

Columbia Prep 2011 Summer Reading List: Grades 9-12

Over the summer, all Columbia Prep students must read a minimum of FOUR new books—some of your own choosing, some required. The required summer reading is listed below. (Note: Many Advanced Placement courses have required books as well, and while these count as part of your overall four, they are not listed here.)

We have also provided suggestions for your free choice reading. You can pick books from the lists below, different books by the same authors, or any book that interests you and is somewhat comparable in reading level. (If you are concerned that one book you have is too light or easy, then perhaps pair that with something a bit more challenging.)

Have fun choosing: Talk to your friends, talk to your family, talk to your teachers. Hang out in a bookstore, searching for something that grabs your eye, or spend some time browsing online—whatever it takes to find a book that you like and that will keep you reading. You should be prepared to discuss your choices when school begins in the fall.

Required Books

9th Grade English—*The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger.

9th Grade History—*The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* (Yale U. Press, ISBN: 0-300-08701-2).

10th Grade English—*The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien.

10th Grade History—*A Shattered Peace* by David Andelman. Students should read Chapters 1 and 2, plus one chapter from chapters 4 – 9.

11th and 12 Grade—Summer Reading Symposium: As part of their four books, juniors and seniors must read one of the following titles. (You can find descriptions of these books on the Summer Reading Symposium document on this site to help you choose.)

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

The Mathematician's Lament by Paul Lockhart

The Invention of Air by Steven Johnson

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

Faculty Favorites and Other Reading Lists for Your Free Choice Books

Ms. Ackley

Frank, Thomas. *What's the Matter with Kansas.*

Bacevich, Andrew. *The Limits of Power.*

Kozol, Jonathan. *Savage Inequalities.*

Salinger, J. D. *Franny and Zooey.*

Kundera, Milan. *The Unbearable Lightness of Being.*

Mr. Alexander

Brown, Lester. *Plan B: 3.0, Mobilizing to Save Civilization.*

Roberts, Paul. *The End of Food*.
Flannery, Tim. *The Weather Makers*.
Kunstler, James. *The Long Emergency*.

Ms. Allen

Bellow, Saul. *Henderson the Rain King*.
Gardner, John. *Grendel*.
Bainbridge, Beryl. *According to Queeney*.
Enger, Leif. *Peace Like a River*.
Waugh, Evelyn. *A Handful of Dust*.

Mr. Bailin

Esquivel, Laura. *Like Water for Chocolate*.
Fowles, John. *The Magus*.
Gibson, William. *Neuromancer*.
Kraukauer, John. *Into the Wild*.
Eco, Umberto. *The Name of the Rose*.
Wolfe, Tom. *The Right Stuff*.
Gray, Spalding. *Swimming to Cambodia*.
Mitchell, David. *Cloud Atlas*.
McEwan, Ian. *Atonement*.

Mr. Cramer

Eco, Umberto. *The Name of the Rose*.
Bass, Rick. *The Watch*.
Hammett, Dashiell. *Red Harvest; The Glass Key*.
Melville, Herman. *Moby Dick*.
Ellison, Ralph. *Invisible Man*.
Robinson, Marilynne. *Housekeeping*.
Carver, Raymond. *Where I'm Calling From*.
Adams, Richard. *Watership Down*.

Ms. Cusick

Helprin, Mark. *Winter's Tale*.
Byatt, A. S. *The Children's Book*.
Vogel, Paula. *How I Learned to Drive*.
Krauss, Nicole. *The History of Love*.

Ms. Dean

Rohington, Mistry. *A Fine Balance*.
Kidder, Tracy. *Mountains Beyond Mountains*.
Garcia Marquez, Gabriel. *Living to Tell*.
Zafon, Carlos Ruis. *The Shadow of the Wind*.
Mcann, Colum. *Let the Great World Spin*.
Wroblewski, David. *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*.
Eggers, Dave. *Zeitoun*.

Ms. DeGulis

Graham, Katharine. *Personal History*.
Cohen, Adam and Taylor, Elizabeth. *American Pharaoh: Mayor Richard J. Daley - His Battle for Chicago and the Nation*.

