

Summer Reading Recommendations – June 2009

The following list is a gift to you from Groton School's faculty and staff. You are not required to read any of these books, but we hope your interest and enthusiasm will be stirred by the following recommendations. If you enjoy your reading, do take note of the person recommending the book so that you can say hello in the fall.

Lower School

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>	Betty Smith	Ellen Rennard
<i>Gone with the Wind</i>	Margaret Mitchell	Ellen Rennard
<i>Einstein's Dreams</i>	Alan Lightman	Dave Prockop
<i>Edisto</i>	Padgett Powell	Jon Creamer
<i>Baron of the Trees</i>	Italo Calvino	Craig Gemmell
<i>Ender's Game</i>	Orson Scott Card	David Black
<i>The Alphabet of Grace</i>	Frederick Buechner	Jon Creamer
<i>Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress</i>	Dai Sijie	Stravani Sen-Das
<i>Lords of Discipline</i>	Pat Conroy	Ted Goodrich
<i>My Antonia</i>	Willa Cather	Mary Ellen Sweeney
<i>The Moonstone</i>	Wilkie Collins	Nancy Hughes
<i>To Know a Fly</i>	Vincent Dethier	Stephen Belsky
<i>Sophie's World</i>	Jostein Gaarder	John Capen
<i>Wait Until Next Year</i>	Doris Kearns Goodwin	Fred Beams
<i>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society</i>	M. A. Shaffer & A. Barrows	Kathy Leggat
<i>I, Claudius</i>	Robert Graves	John Tulp
<i>Ghosts of Everest</i>	Hemmler, Johnson, Simonson	Nishad Das
<i>Hiroshima</i>	John Hersey	Tom Lamont
<i>Endurance</i>	Alfred P. Lansing	John Conner
<i>The New, New Thing</i>	Michael Lewis	Jonathan Choate
<i>Lives of the Noble Greeks</i>	Plutarch	John Tyler
<i>The Lord of the Rings</i>	J.R.R. Tolkien	Hoyt Taylor
<i>Holes</i>	Louis Sachar	Andy Anderson
<i>Anything by</i>	P.G. Wodehouse	Andres Reyes
<i>Solitaire Mystery</i>	Jostein Gaarden	Katherine Bradley
<i>The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency</i>	Alexander McCall Smith	Nancy Hughes
<i>A Whale for the Killing</i>	Farley Mowatt	John Tulp
<i>Animal Dreams</i>	Barbara Kingsolver	Kathy Leggat
<i>The Bean Trees</i>	Barbara Kingsolver	Kate Dennison
<i>The Time Traveler's Wife</i>	Audrew Neffenegger	Kate Dennison
<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	Ray Bradbury	Peter Quagliaroli
<i>This Boy's Life</i>	Tobias Wolff	Ted Goodrich
<i>The Palace Thief</i>	Ethan Canin	Ted Goodrich
<i>The Turn of the Screw</i>	Henry James	James Covi
<i>The Fall of Rome</i>	Martha Southgate	Peter Fry
<i>The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game</i>	Michael Lewis	Tim Reed
<i>The Book Thief</i>	Markus Zusak	Steve Marchand

Upper School

<i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X</i>	Malcolm X & Alex Haley	Ellen Rennard
<i>Fools Crow</i>	James Welch	Ellen Rennard
<i>Sister Carrie</i>	Theodore Dreiser	Ellen Rennard
<i>Maus</i>	Art Spiegelman	Ellen Rennard
<i>Riddley Walker</i>	Russell Hoban	Elson Harmon
<i>The Girl Who Was Going to Die</i>	Glyn Maxwell	Elson Harmon
<i>The River Why</i>	David James Duncan	Dave Prockop
<i>Once a Runner</i>	John L. Parker	Dave Prockop
<i>Growing Up</i>	Russell Baker	Fred Beams
<i>The House of Spirits</i>	Isabelle Allende	Lindsay Commons
<i>Empire Falls</i>	Richard Russo	Julia Alling

