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Next year, the ARC will be home to the ARCLight Student Film Festival! This festival is an international festival, highlighting the creative talents of young filmmakers from all over the world. We will be accepting films of any genre that are under 10 minutes in length. Win prizes and trophies!

Submissions open this Fall. The festival screens on April 29, 2023 in the ARC --- complete with a red carpet!

For rules and more information, visit arclightfilmfest.org

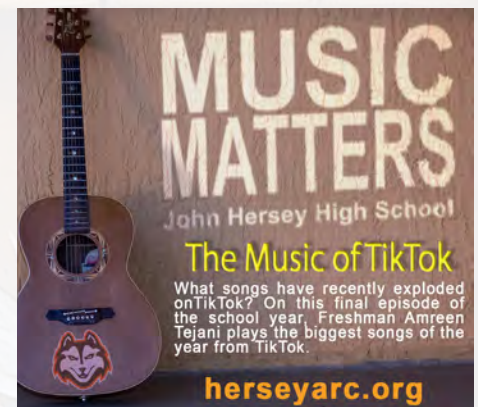
Summer is a great time to make a movie!

MUSIC MATTERS

Episode 7: The Music of TikTok

We have dropped our final episode of the year of *Music Matters!* TikTok has been a platform that has increasingly popularized music through the videos created by users. On this episode, Freshman Amreen Tejani plays some of the biggest hits of the year on TikTok. Hear tracks from Olivia Rodrigo, Kid Cudi, Ed Sheeran, Glass Animals, Jaymes Young, and many more!

Music Matters is available to stream online via [Mixcloud](https://www.mixcloud.com). You can also download the Mixcloud app for [Android](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mixcloud.android) or [iOS](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/mixcloud/id1085094210) and listen on the go!



What songs have recently exploded on TikTok? On this final episode of the school year, Freshman Amreen Tejani plays the biggest songs of the year from TikTok.

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Summer is Here

As usual, we have a new [playlist](#) for you! Since summer is just about here, we thought a crop of songs with the word "summer" or "summertime" in the title would be a good way to ease into the summer season. This playlist features an eclectic mix of music. Perfect for your Summer Reading!



Summer Songs

Join us for a great playlist of songs about summer, and featuring the word summer in the title!
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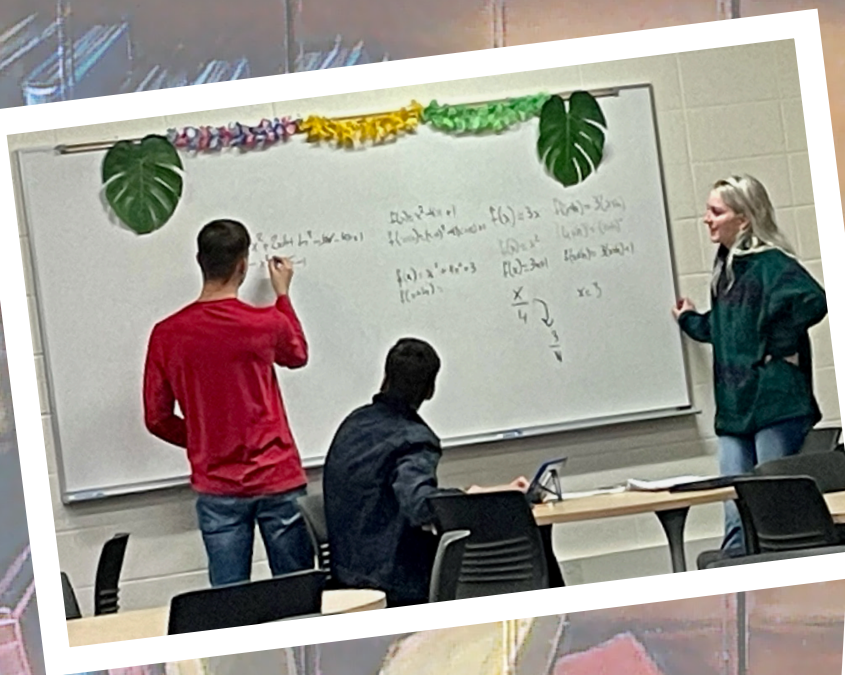
TEST MAKE-UP & PEER-TUTORING

Another year has come to an end in the Test Make-up/Peer Tutor center in the ARC. And what a year we've had!