Garrow, David. *Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.*

Herrera, Hayden. *Frida: A Biography of Frida Kahlo.*

Lady Borton. *After Sorrow: An American among the Vietnamese.*

Mr. Davis

Rand, Ayn. *The Fountainhead.*

Caro, Robert A. *The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York.*

Lukas, Anthony. *On Common Ground: A Turbulent Decade in the Lives of Three American Families*

Carroll, John. *Basketball Diaries*

Ms. Friesinger

Wharton, Edith. *The Age of Innocence*

Smiley, Jane. *Ordinary Love and Good Will*

Mr. Gerson

Stephenson, Neal. *Cryptonomicon.*

Stoll, Clifford. *The Cuckoo's Egg.*

Ms. Gerson

Fadiman, Ann. *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down.*

Roberts, Jane and Butts, Robert. *The Nature of Personal Reality.*

Hegi, Ursula. *Stones from the River.*

Irving, John. *The Cider House Rules.*

Smiley, Jane. *A Thousand Acres.*

Conroy, Pat. *Prince of Tides.*

Verghese, Abraham. *Cutting for Stone.*

Kingsolver, Barbara. *The Poisonwood Bible.*

Mr. Gregory

Lethem, Jonathon. *Motherless Brooklyn.*

McCourt, Frank. *Angela's Ashes.*

Proux, Annie. *Wyoming Stories.*

Roth, Philip. *American Pastoral.*

Mr. Gogolin

Huxley, Aldous. *Brave New World.*

Ms. Grady

Garcia, Cristina. *Dreaming in Cuban.*

Bulgakov, Mikhail. *The Master and Margarita.*

Brooks, Gwendolyn. *Selected Poems.*

Kaplan, Robert D. *Balkan Ghosts.*

Nell Smith, Martha. *Rowing in Eden: Rereading Emily Dickinson.*

Mr. Greenside

Voltaire. *Candide.*

Hemingway, Ernest. *A Moveable Feast.*

Flanner, Janet. *Paris Journal: 1965-1970.*

Dante. *The Divine Comedy.*

Theroux, Paul. *The Great Railway Bazaar: By Train Through Asia.*

Tuckman, Barbara. *A Distant Mirror*.
Chatwin, Bruce. *The Songlines*.

Ms. Ho

Kidd, Sue Monk. *The Secret Life of Bees*.
Sijie, Dai. *Balzac & the Little Chinese Seamstress*.
Sneider, Vern. *Teahouse of the August Moon*.
Russo, Richard. *Empire Falls*.
Roth, Henry. *Call it Sleep*.
Ballard, J.G. *Empire of the Sun*.
Styron, William. *Darkness Visible: A memoir of madness*.
Harris, Joann. *Five Quarters of the Orange*.
Eugenides, Jeffrey. *Middlesex*.
Eggers, Dave. *What is the What*.

Ms. Kraus

Paley, Grace. *The Little Disturbances of Man; Enormous Changes at the Last Minute*.
Updike, John. *Rabbit Run; Rabbit Redux*, etc.
Nabokov, Vladimir. *Lolita*.
Conrad, Joseph. *Heart of Darkness*.
Packer, ZZ. *Drinking Coffee Elsewhere*.
Proulx, Annie. *The Shipping News*.
Don DeLillo, *White Noise*

Mr. Kutler

Perec, Georges. *W or the Memory of Childhood*.
Ben Jelloun, Tahar. *Leaving Tangier*.
Camus, Albert. *The Stranger*.
Camus, Albert. *The Plague*.
Verne, Jules. *Paris in the Twentieth Century*.

Ms. Jannetta

Alvarez, Julia. *In the Time of the Butterflies*.
Danticat, Edwidge. *The Farming of Bones*.
Esquivel, Laura. *Like Water for Chocolate*.
Eugenides, Jeffrey. *Middlesex*.
Ghosh, Amitav. *The Sea of Poppies*.
Giordano, Paolo. *The Solitude of Prime Numbers*.
Greene, Graham. *The Quiet American*.
Kidd, Sue Monk. *The Secret Lives of Bees*.
Proulx, Annie. *The Shipping News*.
Wroblewski, David. *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*.
Zusak, Markus. *The Book Thief*.

Ms. Markovits

Pears, Ian. *The Dream of Scipio*.
Power, Samantha. *A Problem from Hell*.
Lewis, Bernard. *The Crisis of Islam*.
Friedman, Thomas. *The World is Flat*.
Lahiri, Jhumpa. *Interpreter of Maladies*.
Hanif, Mohammed. *The Case of the Exploding Mangoes*.

