

# High School Summer Reading Book Clubs - 2022

Dear Students,

The summer reading book club list is here! Teachers are excited about the choices we are offering you. The books will be on display in the library for you to come by and see. Please look at the list over the next week and decide on your top three choices. Because we limit the number of participants in each club, remember that you may not be able to get into your top choice. We hope everyone will be able to get into one of their top three book clubs.

Rising 9th through 12th graders will sign up during homeroom on Thursday, March 24. You will be asked to submit your top three choices. Be sure to select three different books. You will receive an email with your book club **OR** an email that you need to submit additional choices. Be sure to check your email throughout the afternoon of March 24th.

Here are a few things to remember:

- Note that **some books are for 11th and 12th graders only**. Don't waste a top choice on a book club you cannot join.
- **You may not choose a book you have read before.**
- **Check your email. You may have to submit an additional choice of book.**

Over the summer you will read the book. When you return, be prepared to take a brief reading check over the book and discuss it with your club. The reading check will be the first grade for your English class. You will be asked what percentage of the book you read as part of that grade.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Ford

## Choices

***The Energy Bus*** by Jon Gordon

*The Energy Bus*, an international best seller by Jon Gordon, takes readers on an enlightening and inspiring ride that reveals 10 secrets for approaching life and work with the kind of positive, forward thinking that leads to true accomplishment - at work and at home. Jon infuses this engaging story with keen insights as he provides a powerful roadmap to overcome adversity and bring out the best in yourself and your team. When you get on *The Energy Bus* you'll enjoy the ride of your life!

Mr. Mears

***Training Camp*** by Jon Gordon

*Training Camp* is an inspirational story filled with invaluable lessons and insights on bringing out the best in yourself and your team. The story follows Martin, an un-drafted rookie trying to make it in the NFL. He's spent his entire life proving to the critics that a small guy with a big

heart can succeed against all odds. If you want to be your best--*Training Camp* offers an inspirational story and real-world wisdom on what it takes to reach true excellence and how you and your team (your work team, school team, church team and family team) can achieve it.

Mr. Morris

## Christian Living for Teens

***Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul*** by John and Stasi Eldredge

Every woman was once a little girl. And every little girl holds in her heart her most precious dreams. She longs to be swept up into a romance, to play an irreplaceable role in a great adventure, to "be" the Beauty of the story. And yet—how many women do you know who ever find that life? Most women think they have to settle for a life of efficiency and duty, striving to be the women they "ought" to be but often feeling they have failed. Sadly, too many messages for Christian women add to the pressure. "Do these ten things, and you will be a godly woman." The effect has not been good on the feminine soul. The message of "Captivating" is this: Your heart matters more than anything else in all creation. The desires you had as a little girl and the longings you still feel are telling you of the life God created you to live. He offers to rescue your heart and release you to live as a fully alive and feminine woman. A woman who is truly captivating.

Dr. Rigdon

***Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*** by Francis Chan

Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe—the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you've verbalized it yet or not, we all know something's wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts—it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.

Mrs. Morris

***The Four Loves*** by C. S. Lewis - (11th and 12th)

C.S. Lewis—the great British writer, scholar, lay theologian, broadcaster, Christian apologist, and bestselling author of *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and many other beloved classics—contemplates the essence of love and how it works in our daily lives in one of his most famous works of nonfiction. Lewis examines four varieties of human love: affection, the most basic form; friendship, the rarest and perhaps most insightful; Eros, passionate love; charity, the greatest and least selfish. Throughout this compassionate and reasoned study, he encourages readers to open themselves to all forms of love—the key to understanding that brings us closer to God.

Dr. Albritton

***The Great Divorce*** by C. S. Lewis - Christian fiction

C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce* is a classic Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from hell to heaven. An extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment, Lewis's revolutionary idea in *The Great Divorce* is that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. Using his extraordinary descriptive powers, Lewis' *The Great Divorce* will change the way we think about good and evil.