2021-22 The Numbers

Total Tutoring Sessions: 3795
Peer Tutor Sessions: 2194
Teacher Tutor Sessions: 1601

Math: 2394
Science: 717
SS/WL: 318
English: 222
Misc: 144

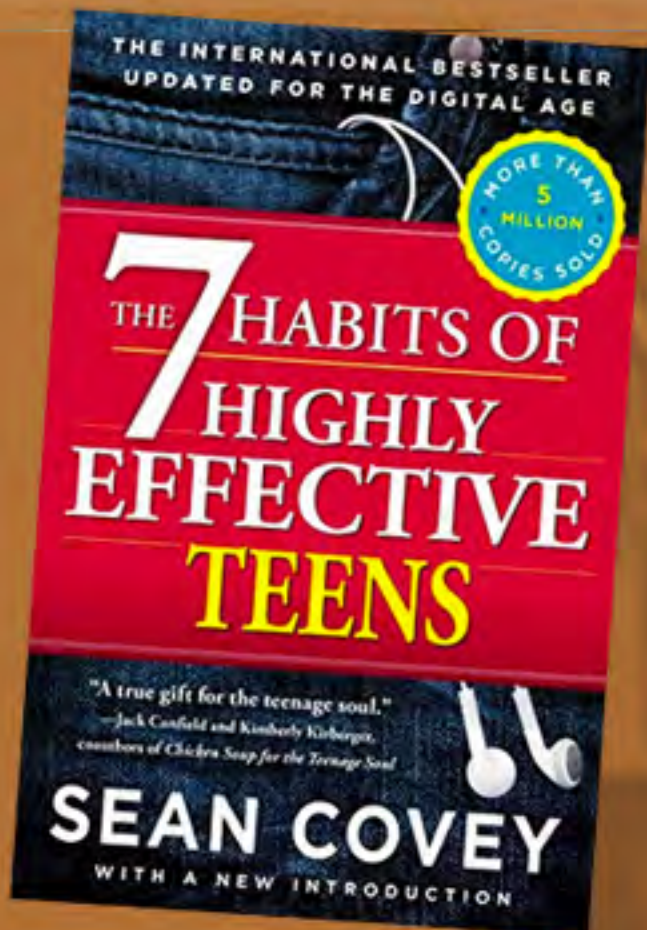


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SUMMER READING

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CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER READING WEBSITE!



***The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* is the book everyone is reading. But there's more, if you want! Check out our recommendations for other books to read. Don't want to read any of the suggestions? No worries. Read what you want. And log your readings on the form below:**



Need a copy of this book? Check out your [local public library](#). They have many copies. Or, [buy a used copy cheap!](#)

Win prizes! The more books you read, the better your chances!



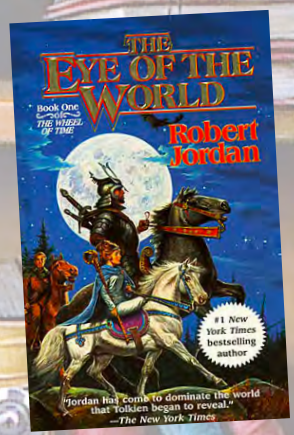
H SUMMER READING|2022 *Book Club Recommendations*



The Bone Gap
by Laura Ruby
FANTASY

“Plot twists you will not see coming. A type of book that will stay on your mind as you re-think and ponder interesting characters and creative plot points.”
-- Victoria (Class of '22)

Content: Sexual assault (not shown)



The Eye of the World
by Robert Jordan
ADVENTURE/FANTASY

“The first book of an epic 14 book series that features an immensely detailed and thoughtfully crafted world that rivals *The Lord of the Rings*.”

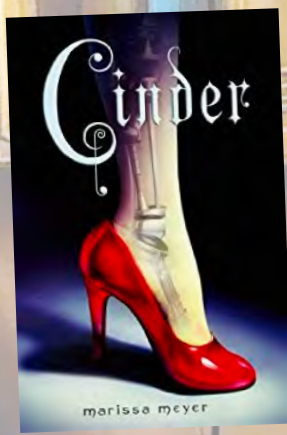
-- Patrick (Class of '22)

Content: Fantasy violence

Cinder
by Marissa Meyer
SCI-FI

“A sci-fi retelling of Cinderella. Great for enjoyers of steampunk, fast-paced books and the found family trope!”

