	Foer, Jonathon	2040	N 4	Seminar Common
College		Eating Animals SuperFreakonomics: Global	Safran	2010	М	Text
		Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes,	Levitt, Steven D.			First Year
		and Why Suicide Bombers	and Stephen J.			Reading
Salem State College		Should Buy Life Insurance	Dubner	2010		Experience
			Thompson-			
			Cannino, Jennifer			N. 6. 1 .
Caliahumul Inivaraitu	^	Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of	Ronald Cotton,	2000	N 4	New Student
Salisbury University	Δ	Injustice and Redemption Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time,	Erin Torneo	2009	M	Reader
Sam Houston State		and the Deadliest Hurricane in				Bearkats Read to
University		History	Larson, Erik	2000	Н	Succeed Program
San Jose State		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	,			Campus Reading
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Program
Santa Barbara City		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	SBCC Reads
		This I Believe: The Personal	Alliana Income			
Shepherd University		Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women	Allison, Jay and Dan Gediman	2007	М	Common Reading
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Sierra Nevada						Campus/Common
College	<b>♦</b>	Flight: A Novel	Alexie, Sherman	2007	F	Reading
Slippery Rock						-
University of		The Perks of Being a	Chbosky,		_	Summer Book
Pennsylvania		Wallflower	Stephen C	1999	F	Program
South Dakota State	☆	Outcasts United: A Refugee	St. John, Warren	2009		Common Read

University		Team, An American Town				
Southern New Hampshire University		Water for Elephants	Gruen, Sara	2007	F	Common Book Program
Spokane Falls	1	Spook: Science Tackles the	Oracii, Caia			1.09.5
Community College		Afterlife	Roach, Mary	2005		Common Reader
St. Bonaventure		Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the				All Bonaventure
University		Lost Children of Nepal	Grennan, Conor	2011	М	Reads
State Fair Community		29 Gifts: How a Month of				One Book One
College		Giving Can Change Your Life	Walker, Cami	2009		Community
Ctata University of						Freshman
State University of New York, Brockport		Emergence: Labeled Autistic	Grandin, Temple	1986	М	Summer Reading Program
New York, Brockport	<del>                                     </del>	Bonobo Handshake: A Memoir	Orandin, remple	1300	101	1 Togram
State University of		of Love and Adventure in the				Oswego Reading
New York, Oswego	<b>\rightarrow</b>	Congo	Woods, Vanessa	2010	М	Initiative
		Beyond Fundamentalism:				
		Confronting Religious				
Sweet Prior College		Extremism in the Age of Globalization	Adan Baza	2010		Common Reading
Sweet Briar College	+	Giodalization	Aslan, Reza	2010		Common
Texas State		The United States Constitution:	Hennessy,			Experience
University	†	A Graphic Adaptation	Jonathan	2008/178	37	Summer Reading
Texas Tech		In Defense of Food: An Eater's				Summer Reading
University		Manifesto	Pollan, Michael	2007		Program
		The Victorian Internet: The				
The College of New		Remarkable Story of the				
The College of New Jersey		Telegraph and the Nineteenth Century's On-line Pioneers	Standage, Tom	1998	Н	Summer Reading
OCIOCY	+	A Connecticut Yankee in King	Otandage, Tom	1000	11	Carriffer Reading
The King's College		Arthur's Court	Twain, Mark	1889	F	Interregnum
<u> </u>		The Boy Who Harnessed the	Kamkwamba,			
		Wind: Creating Currents of	William and			
Thomas College	<b> </b>	Electricity and Hope	Bryan Mealer	2009	М	Common Read
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Trinity University	<del>  #</del>	Sarah Canary	Joy Pausch, Randy &	1991	Г	TUgether One Book One
Triton College		The Last Lecture	Jeffrey Zaslow	2008	М	Triton
Tufts University	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Reading
Tuno Crittorony	<del> \</del>	The Meaning of Matthew: My	Lygoro, Davo	2000	-	Common reading
University at Buffalo,		Son's Murder in Laramie, and				
SUNY	<u> </u>	a World Transformed	Shepard, Judy	2009	M	UB Reads
University of Akron		The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeannette	2006	M	Common Reading
University of						
Alabama at		Thinking in Pictures: My Life	Crondin Tarrel	1005		Discussion Deel
Birmingham		with Autism The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Grandin, Temple	1995	M	Discussion Book
University of Arizona, honors college		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Common Reading Program
nonoro conege		No Impact Man: The	Chicot, Nebecca	2010		1 Togram
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
University of	_	Makes About Himself and Our	Danisa Oilli	0000		One Book, One
Arkansas		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	M	Community