Mr. Ely

***Jesus Outside the Lines: A Way Forward for Those Who are Tired of Taking Sides*** by Scott Sauls—Christian social nonfiction

“Whether the issue of the day on Twitter, Facebook, or cable news is our sexuality, political divides, or the perceived conflict between faith and science, today's media pushes each one of us into a frustrating clash between two opposing sides. Polarizing, us-against-them discussions divide us and distract us from thinking clearly and communicating lovingly with others. Scott Sauls, like many of us, is weary of the bickering and is seeking a way of truth and beauty through the conflicts. *Jesus Outside the Lines* presents Jesus as this way. Scott shows us how the words and actions of Jesus reveal a response that does not perpetuate the destructive fray. Jesus offers us a way forward--away from harshness, caricatures, and stereotypes. In *Jesus Outside the Lines*, you will experience a fresh perspective of Jesus, who will not (and should not) fit into the sides.” Mrs. Anderson

***Not a Fan*** by Kyle Idleman

Are you a follower of Jesus? Don't answer too quickly. In fact, you may want to read this book before you answer at all. Consider it a 'Define the Relationship' conversation to determine exactly where you stand. You may indeed be a passionate, fully devoted follower of Jesus. Or, you may be just a fan who admires Jesus but isn't ready to let him cramp your style. Then again, maybe you're not into Jesus, period. In any case, don't take the question---Are you a follower of Jesus?---lightly. Some people don't know what they've said yes to and other people don't realize what they've said no to, says Pastor Kyle Idleman. But Jesus is ready to clearly define the relationship he wants with his followers. *Not a Fan* calls you to consider the demands and rewards of being a true disciple. With frankness sprinkled with humor, Idleman invites you to live the way Jesus lived, love the way he loved, pray the way he prayed, and never give up living for the One who gave his all for you.

Mrs. Calvert

***The Screwtape Letters*** by C. S. Lewis - Christian fiction

*The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written.

Mrs. Eady

***A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*** by Phillip Keller

Travel the shepherd's path to the green pastures and cool, refreshing waters of Psalm 23. As a shepherd, Phillip Keller shares his insights into the life and character of sheep—and of the Good

Shepherd who loves and cares for them. This beloved classic will give new meaning to the ageless Shepherd Psalm, enriching your trust in and love for the Lord who watches closely over you.

Mrs. Ford

***Something Needs to Change: A Call to Make Your Life Count in a World of Urgent Need*** by David Platt

While leading a team on a week-long trek of the Himalayas, bestselling author and pastor David Platt was stunned by the human needs he encountered, an experience so dramatic that it "changed the trajectory of my life." Meeting a man who'd lost his eye from a simple infection and seeing the faces of girls stolen from their families and trafficked in the cities, along with other unforgettable encounters, opened his eyes to the people behind the statistics and compelled him to wrestle with his assumptions about faith. In *Something Needs to Change*, Platt invites readers to come along on both the adventure of the trek, as well as the adventure of seeking answers to tough questions like, "Where is God in the middle of suffering?" "What makes my religion any better than someone else's religion?" and "What do I believe about eternal suffering?" Platt has crafted an irresistible message about what it means to give your life for the gospel--to finally stop talking about faith and truly start living it.

Mrs. Frost

***A Student's Guide to Culture*** by John Stonestreet & Brett Kunkle

The student edition of the popular *A Practical Guide to Culture* by John Stonestreet and Brett Kunkle delivers a hopeful message to readers ages 15–25 who live every day with increasing cultural pressure. These young people struggle to navigate contemporary challenges to their Christian faith and values, but will be encouraged to emerge as leaders. In *A Student's Guide to Culture*, Stonestreet and Kunkle write in a highly relational style, sharing insight and experience. Jumping off from the original version, this guide includes all-new discussion questions and stories that remind young readers that they can live differently and be a light in a culture that sometimes feels overwhelming.

Mr. White

## Criminal Pursuit and/or Espionage

***Chasing Lincoln's Killer*** by James L. Swanson—young adult nonfiction

Having killed Abraham Lincoln, John Wilkes Booth flees Washington D.C. and the hunt for the most wanted man in America begins. This is a fast-paced thriller that both follows Booth's actions as well as those of his pursuers.