-- Ester (Class of '24)

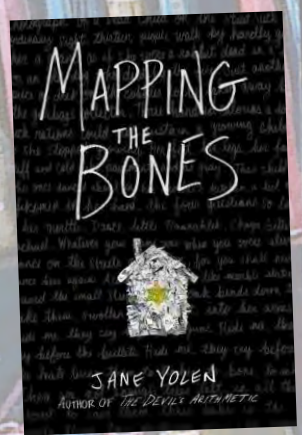


All the Bright Places
by Jennifer Niven
REALISTIC FICTION

“Such a beautiful book and portrays love in the most heart-wrenching way. Induced so much feeling--would highly recommend!”

-- Megan (Class of '24)

Content: Suicide



Mapping the Bones
by Jane Yolen
HISTORICAL FICTION

“This is a beautifully haunting book about twins and what they had to go through in the midst of WWII.”

-- Maddie (Class of '24)

Content: Holocaust



Legendborn
by Tracy Deonn
FANTASY

“By far my favorite re-read of 2021. Every page leaves you wanting more of lovable characters and captivating plot points. The ending will leave you reeling for days.”

-- Victoria (Class of '22)

Content: Death of a parent, racist violence



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Beach Reads and Rom-Coms

10 Things I Hate About Pinky by Sandhya Menon REALISTIC FICTION

Pinky loves lazy summers at her parents' Cape Cod lake house, but after listening to them harangue her about the poor decisions she's made (a.k.a. boyfriends she's had), she hatches a plan. Get her sorta-friend-sorta-enemy—who is a total Harvard-bound Mama's boy—to pose as her perfect boyfriend for the summer.



You & Me and the End of the World by Anna Bourne RELATIONSHIPS

Stuck with only each other in an apocalyptic Houston, Hannah and Leo explore a world with no parents, no friends, and no school and realize that they can be themselves instead of playing the parts everyone expects of them.

Kate in Waiting by Becky Albertalli RELATIONSHIPS

When Kate and Anderson's latest long-distance crush shows up at their school, everything goes off script. Matt Olsson is talented and sweet, and Kate likes him. She really likes him. The only problem? So does Anderson.

A diverse cast of characters with positive LGBTQ+ representation.

Content: Language



What to Say Next by Julie Buxbaum REALISTIC FICTION

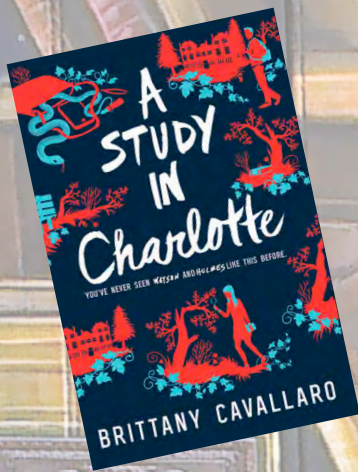
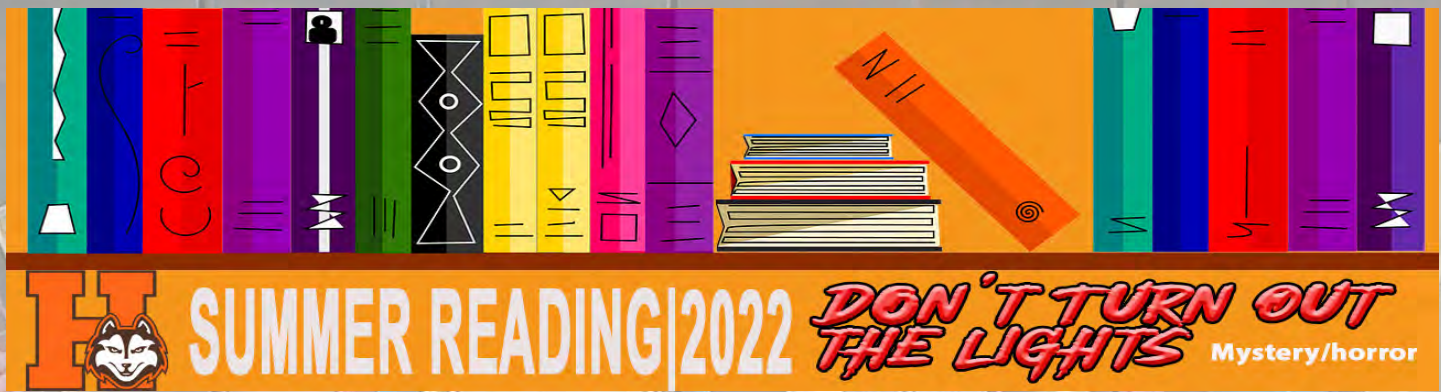
When an unlikely friendship is sparked between relatively popular Kit Lowell and socially isolated David Drucker, everyone is surprised, most of all Kit and David. Kit appreciates David's blunt honesty—in fact, she finds it bizarrely refreshing. David welcomes Kit's attention and her inquisitive nature. When she asks for his help figuring out the how and why of her dad's tragic car accident, David is all in. But neither of them can predict what they'll find. Can their friendship survive the truth?