		The Big Burn: Teddy	<u> </u>	1	1	<u> </u>
		Roosevelt and the Fire that				Common Read
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University of Idaho		Saved America	Egan, Timothy	2009	H	Program
		The Color of Water: A Black				
University of		Man's Tribute to His White				Common Reading
Kentucky	Δ	Mother	McBride, James	1996	M	Experience
University of		The Other Wes Moore: One				
Louisville	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	M	Book in Common
		This I Believe: The Personal				
University of		Philosophies of Remarkable	Allison, Jay and			ULM Summer
Lousiana-Monroe		Men and Women	Dan Gediman	2007	М	Reading
University of Maine,		The Omnivore's Dilemma: A	24.1.004.1.14.1			1.00.09
honors college		Natural History of Four Meals	Pollan, Michael	2006		The Honors Read
Horiors college		Field Notes from a	i Olian, Michael	2000		First-Year
University of						
University of		Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and	IZalland EP abadi	0000		Reading
Montana, Missoula		Climate Change	Kolbert, Elizabeth	2006		Experience
		How Does It Feel to Be a				
University of North		Problem? Being Young and	Bayoumi,			Common Reading
Carolina, Charlotte		Arab in America	Moustafa	2009		Experience
University of North						Common Reading
Carolina, Wilmington	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Experience
University of Northern		Outcasts United: A Refugee				·
Florida	₩	Team, An American Town	St. John, Warren	2009		UNF Reads
University of		The Element: How Finding				0.11 1100.00
Pittsburgh at		Your Passion Changes				One Community,
Johnstown		Everything	Robinson, Ken	2009		One Book
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		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				
University of Rhode		Makes About Himself and Our				URI Common
Island		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	M	Reading
		No Impact Man: The				
		Adventures of a Guilty Liberal				
		Who Attempts to Save the				
		Planet, and the Discoveries He				First-Year
University of South		Makes About Himself and Our				Reading
Carolina		Way of Life in the Process	Beavan, Colin	2009	М	Experience
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University of South		The Last Town on Earth: A				Reading
Carolina, Aiken		Novel	Mullen, Thomas	2006	F	Experience
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University of		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	Oldert Delever	0040		1.56 6.46 8.47 1
Tennessee, Knoxville		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Life of the Mind
University of Texas,		The Immortal Life of Henrietta	0.1 . 5 .	0045		
Arlington		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	OneBook
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University of Texas,		Farewell, My Subaru: An Epic				Common Reading
San Antonio		Adventure in Local Living	Fine, Doug	2009	M	Experience
						Freshman
University of Texas,						Summer Reading
Tyler		Life of Pi: A Novel	Martel, Yann	2001	F	Program
University of the		2 011 1. 7 1 10 101	martor, runn	2001	1	ogiaiii
Sciences in						One Book, One
		Into the Wild	Krakauar Jaha	1007	D	
Philadelphia		Into the Wild	Krakauer, John	1997	В	Campus

University of Toledo		Everything Matters!: A Novel	Currie, Ron Jr.	2009	F	First Read
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Wisconsin, Fond du						
Lac		The Things They Carried	O'Brien, Tim	1990	F	Common Read
University of		The Absolutely True Diary of a				Ranger Read
Wisconsin, Parkside	•	Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	Program
Mantura Callaga		Outlines The Story of Suggest	Gladwell,	2000		One Book, One
Ventura College		Outliers: The Story of Success  Hotel on the Corner of Bitter	Malcolm	2008		Campus One Book
Villanova University	æ	and Sweet: A Novel	Ford, Jamie	2009	F	Villanova
Virginia	00	and eweet. 7t 140 ver	r ora, carrie	2000	1	Villariova
Commonwealth		The Other Wes Moore: One				Summer Reading
University	$\triangle$	Name, Two Fates	Moore, Wes	2010	М	Program
		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				
Wagner College		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
		Persepolis: The Story of a				Readings in
Wartburg College	†□	Childhood	Satrapi, Marjane	2004	M	Common
Washburn University	<b>♦</b>	War Dances	Alexie, Sherman	2009	F	iRead
Marking Otale		Physics for Future Presidents:	M. Han Diahand			
Washington State University		The Science Behind the Headlines	Muller, Richard A.	2008		Common Reading
University		Where Am I Wearing: A Global	Λ.	2000		Common Reading
		Tour to the Countries.				
West Texas A&M		Factories, and People that	Timmerman,			
University		Make Our Clothes	Kelsey	2008		Readership WT
		And Then There's This: How				
Western Illinois		Stories Live and Die in Viral				FYE Common
University		Culture	Wasik, Bill	2009		Reading
Western New		A Hope in the Unseen: An				Cummor Dooding
England College	$\triangle$	American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League	Suskind, Ron	1999	В	Summer Reading Assignment
Lingiana College		Religious Literacy: What Every	Ouskina, Ron	1333		Assignment
Western Washington		American Needs to KnowAnd	Prothero,			
University		Doesn't	Stephen	2007		Western Reads
William Woods		The Immortal Life of Henrietta				New Student
University		Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	2010	В	Summer Reading
Winona State		Packinghouse Daughter: A			1	Common Book
University		Memoir	Register, Cheri	2001	M	Project
		Make the Impossible Possible:				
		One Man's Crusade to Inspire Others to Dream Bigger and				Common Book
Winthrop University	$\triangle$	Achieve the Extraordinary	Strickland, Bill	2007	M	Project
Wright State		7.5.1.0 TO Extraordinary	Ciriomaria, Dili	2001	141	. 10,000
University	HK	Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave	2009	В	Common Text
		A Pearl in the Storm: How I				
		Found My Heart in the Middle	McLure, Tori			Common Reading
Xavier University		of the Ocean	Murden	2009	M	Experience