<i>All the King's Men</i>	Robert Penn Warren	Rick Commons
<i>The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey</i>	Candice Millard	Ian Gracey
<i>Regeneration</i>	Pat Barker	Nancy Hughes
<i>How Soccer Explains the World</i>	F. Foer	Peter Quagliaroli
<i>The Plot Against America</i>	P. Roth	Peter Quagliaroli
<i>In a Sunburned Country</i>	William Bryson	Stephen Belsky
<i>Jack Maggs</i>	Peter Carey	Nancy Hughes
<i>Enduring Love</i>	Ian McEwan	Stravani Sen-Das
<i>Mudbound</i>	Hillary Jordan	Mary Ellen Sweeney
<i>Guns, Germs and Steel</i>	Jared Diamond	Tom Lamont
<i>The Three Musketeers</i>	Alexandre Dumas	Catherine Coursaget
<i>Founding Brothers</i>	Joseph Ellis	John Tyler
<i>Birdsong</i>	Sebastian Faulks	Nishad Das
<i>Sole Survivor</i>	Derek Hansen	Kathy Leggat
<i>Narcissus and Goldmund</i>	Herman Hesse	Hoyt Taylor
<i>Bell Canto</i>	Ann Patchett	Lindsay Commons
<i>Austerlitz</i>	W.G. Sebald	Jon Creamer
<i>The Places in Between</i>	Rory Stewart	Kathy Leggat
<i>High Fidelity</i>	Nicholas Hornby	Andy Anderson
<i>Prodigal Summer</i>	Barbara Kingsolver	Kate Dennison
<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>	Harriet Beecher Stowe	Peter Fry
<i>Rambam's Ladder</i>	Judy Salamon	Tucker Smith
<i>Traveling Mercies</i>	Anne Lamott	Peter Quagliaroli
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Jonathan Kozol	Bill Maguire
<i>A Time to Keep Silence</i>	Patrick Leigh Fermor	Andres Reyes
<i>AfterDark</i>	Haruki Murakami	Jon Creamer
<i>Possession</i>	A.S. Byatt	Ted Goodrich
<i>Walking With the Wind</i>	John Lewis	John Lyons
<i>One Hundred Years of Solitude</i>	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	Mary Ellen Sweeney
<i>Lie Down in Darkness</i>	William Styron	Lindsay Commons
<i>Song of Solomon</i>	Toni Morrison	Ted Goodrich
<i>Encounters with the Archdruid</i>	John McPhee	Craig Gemmell
<i>Empire Falls</i>	Richard Russo	Kathy Leggat
<i>Woe is I</i>	Patricia T. O'Connor	John Conner
<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i>	Frederick Douglass	Melinda Stewart
<i>American Indian Myths & Legends</i>	Erdoes and Ortiz	Melinda Stewart
<i>Breaking the Chains</i>	David Katz	Melinda Stewart
<i>East of Eden</i>	John Steinbeck	Ted Goodrich
<i>Reverence: Renewing a Forgotten Virtue</i>	Paul Woodruff	Topher Row
<i>A Walk in the Woods</i>	Bill Bryson	Peter Quagliaroli
<i>Snow Crash</i>	Neil Stephenson	Jonathan Choate
<i>Naturalist</i>	E.O. Wilson	David Black
<i>Elegy (poems)</i>	Larry Levis	Jon Creamer
<i>The Professor and the Madman</i>	Simon Winchester	Ted Goodrich
<i>The Rector of Justin</i>	Louis Auchincloss	John Capen
<i>The Towers of Trebizond</i>	Rose Macauley	Topher Row
<i>The Politics of Rage</i>	Dan Carter	John Lyons
<i>Theory of War</i>	Joan Brady	Nancy Hughes
<i>Peace Like a River</i>	Lief Enger	Julia Alling
<i>The Border Passage</i>	Leila Ahmed	Nancy Hughes
<i>The American</i>	Henry James	Ted Goodrich
<i>Cod</i>	Mark Kurlansky	John Lyons
<i>The Heart is a Lonely Hunter</i>	Carson McCullers	Katherine Bradley
<i>A Fine Balance</i>	Robinton Mistry	Beth Van Gelder
<i>Carry Me Home</i>	Diane Whorter	John Lyons
<i>Rosy Crucifixion (trilogy)</i>	Henry Miller	James Covi
<i>King Leopold's Ghost</i>	Adam Hochschild	James Covi
<i>Born Red</i>	Yuan Gao	James Covi
<i>Edisto</i>	Padgett Powell	Elson Harmon
<i>Borderliners</i>	Peter Hoeg	Julia Alling
<i>Atonement</i>	Ian McEwan	John Tulp
<i>The Warden</i>	Anthony Trollope	Topher Row
<i>Divisadero</i>	Michael Ondaatje	Jon Creamer
<i>Coming through Slaughter</i>	Michael Ondaatje	Jon Creamer

<i>All the Pretty Horses</i>	Cormac McCarthy	Ted Goodrich
<i>Crime and Punishment</i>	Dostoyevsky	Ted Goodrich
<i>One Man's Meat</i>	E.B. White	Ted Goodrich
<i>Pilgrim at Tinker Creek</i>	Annie Dillard	Ted Goodrich
<i>Angle of Repose</i>	Wallace Stegner	Peter Fry
<i>The Woman in White</i>	Wilkie Collins	Peter Fry
<i>Colored People</i> (a memoir)	Henry Louis Gates, Jr.	Peter Fry
<i>The Hazards of Good Breeding</i>	Jessica Shattuck	Peter Fry
<i>Into the Wild</i>	Jon Krakauer	Peter Fry
<i>The Secret History</i>	Donna Tartt	Peter Fry
<i>The Shadow of the Wind</i>	Carlos Ruiz Zafón	Steve Marchand
<i>America, America</i>	Ethan Canin	Steve Marchand
<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>	John Steinbeck	James Covi
<i>Love in the Time of Cholera</i>	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	James Covi
<i>Water for Elephants</i>	Sara Gruen	Martha Gracey
<i>A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius</i>	Dave Eggers	Laurie Sales
<i>I Know This Much Is True</i>	Wally Lamb	Laurie Sales
<i>Was</i>	Geoffrey Ryman	Laurie Sales
<i>Napoleon's Buttons: How 17 Molecules Changed History</i>	P. Couteur & J. Burreson	Tim Reed
<i>Brothers K</i>	David James Duncan	
<i>East, West</i>	Salman Rushdie	Barbara Eghan
<i>The White Tiger</i>	Aravind Adiga	Peter Quagliaroli
<i>Collapse</i>	Jared Diamond	Peter Quagliaroli
<i>The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court</i>	Jeffrey Toobin	John Lyons
<i>Three Cups of Tea</i>	Greg Mortenson	John Lyons
<i>Rise of the Vulcans: The History of Bush's War Cabinet</i>	James Mann	John Lyons
<i>The Looming Tower: Al Qaeda and the Road To 9/11</i>	Lawrence Wright	John Lyons
<i>The Red Tent</i>	Anita Diamant	Sarah Webb
<i>The Pillars of the Earth</i>	Ken Follett	Sarah Webb
<i>Travels with a Tangerine</i>	Tim Mackintosh-Smith	Beth Van Gelder