Content: Autism



Furia by Yamile Saied Méndez RELATIONSHIPS

A powerful contemporary YA for fans of The Poet X and I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter set in Argentina, about a rising soccer star who must put everything on the line—even her blooming love story—to follow her dreams.



A Study in Charlotte
by Brittany Cavallaro
MYSTERY

Jamie Watson has always been intrigued by Charlotte Holmes; after all, their great-great-great-grandfathers are one of the most infamous pairs in history. But the Holmes family has always been odd, and Charlotte is no exception. She's inherited Sherlock's volatility and some of his vices—and when Jamie and Charlotte end up at the same Connecticut boarding school, Charlotte makes it clear she's not looking for friends.

Content: talk about drug use, drug addiction, mild self harm



Firekeeper's Daughter
by Angeline Boulley
MYSTERY

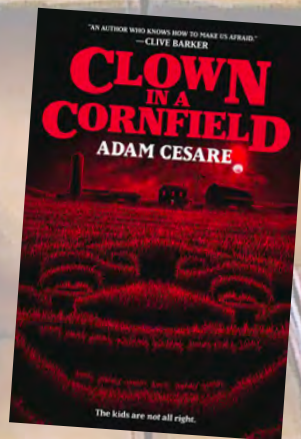
As a biracial, unenrolled tribal member and the product of a scandal, Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in—both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. After Daunis witnesses a shocking murder that thrusts her into a criminal investigation, she agrees to go undercover. But the deceptions—and deaths—keep piling up and soon the threat strikes too close to home.

Content: Violence, drugs, sexual assault

Clown in a Cornfield
by Adam Cesare
HORROR

Quinn Maybrook and her father have moved to tiny, boring Kettle Springs, to find a fresh start. Kettle Springs is caught in a battle between old and new, tradition and progress. It's a fight that looks like it will destroy the town. Until Frendo, the Baypen mascot, a creepy clown in a pork-pie hat, goes homicidal and decides that the only way for Kettle Springs to grow back is to cull the rotten crop of kids who live there now.

Content: Violence



And the Trees Crept In
by Dawn Kurtagich
HORROR

When Silla and Nori arrive at their aunt's home, it's immediately clear that the manor is cursed. The endless creaking of the house at night and the eerie stillness of the woods surrounding them would be enough of a sign, but there are secrets too—questions that Silla can't ignore: Why does it seem that, ever since they arrived, the trees have been creeping closer?

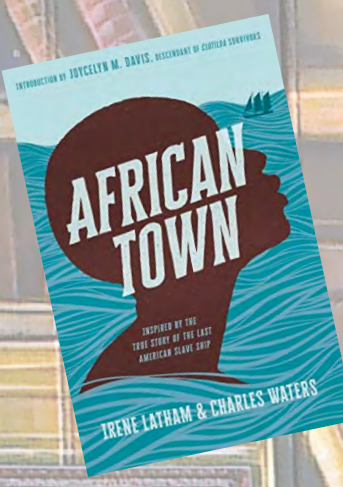


Lost in the Never Woods
by Aiden Thomas
MYSTERY

When children start to go missing in the local woods, a teen girl must face her fears and a past she can't remember to rescue them in this dark, retelling of Peter Pan.



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African Town by Irene Latham & Charles Waters VERSE

Told in 14 distinct voices, including that of the ship that brought them to the American shores and the founder of African Town, this powerfully affecting historical novel-in-verse recreates a pivotal moment in US and world history, the impacts of which we still feel today.



This Might Get Awkward by Kara McDowell RELATIONSHIPS

During a solo outing to her favorite beach, Gemma realizes—to her horror—that the popular kids from school have shown up to throw a party. Before she can sneak away (and possibly puke behind her car) Gemma is pulled into the action and ends up talking to Beau, who asks her to pretend that they're "close." Gemma is too flustered and flattered to refuse, and mostly, she's wondering why Beau is talking to her at all . . . right up until the moment when he falls off the boat, hits his head, and ends up in a coma.