# **Appendix F: Books Assigned at Multiple Institutions**

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	39
This I Believe I and II	9
Zeitoun	9
The Other Wes Moore	7
Outcasts United	7
No Impact Man	6
Persepolis	5
Enrique's Journey	5
The Glass Castle	4
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close	4
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	4
Farm City	3
Eating Animals	3
Half the Sky	3
Picking Cotton	2
The Help	2
A Hope in the Unseen	2
Let the Great World Spin	2
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind	2
The Good Soldiers	2
Brother, I'm Dying	2
A Long Way Gone	2

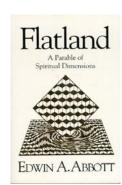
# Appendix G: Recommended Books for College Common Reading

Our considerations in compiling this list:

- 1. We sought diversity—the intellectual kind.
- 2. We sought books that are neither too long nor too short. "Too long" means a book that would defeat even the able, well-intentioned, and determined prefreshman reader. No *War and Peace* here. In a few cases we've recommended long books but specified that the college should assign selections. "Too short" means a book or essay that would invite the pre-freshman to treat the assignment as a triviality, even though it isn't. No Kennedy's "Ask not" inaugural address.
- 3. We sought texts that are just a bit over students' heads, but not so far that they are beyond reach. We excluded many works of classical antiquity on this basis. Sophocles is best read with the guidance of an instructor. Nietzsche invites wild misreadings from those who lack the philosophical context.
- 4. We sought works that are not contemptuous of humanity or dyed in profound cynicism. Some such books belong in the college curriculum but we judge them a poor welcome mat to the pre-freshmen who ought to have a somewhat more positive introduction to why colleges exist and why they are devoting time and money to the enterprise. No Samuel Beckett or H. L. Mencken here.
- 5. In fiction, we sought works that exemplify elegance of language and a degree of complexity, along with moral seriousness.
- 6. In non-fiction we looked for works that exemplify important ideas, lucidly argued, and writers who take their rhetorical task seriously.
- 7. We sought to accommodate colleges that approach common reading assignments at different levels of difficulty. To that end, we divide our list into two parts. Part A is a list of 37 books all of which are appropriate in level of difficulty and length to any college freshman. Part B is a list of six books that would be much more ambitious choices either because of length (*The Aeneid*) or intrinsic difficulty (*The Confidence-Man*.) Our goal is to offer constructive help.

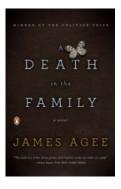
## List A: 37 Books Appropriate for Any College Common Book Program

**1. Edwin Abbott.** *Flatland*. (1884) This short book is a mathematician's foray into fiction with a story about two-dimensional creatures—squares, triangles, and such—living on a plane. Their conceptual horizons are challenged when a three-dimensional creature, a sphere, drops in. We picked it because (a) it is a deft analogy for us of three-dimensional creatures trying to imagine our four-or-more dimensional universe, (b) it is one of few mathematical classics completely open to math-resistant students, and (c) it is a subtle provocation to students to open

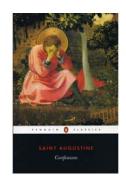


their minds to unexpected intellectual possibilities. It also contains some mild but amusing social satire.