Mrs. Head

***The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler*** by John Hendrix—graphic novel (but true story)

In graphic novel format, this book tells the story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his fight against the oppression of the German people during World War II. Dietrich was a German Lutheran pastor who was shocked to watch the German church embrace Hitler's agenda of hatred. He spoke out against the Nazi party and led a breakaway church that rebelled against the racist and nationalist

beliefs of the Third Reich. Dietrich eventually became convinced that Hitler and the Nazi Party needed to be stopped--and he was willing to sacrifice everything to do so.

Mr. Margene

## Dystopian Fiction

***Lord of the Flies*** by William Golding—classic young adult fiction

When British school boys are stranded on a tropical island during WWII, chaos ensues!

A chilling look into human nature.

Mrs. Sumerford

## Fantasy and Science Fiction

***Big Fish*** by Daniel Wallace—regional Southern fiction

*Big Fish* is the story of Edward Bloom's life, told as a series of legends and myths inspired by the few facts his son, William, knows. Through these tales -hilarious and wrenching, tender and outrageous- William begins to understand his elusive father's great feats, and his great failings.

Mrs. Hollis

***Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*** by J. K. Rowling—fantasy

Harry has a lot on his mind for this, his fifth year at Hogwarts: a Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher with a personality like poisoned honey; a big surprise on the Gryffindor Quidditch team; and the looming terror of the Ordinary Wizarding Level exams. But all these things pale next to the growing threat of He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named - a threat that neither the magical government nor the authorities at Hogwarts can stop. As the grasp of darkness tightens, Harry must discover the true depth and strength of his friends, the importance of boundless loyalty, and the shocking price of unbearable sacrifice. His fate depends on them all.

Mrs. Merry

***The Merchant's Daughter*** by Melanie Dickerson - fairy tale retelling

An unthinkable danger. An unexpected choice. Annabel, once the daughter of a wealthy merchant, is trapped in indentured servitude to Lord Ranulf, a recluse who is rumored to be both terrifying and beastly. Her circumstances are made even worse by the proximity of Lord Ranulf's bailiff, a revolting man who has made unwelcome advances on Annabel in the past. Believing that life in a nunnery is the best way to escape the escalation of the bailiff's vile behavior and to preserve the faith that sustains her, Annabel is surprised to discover a sense of security and joy in her encounters with Lord Ranulf. As Annabel struggles to confront her feelings, she is involved in a situation that could place Ranulf in grave danger. Ranulf's future, and possibly his heart, may rest in her hands, and Annabel must decide whether to follow the plans she has cherished or the calling God has placed on her heart.

Mrs. Youngblood

***The Traitor's Chair*** by Jon Carter - Christian fiction

When Ben receives a secret message from the Chairman of the Senate about Royalist activities in his district, he can hardly believe it. The Republic has been established for over fifty years. The

return of a king is the stuff of folklore and a worn out religion that no one can believe in anymore. Yet on the eve of his election, his suspicions draw him out into the woods where a curious fire burns. What he finds there challenges everything he has believed not only about the Republic, but also about his own identity. Ben and his companion, a lamb named Thistle, find themselves enmeshed in a world of assassins and political intrigue as they head for the capital city where he will begin his duties as a senator. Reeling from revelations that have made him question himself, Ben struggles to find how he can best live sacrificially for the ones he loves in a world of divided loyalties.

Mrs. Rollins

***Wrought of Silver and Ravens*** by E.J. Kitchens - fairy tale retelling

Princess Thea of Giliosthay is a Realm Walker. Betrayed by a trusted guard, her rare gift of enchantment is used to curse her brother and trap herself and her six sisters into a nightly dance with dragons in a secret Realm. The Realm's prince has the ability to take and twist her magic for his own purposes, and Thea fears what those might be. For when one dances with a prince, a kingdom might be at stake. Athdar Owain is a hunted wanderer, one determined to keep his secrets and the treasure he carries safe at all costs. When he rescues the Kingdom of Giliosthay's prince from raiders, he's rewarded by being forced into the king's elite Silver Guard. While this gives Athdar a temporary home and some protection from those hunting him, it also makes him responsible for the young prince and the seven enchantress princesses - all of whom are cursed. Athdar alone can save them, but to trust enchanters is to risk exposure. And Athdar isn't sure where his loyalties lie (publisher).