Content: Social Anxiety Disorder and depression



A Far Wilder Magic by Allison Saft Fantasy

When Margaret Welty spots the legendary hala, the last living mythical creature, she knows the Halfmoon Hunt will soon follow. Whoever is able to kill the hala will earn fame and riches, and unlock an ancient magical secret. If Margaret wins the hunt, it may finally bring her mother home. While Margaret is the best sharpshooter in town, only teams of two can register, and she needs an alchemist.



And They Lived by Steven Salvatore RELATIONSHIPS

Chase Arthur is a budding animator and hopeless romantic obsessed with Disney films and finding his true love, but he's plagued with the belief that he's not enough for anyone: he's recovering from an eating disorder and suffers from body dysmorphia fueled by his father, and can't quite figure out his gender identity. When Chase starts his freshman year of college, he has to navigate being away from home and missing his sister, finding his squad, and contending with his ex-best friend Leila who is gunning for the same exclusive mentorship.

Cold the Night, Fast the Wolves by Meg Long SCI-FI

After angering a local gangster, seventeen-year-old Sena Korhosen must flee with her prize fighting wolf, Iska, in tow. A team of scientists offer to pay her way off her frozen planet on one condition: she gets them to the finish line of the planet's infamous sled race. Though Sena always swore she'd never race after it claimed both her mothers' lives, it's now her only option.

Content: Language and violence



Then Chase meets Jack Reid, a pragmatic poet who worships words and longs to experience life outside of his sheltered world.

Content: Language

Ace of Spades
by Faridah Abiké-Iyimidé
REALISTIC FICTION

Welcome to Niveus Private Academy, where money paves the hallways, and the students are never less than perfect. Until now. Because anonymous texter, Aces, is bringing two students' dark secrets to light.

An incendiary and utterly compelling thriller with a shocking twist that delves deep into the heart of institutionalized racism, from an exceptional new YA voice.



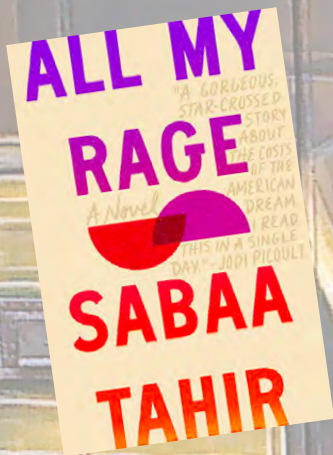
Content: Racism and homophobia

Roxy
by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman
REALISTIC FICTION

Roxy is a fantasy novel in which avatars of popular drugs, from alcohol to crystal meth, tempt human beings to try them and become addicted. Siblings Isaac and Ivy start using Oxycontin and Adderall to deal with pain and distraction, and before long are jeopardizing their very lives. Not much sex or violence. Lots of substance abuse.



Content: Drug abuse



All My Rage
by Sabaa Tahir
REALISTIC FICTION

Salahudin and Noor are more than best friends; they are family. Growing up as outcasts in the small desert town of Juniper, California, they understand each other the way no one else does. Until The Fight, which destroys their bond with the swift fury of a star exploding.

Content: Islamophobia

The City Beautiful
by Aden Polydoros
HISTORICAL FICTION/FANTASY

Chicago, 1893. For Alter Rosen, this is the land of opportunity, and he dreams of the day he'll have enough money to bring his mother and sisters to America, freeing them from the oppression they face in his native Romania.

But when Alter's best friend, Yakov, becomes the latest victim in a long line of murdered Jewish boys, his dream begins to slip away. While the rest of the city is busy celebrating the World's Fair, Alter is now living a nightmare: possessed by Yakov's dybbuk, he is plunged into a world of corruption and deceit, and thrown back into the arms of a dangerous boy from his past.

Content: Antisemitism, violence



Anatomy: A Love ZStory
by Dana Schwartz
HISTORICAL FICTION

Edinburgh, 1817. Hazel Sinnett is a lady who wants to be a surgeon more than she wants to marry.

Jack Curren is a resurrection man who's just trying to survive in a city where it's too easy to die.