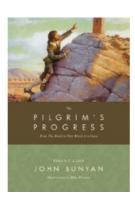
- 2. Chinua Achebe. Things Fall Apart. (1958) Among the first African novels written in English, Things Fall Apart depicts the Igbo of southern Nigeria during the period of initial Western colonization. The protagonist is an ambitious young man in a traditional village who gains fame through a feat of wrestling and goes on to become a powerful leader, only to see his world collapse. We picked it because (a) it is a classic indictment of colonialism but comes with the complicating twist that it is written in a colonial language by an author who has thoroughly absorbed a Western aesthetic sensibility; and (b) it puts the real questions of cultural relativism on the table.
- **3. James Agee.** *A Death in the Family*. (1957) A posthumous autobiographical novel, *A Death in the Family* is based on the death of his father in an automobile accident when Agee was only six. The novel richly depicts life in Knoxville, Tennessee around 1915. We picked it because of (a) the sheer beauty of Agee's writing and its emotional depth, (b) its capacity to become a lasting presence in the lives of its readers, (c) the opportunity it affords independent-minded college students to think about the fragility of family and community and their own rootedness in the world.



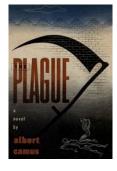
**4. Augustine.** Confessions. (398 A.D.) The Confessions is perhaps the very first autobiography, at least in the modern sense of someone examining the interior side of his life as well as the external events. We picked it because (a) it shows a smart, ambitious student who thirsts for knowledge and who makes the most of his academic studies, (b) it presents the challenge of taking ideas not just as cold objects of study but as insights that may have life-changing consequences, and (c) it is one of the key books for understanding what is distinctive about Western civilization.



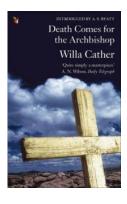
**5. John Bunyan.** *The Pilgrim's Progress*. (1678) Once the most widely read book in English besides the Bible, *The Pilgrim's Progress* is an astonishingly successful allegory. We picked it because it is (a) a key influence on English fiction, (b) a tour-de-force of metaphor and analogy, and (c) a vivid introduction to Christianity that secular students can grasp. Though accessible to children at one level, The Pilgrim's Progress has depths of psychological and moral insight that fully justify it as a reading for college students.



**6. Albert Camus**. *The Plague*. (1947) The novel depicts a city in French colonial Algeria that is quarantined during an outbreak of the bubonic plague. Camus describes the divergent ways those trapped in the city cope with the situation. We picked it because it is a compelling depiction of some of the great themes of 20<sup>th</sup>century existential philosophy: the sense of a meaningless void against which humans struggle to achieve a sense of dignity; the feelings of alienation and exile poised against human solidarity and love; and the demand for something better than personal happiness.



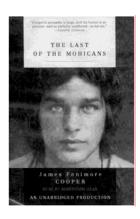
7. Willa Cather. Death Comes for the Archbishop. (1927) This episodic novel, based on the life of Jean-Baptiste Lamy, depicts the work of a devout French priest sent to reorganize the Catholic mission in New Mexico after the territory has been annexed by the United States. We picked it because (a) Cather's quietly expansive vision of the American landscape is



an unsurpassed literary accomplishment, (b) students can gain something vital from this account of steady purpose in the pursuit of an ideal, and (c) the book offers a perspective on the mingling of cultures that strongly contrasts to the currently fashionable accounts of ethnic antagonism.

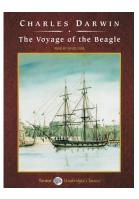
# 8. James Fenimore Cooper. The Last of the Mohicans.

(1826) By the time Cooper wrote this novel, the French and Indian War was as distant a memory as World War II is today. The story is a complicated account of the sharp-shooting white orphan Hawkeye, raised by Indians to protect the daughters of a British colonel from the perils of war and the unwanted attentions of a treacherous Huron warrior. We picked it because, (a) despite its wildly implausible plot, the book captures America's exuberant vision of itself early in our history, (b) Cooper's romantic sense of place and sense of



nostalgia for the lost grandeur of the Native American tribes of the east can also enrich contemporary students' understanding of their national heritage, and (c) the book is one kind of answer to the question, "Who are we?" And the answer involves a lot more cultural and racial "hybridity" than we typically recognize in the writings of America's first professional writers.

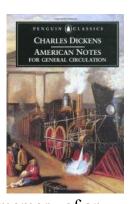
**9. Charles Darwin.** *The Voyage of the Beagle*. (1839) This is Darwin's classic account of his expedition from 1831 to 1836 around coastal South America to the Galapagos Islands, Tahiti, Australia, across the Indian Ocean to Mauritius, and back to England, on which he made most of the observations that led eventually to his theory of evolution by natural selection. (*The Voyage* went through several editions and one of the augmented later ones might be a better choice.) We picked it because (a) it is a dazzling display of young Darwin's curiosity



and his powers of observation of people and places as well as the natural world, (b) students can benefit from a robust example of careful observation and collection of facts as worthy pursuits in their own right, and (c) *The Voyage* offers a fresh point of entry into the intellectual adventure of scientific inquiry.