Dr. Houston

## Financial

***Rich Dad Poor Dad*** by Robert Kiyosaki - personal finance (11th and 12th)

*Rich Dad Poor Dad* is Robert's story of growing up with two dads — his real father and the father of his best friend, his "rich dad" — and the ways in which both men shaped his thoughts about money and investing. The book explodes the myth that you need to earn a high income to be rich and explains the difference between working for money and having your money work for you.

Mr. Bautista

## Historical Fiction and Non-Fiction

***The Book Thief*** by Markus Zusak - fiction

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will be busier still. By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed when she picks up a single object, partially hidden in the snow. It is *The Gravedigger's Handbook*, left behind there by accident, and it is her first act of book thievery. So begins a love affair with books and words, as Liesel, with the help of her accordion-playing foster father, learns to read. Soon she is stealing books from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library, wherever there are books to be found.

But these are dangerous times. When Liesel's foster family hides a Jew in their basement, Liesel's world is both opened up, and closed down.

**Mrs. Hopkins**

***Heart of Darkness*** by Joseph Conrad (11th and 12th) - fiction

It is a story within a story, following a character named Charlie Marlow, who recounts his adventure to a group of men onboard an anchored ship. The story told is of his early life as a ferry boat captain. Although his job was to transport ivory downriver, Charlie develops an interest in an ivory procurement agent, Kurtz, who is employed by the government. Preceded by his reputation as a brilliant emissary of progress, Kurtz has now established himself as a god among the natives in “one of the darkest places on earth.” Marlow suspects something else of Kurtz: he has gone mad. A reflection on corruptive European colonialism and a journey into the nightmare psyche of one of the corrupted, *Heart of Darkness* is considered one of the most influential works ever written.

**Mr. Wise**

***The Lost Letters of Pergamum: A Story from the New Testament World*** by Bruce W.

Longenecker (10th-12th) - fiction

Transported two thousand years into the past, readers are introduced to Antipas, a Roman civic leader who has encountered the writings of the biblical author Luke. Luke's history sparks Antipas's interest, and they begin corresponding. As Antipas tells Luke of his reactions to the writing and of his meetings with local Christians, it becomes evident that he is changing his mind about them and Jesus. Finally, a gladiatorial contest in Pergamum forces difficult decisions on the local Christians and on Antipas.

**Mr. Barnhill**

## Mystery/Suspense

***Losing Brave*** by Bailee Madison, Stefne Miller - young adult fiction

More than a year has passed since seventeen-year-old Payton Brave's twin sister went missing; and Payton, in her desperate attempt to hold on to what's left of Dylan's memory, is starting to crack. Lost in the mystery and turmoil of her sister's disappearance, Payton must overcome the aftermath of being the one left behind. She's unable to remember even the smallest piece of what happened the day Dylan vanished. When sudden and reckless outbursts throw her from the graces of popularity to the outskirts of high school society, her new status attracts a crowd of friends she never anticipated—including a troubling romance with her sister's boyfriend, Cole. The darkness around her sister's disappearance grows and the truth becomes more and more unbearable. And what she finds might just cost her her life.

**Mrs. Wilson**

***Murder at the Vicarage*** by Agatha Christie

When Colonel Protheroe is found murdered in the study of the vicar, it seems that almost everyone in the village of St Mary Mead had a motive to kill him. This is the first case for Agatha Christie's legendary female detective, Miss Marple. She needs to use all her powers of

observation and deduction to solve the mystery.