Patchett, Ann. *Bel Canto*.
Strout, Elizabeth. *Olive Kitteridge*.
Haddon, Mark. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.
Stockett, Kathryn. *The Help*.
Hosseini, Khaled. *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*
Verghese, Abraham. *Cutting for Stone*.

Ms. O'Connor

Roy, Arundhati. *God of Small Things*.
Banks, Russell. *The Sweet Hereafter, Rule of the Bone*.
Chabon, Michael. *The Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*.
Foer, Jonathan Safran. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*.
Tartt, Donna. *The Secret History*.
Smiley, Jane. *A Thousand Acres*.

Ms O'Keefe

Jin, Ha. *Waiting*.
Uris, Leon. *Exodus*.
Smith, Betty. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*.
Hosseini, Khald. *A Thousand Splendid Suns*.

Mr. Puccio

Rand, Ayn. *The Fountainhead*.
Atwood, Margaret. *The Robber Bride*.
Gardner, John. *Freddy's Book*.
Albee, Edward. *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*
Irving, John. *The Cider House Rules*.
Crossley-Holland, Kevin. *The Norse Myths*.
Chandler, Raymond. *Lady in the Lake*.
Doctorow, E.L. *Loon Lake*.

Mr. Riordan

Kerouac, Jack. *On the Road*.
McCarthy, Cormac. *The Road, No Country for Old Men*.
Kurlansky, Mark. *Cod; The Big Oyster*.
London, Jack. *The Sea Wolf*.
Helprin, Mark. *A Soldier of the Great War*.
Neruda, Pablo. *Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair*.

Ms. Schackman

Robinson, Marilynne. *Housekeeping*.
Diaz, Junot. *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*.
Morrison, Toni. *Song of Solomon*.
Atwood, Margaret. *The Handmaid's Tale*.
Sittenfeld, Curtis. *The American Wife*.

Ms. Schulte

Alvarez, Julia. *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents; In the Time of the Butterflies*.
Atwood, Margaret. *Cat's Eye; Alias Grace*.
Hurston, Zora Neale. *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.
Kingsolver, Barbara. *The Bean Trees; The Poisonwood Bible*.

Steinbeck, John. *Travels with Charley; Cannery Row.*
McEwen, Ian. *Atonement.*

Mr. Speyer

Sayers, Dorothy L. *The Unpleasantness at the Bellona Club.*
Adolphe, Bruce. *What to Listen for in the World.*

Mr. Warshawski

Klosterman, Chuck. *Downtown Owl.*
Dexter, Pete. *Paris Trout.*
Schechter, Harold. *Nevermore.*

Ms. Weber

Irving, John. *A Prayer for Owen Meany.*
Coupland, Douglas. *Miss Wyoming.*
Chabon, Michael. *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay.*
Card, Orson Scott. *Ender's Game.*
Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *The Secret Garden.*

Mr. Wilson

Stephenson, Neal. *Snow Crash.*
Robertson, James. *The Testament of Gideon Mack.*
Smith, Zadie. *On Beauty.*
Dubus, Andre. *Separate Flights.*
Josopovici, Gabriel. *In a Hotel Garden.*
Heaney, Seamus (trans.) *Beowulf*

More Suggestions

FICTION

Achebe, Chinua	<i>Things Fall Apart</i>
Agee, James	<i>A Death in the Family</i>
Alvarez, Julia	<i>How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents</i>
Anderson, Sherwood	<i>Winesburg, Ohio (Stories)</i>
Atwood, Margaret	<i>The Handmaid's Tale</i>
Austen, Jane	<i>Emma</i>
	<i>Sense and Sensibility</i>
Baldwin, James	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>
Bellow, Saul	<i>Seize the Day</i>
	<i>Henderson the Rain King</i>
Borges, Jorge Luis	<i>Labyrinths</i>
Bradbury, Ray	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>
Bronte, Charlotte	<i>Jane Eyre</i>
Cervantes, Miguel de	<i>Don Quixote</i>
Chopin, Kate	<i>The Awakening</i>
Cisneros, Sandra	<i>The House on Mango Street</i>
Crane, Stephen	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>
Defoe, Daniel	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>
Dickens, Charles	<i>David Copperfield</i>