10. Charles Dickens. American Notes for General Circulation. (1842) Dickens

published this account of his travels just after his six-month visit to the United States. It is an unflattering portrait of a country that effusively welcomed him—far too effusively in his judgment. We picked it because (a) Dickens' account of American character still resonates, (b) the book lampoons qualities in which Americans continue to take pride, and (c) it raises important questions about celebrity, status, travel, crime, law, and a host of other themes that still preoccupy us.



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11. Ralph Ellison. *Invisible Man*. (1952) This novel presents the memory of an unnamed African-American character who is currently living as a RALPH ELLISON'S INVISIBLE hermit in the basement of a New York City apartment building. In his youth in a small southern town he was school valedictorian and went on to college but was expelled. As he struggles to make a life for himself, he encounters a succession of people most of whom see him not as the individual that he is but only in relation to their particular take on race—promoting various responses to white oppression: accommodation, communism,

black nationalism, and cynicism. We picked it because (a) it is a powerful evocation of the deadening quality of ideological responses to racism, and (b) it depicts the struggle for individuality in circumstances that strongly reinforce the claims of group identity. These are very much living questions on most college campuses.

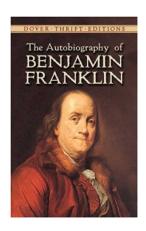
**12. David Hackett Fischer.** Washington's Crossing. (2004) We wanted to include a book about George Washington and had hundreds to pick from. We chose Fischer's account of a pivotal moment, when General Washington, faced with the imminent collapse of the whole revolution, seized the initiative by crossing the Delaware River on Christmas night and mounting a surprise attack on the Hessian garrison at Trenton. We picked it because (a) Washington is a difficult figure for today's American students to comprehend, and Fischer succeeds admirably in showing him as a vivid human being, (b) the book takes us out of "the



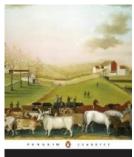
American Revolution" as an abstraction and gives us a sense of the war as a matter of real choices made under life-and-death conditions, and (c) it is the kind of history writing that will whet students' appetites for more.

**13. Benjamin Franklin.** Autobiography. (1791) This unfinished autobiography,

written as a letter to his son, opens a window into the life and mind of one of our nation's most beloved founding fathers. We picked it because (a) it captures Franklin's unique genius as equally accomplished as a scientist, inventor, entrepreneur, publisher, creative writer, aphorist, diplomat, and political thinker, (b) American college students should be familiar with the framers of the country, and Franklin stands out not only as the elder statesman of the Revolution but as one of the shapers of American character, (c) in our new age of thrift, Franklin's wisdom—(He coined the phrase, "Time is money" in his *Advice to a Young Tradesman*, 1748)—bears new attention.



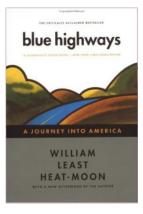
14. Nathaniel Hawthorne. *The Blithedale Romance*. (1852) This is Hawthorne's fictionalized account of the utopian Brook Farm community in which he participated for eight months in 1841. The tale includes characters whose contemporary counterparts will soon be part of the lives of the students entering college: a charismatic hater of the free market, an advocate of "freedom" intent on imposing her own tyranny, weak-willed followers eager to find someone to tell them what to think, aesthetes, and people eager to hide their ordinary appetites behind exotic poses. We picked *The Blithedale* 



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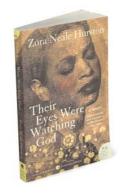
*Romance* because (a) it is an effective warning against the seductions of utopianism, and (b) it helps us see that longing for social justice needs to be grounded in real understanding of human nature.

15. William Least Heat-Moon. *Blue Highways*. (1982) Heat-Moon heads out to see America from the vantage point of the back roads—the ones colored blue on highway maps. The book is largely built on the conversations he has with the people he meets: saloon keepers, fishermen, farmers, a prostitute, a Christian hitchhiker, a Hopi medical student and more. We chose it because (a) it is a quietly evocative picture of America—one that has stood the test of time, and (b) it is a model of first-person writing in which the speaker is unobtrusive and doesn't get in the way of what he sees and hears.