When the two of them have a chance encounter outside the Edinburgh Anatomist's Society, Hazel thinks nothing of it at first. But after she gets kicked out of renowned surgeon Dr. Beecham's lectures for being the wrong gender, she realizes that her new acquaintance might be more helpful than she first thought. Because Hazel has made a deal with Dr. Beecham: if she can pass the medical examination on her own, the university will allow her to enroll. Without official lessons, though, Hazel will need more than just her books – she'll need bodies to study, corpses to dissect.



The Shadow War
by Lindsay Smith
HISTORICAL FICTION/FANTASY

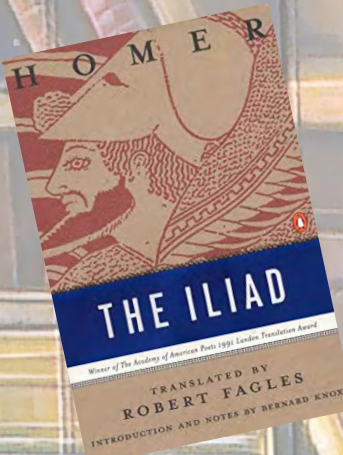
World War II is raging, and five teens are looking to make a mark. Daniel and Rebeka seek revenge against the Nazis who slaughtered their family; Simone is determined to fight back against the oppressors who ruined her life and corrupted her girlfriend; Phillip aims to prove that he's better than his worst mistakes; and Liam is searching for a way to control the portal to the shadow world he's uncovered, and the monsters that live within it--before the Nazi regime can do the same. When the five meet, and begrudgingly team up, in the forests of Germany, none of them knows what their future might hold.





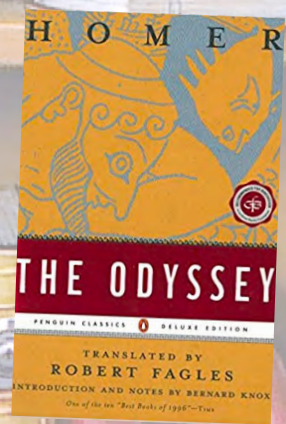
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AP/Honors



The Iliad
 by Homer
 Translated by Robert Fagles

Dating to the ninth century B.C., Homer's timeless poem still vividly conveys the horror and heroism of men and gods wrestling with towering emotions and battling amidst devastation and destruction, as it moves inexorably to the wrenching, tragic conclusion of the Trojan War.



The Odyssey
 by Homer
 Translated by Robert Fagles

'The Odyssey' is literature's greatest evocation of every man's journey through life. Here again, Fagles has performed the translator's task magnificently, giving us an Odyssey to read aloud, to savor, and to treasure for its sheer lyrical mastery.



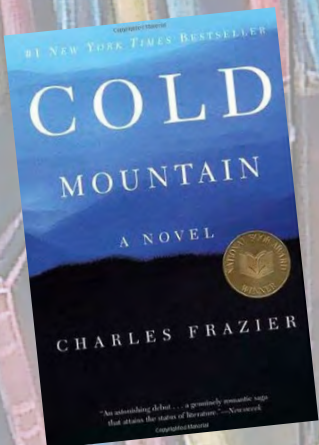
Things Fall Apart
 by Chinua Achebe

A simple story of a "strong man" whose life is dominated by fear and anger, Things Fall Apart is written with remarkable economy and subtle irony. Uniquely and richly African, at the same time it reveals Achebe's keen awareness of the human qualities common to men of all times and places.



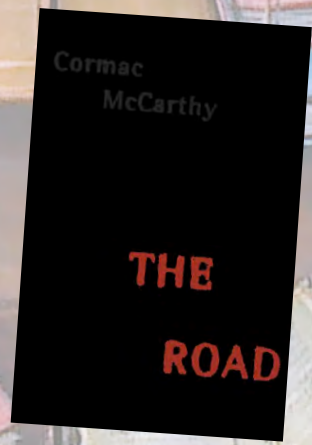
The Kite Runner
 by Khaled Hosseini

The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant, The Kite Runner is a beautifully crafted novel set in a country that is in the process of being destroyed. It is about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption, and it is also about the power of fathers over sons—their love, their sacrifices, their lies.



Cold Mountain
 by Charles Frazier

Cold Mountain is a novel about a soldier's perilous journey back to his beloved near the Civil War's end. At once a love story & a harrowing account of one man's long walk home, Cold Mountain introduces a new talent in American literature.



The Road
 by Cormac McCarthy

A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food—and each other.