Eliot, George	<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> <i>The Mill on the Floss</i>
Ellison, Ralph	<i>Silas Marner</i> <i>Invisible Man</i>
Faulkner, William	<i>Intruder in the Dust</i> <i>As I Lay Dying</i>
Fitzgerald, F. Scott	<i>This Side of Paradise</i>
Fowles, John	<i>The French Lieutenant's Woman</i>
Gardner, John	<i>Grendel</i>
Gaines, Ernest	<i>A Lesson Before Dying</i>
Golding, William	<i>Lord of the Flies</i>
Hardy, Thomas	<i>The Return of the Native</i> <i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i>
Heller, Joseph	<i>Catch-22</i>
Hemingway, Ernest	<i>The Nick Adams Stories</i> <i>Snows of Kilimanjaro and other stories</i> <i>A Farewell to Arms</i>
Hesse, Hermann	<i>Siddhartha</i>
Hurston, Zora Neale	<i>Their Eyes were Watching God</i>
Huxley, Aldous	<i>Brave New World</i>
Jackson, Shirley	<i>The Lottery</i> (Stories)
James, Henry	<i>The Portrait of a Lady</i>
Joyce, James	<i>Dubliners</i> <i>A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man</i>
Kafka, Franz	<i>The Trial</i> <i>Metamorphosis</i>
Kesey, Ken	<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i>
Lee, Harper	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>
Lewis, Sinclair	<i>Babbitt</i> <i>Main Street</i>
Malamud, Bernard	<i>The Complete Stories</i> <i>The Magic Barrel</i>
Mann, Thomas	<i>Death in Venice and other stories</i>
Markandaya, Kamala	<i>Nectar in a Sieve</i>
McCullers, Carson	<i>The Member of the Wedding</i>
Melville, Herman	<i>Moby Dick</i>
Morrison, Toni	<i>Beloved</i>
O'Connor, Flannery	<i>Everything That Rises Must Converge</i> <i>A Good Man Is Hard to Find</i>
Orwell, George	<i>1984</i> <i>Animal Farm</i>
Plath, Sylvia	<i>The Bell Jar</i>
Paton, Alan	<i>Cry, the Beloved Country</i>
Poe, Edgar Allan	<i>The Complete Stories</i>
Potok, Chaim	<i>The Chosen</i>
Roth, Philip	<i>Goodbye Columbus and other short stories</i>
Scott, Sir Walter	<i>Ivanhoe</i>
Shelley, Mary	<i>Frankenstein</i>
Steinbeck, John	<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>
Stendhal	<i>The Red and the Black</i>

Stevenson, Robert Louis
Swift, Jonathan
Thackerary, William
Tolstoy, Leo

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Gulliver's Travels
Vanity Fair
War and Peace
Anna Karenina
Slaughterhouse Five
A Handful of Dust
The Color Purple
Native Son

Vonnegut, Kurt
Waugh, Evelyn
Walker, Alice
Wright, Richard

PUBLICATIONS (Note: Becoming a regular reader of an excellent publication counts as a book. The following magazines contain especially good writing:

The New Yorker
Harper's
The Atlantic Monthly
The Believer

NON-FICTION

Abbot, Edwin
Asinof, Eliot
Alvarez, Walter
Blais, Madeleine
Blatner, David
Boorstin, Jon
Brown, Dee
Carson, Rachel
Chang, Iris
Ferris, Timothy
Fortey, Richard
Goodwin, Jason
Gould, Stephen Jay
Hafner, Katie
Hamilton, Edith
Hawking, Stephen
Hersey, John
Jones, K. Maurice
Junger, Sebastian
Karnow, Stanley
Kidder, Tracy
Kotlowitz, Alex
Kozol, Jonathan
Krackauer, Jon
Machiavelli, Niccolo
McCloud, Scott
O'Gorman, James F.
Paulos, John Allen
Petroski, Henry

Flatland
Eight Men Out
T. Rex and the Crater of Doom
In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle
The Joy of [Pi]
Making Movies Work: Thinking Like a Filmmaker
Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee
Silent Spring
The Rape of Nanking
Coming of Age in the Milky Way
Life
Lords of the Horizon
The Mismeasure of Man
Where Wizards Stay up Late: The Origins of the Internet
Mythology
A Brief History of Time
Hiroshima
Say It Loud! The Story of Rap Music
The Perfect Storm
Vietnam: A History
The Soul of a New Machine
The Other Side of the River
Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools
Into Thin Air
The Prince
Understanding Comics
ABC of Architecture
Innumeracy: Mathematical Illiteracy and Its Consequences
Invention by Design: How Engineers Get from