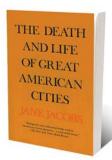
**16. Zora Neale Hurston.** *Their Eyes Were Watching God.* (1937) This novel by African-American folklorist and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston depicts the life

of a thrice-married Florida woman who kills her last husband in self-defense. Much of the dialogue is in black dialect and book has often been criticized for trading in stereotypes. We chose it because (a) it is an unromanticized picture of social oppression as well as of some fascinating and vanished American subcultures, and (b) a consummate work of artistry by a writer who defied the conventions of her time.



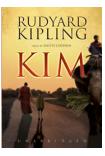
17. Jane Jacobs. The Death and Life of Great American

Cities. (1961) This book started the movement for preserving old neighborhoods in America. It was written as a critique of the kind of "urban renewal" that consisted of flattening whole sections of cities and replacing them with sterile modernist structures that had no connection with actual human communities. She was especially opposed to urban expressways. But Jacobs' book somehow transcends the policy



debates that gave birth to it. We chose it because (a) it is a model of public policy advocacy, (b) it remains a compelling vision of the best of urban life, and (c) it can provoke students to think more deeply about the material basis of American life: how our prosperity, our sense of community, depend on our use of space.

**18. Rudyard Kipling. Kim.** (1901) This is a book that vividly portrays British colonial India through a homeless white orphan's eyes. We picked it because it (a) raises provocative questions about contemporary American views of personal identity, multiculturalism and colonialism, and (b) is an extraordinarily artful tale of political intrigue. American higher education today spends considerable effort denouncing colonialism, postcolonialism, Orientalism, etc. Why not give students a chance to read a



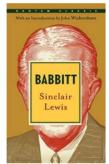
masterpiece from the writer who was one of colonialism's greatest and most sophisticated admirers?

**19. Arthur Koestler.** *Darkness at Noon*. (1940) In this novel. Koestler, a former communist, depicts the world of Stalin's show trials. The protagonist, Rubashov, is a true believer in the communist system, but is arrested, interrogated, and struggles with the meaning of his life and loyalties as he awaits his certain execution. The book is one of the classics of anti-totalitarian literature. We picked it because (a) it powerfully portrays the



awful system of oppression at the heart of the Soviet system, (b) it is a testimony to the profound importance of individual rights and political freedom—so easily taken for granted by those who have always enjoyed them, and (c) Koestler takes us inside the mind of someone trapped by ideology.

**20. Sinclair Lewis.** *Babbit*. (1922) Babbit is a partner in an upper Midwest real estate firm in this satiric novel. His life is devoted to social climbing until in a moment of crisis he realizes the vapidity of his materialism. At that point he plunges headlong into flouting social conventions, but eventually becomes disillusioned with the emptiness of rebellion as well. We picked this book because it is the classic indictment of American middle class complacency, and



students deserve the chance to think this through. Is American life the sum of culturally dead self-seeking Babbits who conform even in their non-conformity? How true is this picture?

21. Abraham Lincoln. Selected Speeches and Writings. (1832-1865, published in this volume in 2009) (Selections) It was the Great Emancipator who held the United States together during the Civil War. His strength of character, sharp wit, and quest for peace made him one of our nation's greatest presidents. Of all Lincoln's speeches, our strongest recommendations for students are these three: the speech on the Kansas-Nebraska Act at Peoria (October 16, 1854); the address to the Washington Temperance Society of Springfield, Illinois (February 22, 1842); and the



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second inaugural address (March 4, 1865). And one of the best ways to learn the power of persuasive argument is to read some of the Lincoln-Douglas debates on slavery.

**22. John Stuart Mill**. *On Liberty*. (1869) This is a short book on the limits of political power. Mill argues, most importantly, for freedom of thought and speech, and points out that partisans who suppress criticism ultimately weaken the views they are trying to protect. We picked *On Liberty* because (a) the substance of the essay bears directly on contemporary higher education, where "political correctness" has limited the liberty to discuss important ideas, and (b) the book is a model of lucid phile



discuss important ideas, and (b) the book is a model of lucid philosophical exposition.

23. George Orwell. *Homage to Catalonia*. (1938) Orwell, a journalist, reflects on his experiences during the Spanish Civil War from December 1936 to June 1937, where he had the misfortune to enlist in a non-Stalinist Marxist militia that Soviet-controlled communists had secretly determined to liquidate. Betrayed by people he mistook as allies, Orwell began a painful reconsideration of his views. He remained a socialist but had grown wise to the lawless nature of totalitarian regimes, and he came to loathe Stalinism. We picked this book because (a) it represents a genuine act of personal courage, (b) it vividly depicts

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the human reality of the great contest of political ideals that defined the twentieth century, and (c) it exemplifies lucid political writing.