Mrs. Swafford

***So Not Happening*** by Jenny B. Jones - young adult fiction

Bella Kirkwood had it all: A-list friends at her prestigious private school, Broadway in her backyard, and Daddy's MasterCard in her wallet. Then her father, a plastic surgeon to the stars, decided to trade her mother in for a newer model. Then when Bella's mom falls in love with a man she met on the Internet--a factory worker with two bratty sons--Bella has to pack up and move in with her new family in Truman, Oklahoma. On a farm no less! Forced to trade her uber-trendy NYC lifestyle for down-home charm, Bella feels like a pair of Rock & Republic jeans in a sea of Wranglers.

Mrs. McKeen

## Personal Struggle/Memoir/Biography

***Bruchko*** by Bruce Olson—missionary memoir

“What happens when a nineteen-year-old boy leaves home and heads into the jungles to evangelize a murderous tribe of South American Indians? For Bruce Olson, it meant capture, disease, terror, loneliness, and torture. But what he discovered by trial and error has revolutionized the world of missions.”

Mr. Stuart

***Farewell to Manzanar*** by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston

Jeanne Wakatsuki was seven years old in 1942 when her family was uprooted from their home and sent to live at Manzanar internment camp—with 10,000 other Japanese Americans.

*Farewell to Manzanar* is the true story of one spirited Japanese-American family's attempt to survive the indignities of forced detention—and of a native-born American child who discovered what it was like to grow up behind barbed wire in the United States.

Mr. Miller

***Hudson Taylor: Deep in the Heart of China*** by Janet and Geoff Benge - biography

Hudson survived his perilous maiden voyage to his beloved China. With his heart set in determined obedience to God, and trusting the provision of the One who had called him, Hudson overcame persecution and almost overwhelming personal losses to bring God's truth to the "ripe harvest fields" of China. Today, Hudson Taylor's story continues to challenge and inspire believers young and old to carry the anchoring gospel message, regardless of personal trial or hardships, to those who are adrift and without hope.

Mr. Pinkerton

***Just Mercy*** by Bryan Stevenson - (11th and 12th)

“A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time. Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice

system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinkmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.”

Mr. Wilson

*Tuesdays With Morrie* by Mitch Albom - memoir

Maybe it was a grandparent, or a teacher or a colleague. Someone older, patient and wise, who understood you when you were young and searching, and gave you sound advice to help you make your way through it. For Mitch Albom, that person was Morrie Schwartz, his college professor from nearly twenty years ago. Maybe, like Mitch, you lost track of this mentor as you made your way, and the insights faded. Wouldn't you like to see that person again, ask the bigger questions that still haunt you? Mitch Albom had that second chance. He rediscovered Morrie in the last months of the older man's life. Knowing he was dying of ALS - or motor neurone disease - Mitch visited Morrie in his study every Tuesday, just as they used to back in college. Their rekindled relationship turned into one final 'class': lessons in how to live.

Mrs. Pressley

## Romance

*Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast* by Robin McKinley—young adult fantasy

Beauty has never liked her nickname. She is thin and awkward; it is her two sisters who are the beautiful ones. But what she lacks in looks, she can perhaps make up for in courage. When her father comes home with the tale of an enchanted castle in the forest and the terrible promise he had to make to the Beast who lives there, Beauty knows she must go to the castle, a prisoner of her own free will. Her father protests that he will not let her go, but she answers, "Cannot a Beast be tamed?"

Mrs. Kolling

*Bridge to Haven* by Francine Rivers - Christian historical romance

To those who matter in 1950s Hollywood, Lena Scott is the hottest rising star to hit the silver screen since Marilyn Monroe. Few know her real name is Abra. Even fewer know the price she's paid to finally feel like she's somebody. To Pastor Ezekiel Freeman, Abra will always be the little girl who stole his heart the night he found her, a wailing newborn abandoned under a bridge on the outskirts of Haven. Zeke and his son, Joshua--Abra's closest friend--watch her grow into an exotic beauty. But Zeke knows the circumstances surrounding her birth etched scars deep in her heart, scars that leave her vulnerable to a fast-talking bad boy who proclaims his love and lures her to Tinseltown. Hollywood feels like a million miles from Haven, and naive Abra quickly learns what's expected of an ambitious girl with stars in her eyes. But fame comes at an awful price. She has burned every bridge to get exactly what she thought she wanted. Now, all she wants is a way back home.