Pipher, Mary	<i>Thought to Thing</i>
Regis, Ed	<i>Revising Ophelia</i>
Ryan, Jean	<i>Virus Ground Zero</i>
Shaara, Michael	<i>Little Girls in Pretty Boxes</i>
Simon, David	<i>The Killer Angels</i>
	<i>The Corner: A Year in the life of an Inner City Neighborhood</i>
Singh, Simon	<i>Fermat's Enigma</i>
Sobel, Dava	<i>Longitude</i>
Spiegelman, Art	<i>Maus</i>
	<i>Maus II</i>
Spindler, Konrad	<i>The Man in the Ice</i>
Strickland, Carol	<i>The Annotated Mona Lisa: A Crash Course in Art History</i>
Stringer, Christopher	<i>African Exodus: The Origins of Modern Humanity</i>
Thomas, Lewis	<i>The Lives of a Cell</i>
Thoreau, Henry David	<i>Walden</i>
Watson, James	<i>The Double Helix</i>
Yolen, Jane	<i>Favorite Folktales from Around the World</i>

BIOGRAPHY

Ambrose, Stephen	<i>Undaunted Courage</i>
Angelou, Maya	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>
Ashe, Arthur	<i>Days of Grace</i>
Baker, Russell	<i>Growing Up</i>
Bitton-Jackson, Livia	<i>I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing up in the Holocaust</i>
Curie, Eve	<i>Madame Curie</i>
Douglass, Frederick	<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i>
Frank, Anne	<i>Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl</i>
Haley, Alex	<i>Roots</i>
Hockenberry, John	<i>Moving Violations</i>
Jiang, Ji-Li	<i>Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution</i>
Keller, Helen	<i>Story of My Life</i>
Kincaid, Jamaica	<i>My Brother</i>
Lash, Joseph	<i>Eleanor and Franklin</i>
Malcolm X	<i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X</i>
Massie, Robert	<i>Nicholas and Alexandra</i>
McBride, James	<i>The Color of Water</i>
McCourt, Frank	<i>Angela's Ashes</i>
McCullough, David	<i>Truman</i>
Mathabane, Mark	<i>Kaffir Boy</i>
Mehta, Ved	<i>Sound-Shadows of the New World</i>
Mitford, Nancy	<i>Zelda</i>
Moody, Ann	<i>Coming of Age in Mississippi</i>
Mora, Pat	<i>House of Houses</i>
Rodriguez, Luis	<i>Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.</i>
Rodriguez, Richard	<i>The Education of Richard Rodriguez</i>
Santiago, Esmeralda	<i>Almost a Woman</i>
Sobel, Dava	<i>Galileo's Daughter</i>

Troyat, Henri
Wiesel, Elie
Wilson, Jeremy
Wolff, Tobias
Wright, Richard

Catherine the Great
All Rivers Run to the Sea: Memoirs
Lawrence of Arabia
This Boy's Life
Black Boy

DRAMA

Beckett, Samuel
Chekhov, Anton
Fugard, Athol
Hansberry, Lorraine
Hellman, Lillian

Ibsen, Henrik
Miller, Arthur
Shakespeare, William
Shaw, George Bernard
Shepard, Sam
Stoppard, Tom
Wilder, Thornton
Williams, Tennessee

Wilson, August

Waiting for Godot
The Cherry Orchard
Master Harold and the Boys
A Raisin in the Sun
The Little Foxes
The Children's Hour
A Doll's House
Death of a Salesman
King Lear and other plays
Pygmalion
True West
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead
Our Town
A Streetcar Named Desire
The Glass Menagerie
Piano Lesson
Fences

POETRY

Angelou, Maya
Auden, W. H.
Collins, Billy
Dickinson, Emily
Eliot, T.S.
Frost, Robert
Ginsberg, Allen
Heaney, Seamus
Hughes, Langston
Homer
Neruda, Pablo

Rich, Adrienne
Thomas, Dylan
Williams, William Carlos
Yeats, W.B.

And Still I Rise
Selected Poems
Sailing Alone Around the Room
Poems
The Waste Land and Other Poems
Poetry of Robert Frost
Howl & Other Poems
Beowulf
The Dreamkeeper & Other Poems
Odyssey
Selected Poems/Bilingual edition
Selected Odes of Pablo Neruda
Adrienne Rich's Poetry and Prose
Collected Poems
Selected Poems
Collected Poems of W.B. Yeats