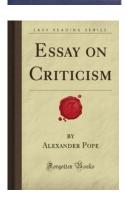
**24. Plato.** *Apology of Socrates* and *Crito*. (c. 399-387 B.C.) These are key works of philosophy that students who sign up for a philosophy course will probably read. But they are a common inheritance that everyone should know, and they can be read easily without a teacher's assistance. *The Apology* is Socrates' self-defense when he is charged with corrupting the youth of Athens. *Crito* is Socrates explanation to a friend why he must obey the laws of Athens

and accept the death penalty. We picked these two dialogues because together they present a profound debate about the place of the intellectual in society, the

pursuit of truth, and the necessity of the law.

**25. Plutarch.** *Parallel Lives*. (Second century A.D.) (Selections) Plutarch pairs biographies of famous men, one Greek, one Roman, to illuminate their character. We picked it because (a) it gives students a vibrant, narrative view of ancient Greek and Roman culture, (b) it examines what it means to be "good," and (c) as a commentary on leadership, it influenced the writers of *The Federalist Papers*.

**26. Alexander Pope.** *Essay on Criticism*. (1711) This is the only English verse on our list. Pope's poem begins with a warning that incompetent criticism poses a greater danger than poor creative writing. The latter "tries our patience," but poor judgment offered up authoritatively can "mis-lead our Sense." The *Essay on Criticism* can be read hurriedly and with no profit, but for the reader

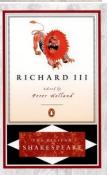


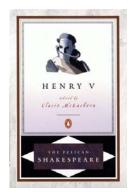
who pays attention, it is a font of good insight. We picked it because (a) it emphasizes the need for a moral seriousness in the critical inquiries that lie ahead for the college student, (b) it is one of those rare works that fully embodies the strictures it lays down: it practices what it preaches, and (c) it just might help some students improve their writing.

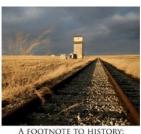
- **27. William Shakespeare.** *Julius Caesar*. (c. 1599) This play once was and should still be a standard part of the high school English curriculum, but it is not. We picked it (a) to restore a vital literary reference point, (b) to invite students to think about demagoguery and the willingness of people to sacrifice freedom to follow a charismatic leader, and (c) to urge students to reflect on conflicts between personal loyalty and public duty.
- **28.** William Shakespeare. *Richard III*. (c. 1592) This play offers one of Shakespeare's great villains, who despite his awful deeds somehow wins a share of our sympathy. We picked it because it is English literature's best portrayal of political manipulation and cunning self-advancement, which are qualities that students need to be on guard against in college no less than in the rest of life.
- **29. William Shakespeare**. *Henry V*. (c. 1598) This play is about the maturation of a king and his extraordinary success on the battlefield. The St. Crispin's Day speech is one that every student should know. We picked *Henry V* because it is the richest of Shakespeare's history plays. It has profound things to say about the responsibilities of leadership.

# **30. Robert Louis Stevenson**. *A Footnote to History: Eight Years of Trouble in Samoa*. (1892) The author of *Treasure Island* and *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* and other popular works moved to Samoa in 1890 in search of a place to recover his health. This book is his account of the colonial struggle to possess the island, as the United States, Germany, and Britain squabbled with each other and a hopelessly outgunned Samoan king. Stevenson is on the side of the Samoans. The *New York Times* hailed the book on its first publication as "an entertaining and brilliant piece"

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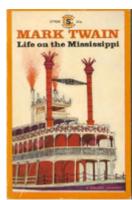
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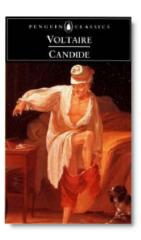
of narrative." We picked it because (a) it is a superbly written work that makes an

otherwise forgotten episode in colonial history into a lens for the vanities of politics and power, and (b) it is a good benchmark for students to think about American military ventures in faraway places.

**31. Mark Twain.** *Life on the Mississippi*. (1883) Twain is remembering his life before the Civil War as an apprentice steamboat pilot. The book is as broad and digressive as the river itself, but we have a charming companion to keep it interesting. We picked it because (a) Twain is one of the great native talents of American literature and *Life on the Mississippi* shows him in a genial mood, (b) the book opens a window on a distinctly American combination of technical expertise, intellectual aspiration, and ironic observation.

