

The Nature of Evil and the Making of Heroes:

Mrs. Lewis/*Macbeth* Outside Reading

Context for this List

- Dr. Phil Zimbardo - ["The Nature of Evil and the Making of Heroes"](#) and [Worksheet](#)
- Dr. Laura Bates - ["Shakespeare in Shackles"](#)
- Dr. Laura Bates - [How Shakespeare Saved My Life \(excerpt\)](#)
- Anand Giridharadas - ["A Tale of Two Americas"](#)

The Nature of Evil...

Capote, Truman. ***In Cold Blood: A True Account of a Multiple Murder and its Consequences*** - Recreates the slaying of the Clutter family of Kansas, and the capture, trial, and execution of their murderers. (343 p.)

Crowe, Chris. ***Getting Away With Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case*** - Presents a true account of the murder of fourteen-year-old, Emmett Till, in Mississippi, in 1955. (128 p.)

Cullen, Dave. ***Columbine*** - Provides an account of the shootings at Colorado's Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, focusing on the teenage killers Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, drawing from interviews, police files, psychological studies, and writings and tapes by the boys to look at the signs they left that disaster was looming. (417 p.)

Gessen, Masha. ***The Brothers: The Road to an American Tragedy*** - In an effort to determine why the atrocity occurred, the author traces the lives of the two immigrant brothers responsible for the Boston Marathon bombings. (294 p.)

Hesse, Monica. ***American Fire: Love, Arson, and Life in a Vanishing Land*** - Documents the trial of a man charged with dozens of counts of arson in a rural Virginia county, sharing insights into his struggles with addiction, his relationship with his accomplice girlfriend, and the impact of the fires on their community. (255 p.)

Kim, Walter. ***Blood Will Out: The True Story of a Murder, a Mystery, and a Masquerade*** - The true story of a young novelist who meets and befriends an eccentric, privileged New Yorker when he delivers a crippled hunting dog to him from an animal shelter, and later discovers that his friend was a serial imposter and brutal double-murderer. (255 p.)

Kuklin, Susan. ***No Choirboy: Murder, Violence, and Teenagers on Death Row*** - In their own voices--raw and uncensored--inmates sentenced to death as teenagers talk about their lives in prison, and share their thoughts and feelings about how they ended up there. Susan Kuklin also gets inside the system, exploring capital punishment itself and the intricacies and inequities of criminal justice in the United States. (212 p.)

Miller, Sarah. ***The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden & The Trial of the Century*** - Discusses the trial of Lizzie Borden and the murders of her parents. (288 p.)

Moss, Jason. ***The Last Victim: A True-life Journey Into the Mind of the Serial Killer*** - Jason Moss explains how he became friends with a handful of the most dangerous serial killers in America and discusses what he learned from these men, how he became John Wayne Gacy's last attempted victim, and why he befriended the killers. (278 p.)

Patterson, James. ***All-American Murder: The Rise and Fall of Aaron Hernandez, the Superstar Whose Life Ended on Murderers' Row*** - Aaron Hernandez was a college All-American who became the youngest player in the NFL and later reached the Super Bowl. His every move as a tight end with the New England Patriots played out the headlines, yet he led a secret life—one that ended in a maximum-security prison. What drove him to go so wrong, so fast? (400 p.)

Sanders, Eli. ***While the City Slept: A Love Lost to Violence and a Young Man's Descent into Madness*** - In this riveting, probing, compassionate account of a murder in Seattle, Eli Sanders, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his newspaper coverage of the crime, offers a deeply reported portrait in microcosm of the state of mental health care in this country—as well as an inspiring story of love and forgiveness. (316 p.)

Slater, Daska. ***The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime that Changed Their Lives*** - If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. (305 p.)

St. James, James. ***Party Monster: a Fabulous but True Tale of Murder in Clubland*** - James St. James recounts his experiences as a Manhattan club kid in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and chronicles the events leading up to the murder of drug dealer Andre "Angel" Melendez by Michael Alig. (286 p.)

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Bartolo, Pietro and Lidia Tilotta. ***Tears of Salt: a Doctor's Story*** - For years, Dr. Pietro Bartolo has run the lone medical clinic on the Italian island of Lampedusa. In that time he has rescued, welcomed, and cared for many of the hundreds of thousands of desperate migrants from the Middle East and Africa who have washed up on the island's shores. In this account of his life and work, Bartolo shares his quiet dignity, unshakable moral center, and inspirational message: "We can't and we won't be governed by our fears." (205 p.)

Bernall, Misty. ***She Said Yes: the Unlikely Martyrdom of Cassie Bernall*** - The mother of one of the high school students killed in the Littleton shootings describes her daughter's religious faith. (163 p.)

Carson, Ben. ***Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story*** - Captures the physician's fight to beat the odds, the secret behind his outstanding accomplishments, and what drives him to take risks.(232 p.)

Cullen, Dave. ***Parkland: Birth of a Movement*** - Offers an account of the teenage survivors of Parkland who became activists and pushed back against the NRA and Congressional leaders, inspiring millions of America to join their grassroots #neveragain movement. (385 p.)

Gruwell, Erin. ***The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them*** - Tells the story of how young English teacher Erin Gruwell confronted the problem of racial and ethnic intolerance in her classroom, and features excerpts from the diaries of her students, now known as The Freedom Writers. (280 p.)

Hillenbrand, Laura. ***Unbroken: a World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*** - Relates the story of a U.S. airman who survived when his bomber crashed into the sea during World War II, spent forty-seven days adrift in the ocean before being rescued by the Japanese Navy, and was held as a prisoner until the end of the war. (473 p.)

Kidder, Tracy. ***Mountains Beyond Mountains: the quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World*** - Chronicles the life of Paul Farmer, focusing on his efforts to diagnose and cure infectious diseases and to bring modern medicine to the countries and people who need them most. (note: young reader's edition, c. 2014) (272 p.)

Moore, Wes. ***The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*** - The author, a Rhodes scholar and combat veteran, analyzes the various sociocultural factors that influenced him as well as another man of the same name and from the same neighborhood who was drawn into a life of drugs and crime and ended up serving life in prison, focusing on the influence of relatives, mentors, and social expectations that could have led either of them on different paths.

Nott, David. ***War Doctor: Surgery on the Front Line*** - Presents the true story of a frontline trauma surgeon operating in the world's most dangerous war zones. (287 p.)

Novogratz, Jacqueline. ***The Blue Sweater: Bridging the Gap Between Rich and Poor in an Interconnected World*** - The author, a former international banker, relates her experiences trying to understand global poverty and working with the poor, and suggests ways in which the situation should be addressed. (306 p.)

Rinaldi, Tom. ***The Red Bandanna*** - The story of September 11 hero Welles Crowther that traces his faith-based outlook on life, position as a volunteer in his local fire department, and desire to join the FDNY, and how he sacrificed his life to save people trapped in the South Tower. (216 p.)

Stevenson, Bryan. ***Just Mercy: a Story of Justice and Redemption*** - The founder of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama, recounts his experiences as a lawyer working to assist those desperately in need, reflecting on his pursuit of the ideal of compassion in American justice. (349 p.)

Yousafzai, Malala. ***I am Malala: the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*** - Malala Yousafzai's describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her. (330 p.)

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