Ms. Sims

## Science and Discovery

***Just Six Numbers: The Deep Forces That Shape the Universe*** by Martin J. Rees -

The genesis of the universe elegantly explained in a simple theory based on just six numbers by one of the world's most renowned astrophysicists.

Mr. Selkirk

***Napoleon's Buttons: How 17 Molecules Changed History*** by Penny Le Couteur, Jay Burreson  
*Napoleon's Buttons* is the captivating account of how seventeen different groups of molecules shaped the course of history, from early exploration and the genesis of the stock market to grand feats of engineering, the origins of modern clothing, the Chinese Revolution, and our morning cup of joe. With lively prose and a plethora of vivid and little known details, this engaging book explains how a change as small as the position of an atom can lead to reverberations through all of history (publisher).

Mrs. Dirks

***The Radium Girls: Young Reader's Edition: The Scary But True Story of the Poison That Made People Glow in the Dark*** by Kate Moore

Amidst the excitement of the early twentieth century, hundreds of young women spend their days hard at work painting watch dials for troops overseas using glow-in-the-dark paint made with radium. They are well paid and consider themselves lucky—until they begin to fall mysteriously ill. As the corporations try to cover up a shocking secret, these determined shining girls suddenly find themselves at the center of a historic and deadly scandal.

Mrs. Latta

## Sports and Competition

***Quiet Strength*** by Tony Dungy - biography

Tony Dungy's words and example have intrigued millions of people, particularly following his victory in Super Bowl XLI, the first for an African American coach. How is it possible for a coach--especially a football coach--to win the respect of his players and lead them to the Super Bowl without the screaming histrionics, the profanities, the demand that the sport come before anything else? How is it possible for anyone to be successful without compromising faith and family? In this inspiring and reflective memoir, Coach Dungy tells the story of a life lived for God and family--and challenges us all to redefine our ideas of what it means to succeed.

Mrs. Tedder

***Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life's Storms*** by Tim Tebow - biography

First, he was a beloved college football champion, Heisman trophy winner, media sensation, and best-selling author drafted in the first round of the 2010 Draft. Then he had a miracle playoff run with the Denver Broncos before being traded to the New York Jets. After one season he was cut by New York. Next he was signed by the New England Patriots then let go after training camp—a scenario that repeated itself the following summer with the Philadelphia Eagles. Tim

Tebow has achieved big victories and plunged the depths of failure, all while never letting go of his faith, even in the face of doubt and disappointment. In *Shaken* he explains why neither the highs nor the lows of his life can define him—and he reveals how you, too, can find confidence in your identity and know who you are. In revealing passages, Tebow pulls back the curtain on his life, sharing the vulnerable moments of his career that have shaken him to his core—while also teaching the biblical principles that will enable you to keep the faith, no matter what comes your way.

Mr. Goodman

***Woodlawn*** by Todd Gerelds - non-fiction

In the midst of violent, impassioned racial tensions in Birmingham, Alabama, new football coach, Tandy Gerelds, was struggling to create a winning football team at Woodlawn High School—one of the last schools in Birmingham to integrate. The team he was handed did not have the caliber of players he needed to win—until he saw Tony Nathan run. But Tony was African American and Coach Gerelds knew that putting him in as running back would be like drawing a target on his own back and the back of his soon-to-be star player. But Coach Gerelds saw something in Tony, and he knew that his decision to let him play was about more than football. It was about doing what was right for the school...and the city.

Mr. Matthew Forester

## War and Refugees Fiction and Non-Fiction

***All Quiet on the Western Front*** by Erich Maria Remarque (11th & 12th) - historical fiction

One by one the boys begin to fall...In 1914 a room full of German schoolboys, fresh-faced and idealistic, are goaded by their schoolmaster to troop off to the 'glorious war'. With the fire and patriotism of youth they sign up. What follows is the moving story of a young 'unknown soldier' experiencing the horror and disillusionment of life in the trenches.

Mr. Daniel Forester

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