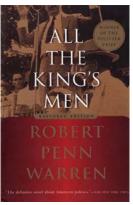


**32. Voltaire.** *Candide*. (1759) This eighteenth century satire of a young man under the spell of a philosophy that glibly treats the order of the world as "all for the best," would seem to be superfluous counsel in an age where students are more likely to be surrounded by dire warnings that things are bad and about to get much worse. But as a story of progressive (and sometime hilarious) disillusionment, *Candide* still has something to teach. We picked it because it is a timeless warning not to mistake beautiful theories for fact.



33. Robert Penn Warren. All the King's Men. (1946)

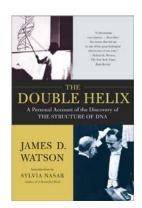
Warren's novel about the rise of a populist politician in the South presents the interplay of cynical calculation and idealistic yearning in American life. Based loosely on the life and death of Louisiana governor and senator Huey P. Long, the book is a classic portrayal of one of the weaknesses of our system of governance. We picked it because (a) it presents political corruption but is ultimately a counsel against viewing politics as mere manipulation, (b) it is a rich and vivid depiction of the



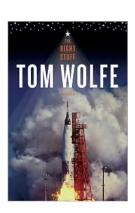
insider's view of political life, and (c) it provides students an occasion to come to terms with their own temptation to think of governance as a raw, anything-goes game.

**34. James D. Watson.** *The Double Helix*. (1968) Watson's first-person account of the discovery of the double helix structure of DNA continues to provoke controversy, especially over Watson's cursory treatment of Rosalind Franklin,

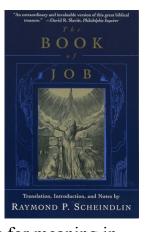
whose x-ray diffraction images of DNA were crucial to the hypothesis that he and his colleague Francis Crick developed. Nonetheless the book is a classic insider account of one of the great scientific breakthroughs of the last century. We picked it because (a) it is a vivid portrayal of how scientific reasoning, personal ambition, and individual character come together in actual research, and (b) students need to know about some of the foundational discoveries that underlie contemporary medicine and technology.



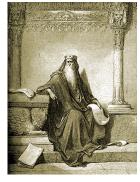
**35. Tom Wolfe.** *The Right Stuff*. (1979) This book examines the lives of test pilots and astronauts, and chronicles the early years of the U.S. manned space program. We picked it because (a) Wolfe's sympathetic engagement with the pilots brings to life the human side of this hugely complex scientific and technical accomplishment, (b) the book exemplifies the rhetorical power of the "new journalism" when it was truly new, and (c) it offers a compelling portrait of courage and selfreliance.



**36.** The Book of Job. (c. 1000 B.C.) Among the most profound and unsettling stories in the Bible, the Book of Job depicts a righteous man brought to the depths of suffering by the seeming capriciousness of God. Job rejects the counsel of his friends to curse God for his fate, but he does eventually complain. God's answer is awesome—and frightening. We picked this book because (a) it is among the most accessible points of entry to the Bible for secular students, and (b) it is a terrific story that can lead to important questions about the nature of justice.



37. The Book of Ecclesiastes. (c. 970-930 B.C.) A king searches for meaning in life by successively seeking wisdom, pleasure, wealth, sex, and power. Having achieved them, he finds that they fail to fulfill his longings and are ultimately meaningless. We picked this book because it asks many of life's deepest questions: Why work so hard if it doesn't bring real happiness and death is inevitable? What is there to live for, really? Why do bad things happen to good people? Why are some people wealthy while others are poor? In this way it also speaks to the rising concern



on college campuses for social justice.

### **List B: Six More Ambitious Choices**

- **1. Harold Bloom.** *The Western Canon*. (1994) Bloom's enthusiasm for great books is infectious. Students won't have read many of the books he discusses but will want to.
- **2. Alexis De Tocqueville.** *Democracy in America*. (1838) De Tocqueville remains the best observer of the American social and political experiment. A long read but not inherently difficult.
- **3. Fyodor Dostoevsky.** *Crime and Punishment*. (1866) A psychological masterpiece. No one regrets reading it, though it is a long journey.
- **4. Herman Melville.** *The Confidence-Man*. (1857) Easy to read but baffling to some readers, since Melville refuses to say exactly who among the large cast of characters aboard the Mississippi steam ship *Fidèle* is *the* confidence man. Is America a confidence game?
- **5.** Gary Rose, ed. *Shaping a Nation:* **25** *Supreme Court Cases*. (2010) We are a nation of laws—and of Supreme Court opinions. It is a good idea for students to start college having read some of the most important ones.
- **6. Virgil.** *The Aeneid*. (19 B.C., Fagles's translation, 2006) An epic in every sense, *The Aeneid* is one of the masterpieces of Western civilization.