

## GROTON FACULTY

# READING RECOMMENDATIONS

### Arts Department

**Jennifer Ho**

*Crying In H Mart* Michelle Zauner

*Know My Name* Chanel Miller

*The Making of Asian America: A History* Erika Lee

*Marking Time: Art in the Age of Mass Incarceration* Nicole R. Fleetwood

*Men Without Women* Haruki Murakami

**Melissa de Jesus-Akuete**

## ART-RELATED:

*Banksy: Wall and Piece* Banksy

*The Museum of Illusions: Optical Tricks in Art* Celine Delavaux

*Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power*

Mark Godfrey and Zoe Whitley

## SOCIAL JUSTICE RELATED:

*Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools* Jonathan Kozal

*Teaching to Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom* Bell Hooks

*Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race, and Family Life* Annette Lareau

**Mary Ann Lanier**

*1776* David McCullough

*This Is Your Brain on Music* Daniel J. Levitin

## UPPER SCHOOL:

*Flowers and Fruit* Colette

**Laurie Sales**

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* Mark Haddon

*A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* David Eggers

*Stones From The River* Ursula Hegi

*Was* Geoff Ryman

## PLAYS:

*Arcadia* Tom Stoppard

*For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow Is Enuf* Ntozake Shange

*How I Learned to Drive* Paula Vogel

*Metamorphosis* Mary Zimmerman

*A Raisin In The Sun* Lorraine Hansberry

*Take Me Out* Richard Greenberg

### Classics Department

**Preston Bannard**

*The Eyre Affair* Jasper Fforde

*The Hot Rock* Donald Westlake

*The Inimitable Jeeves (or anything else)* P.G. Wodehouse

*Small Gods or Guards! Guards!* Terry Pratchett

## CLASSICS-ORIENTED:

*I, Claudius* Robert Graves

*The Invention of Love* Tom Stoppard

**Scott Giampetruzzi**

*The Lord of the Flies* William Golding

*Of Mice and Men* John Steinbeck

*The Red Badge of Courage* Stephen Crane

## UPPER SCHOOL:

*All the King's Men* Robert Penn Warren

*A Confederacy of Dunces* John Kennedy Toole

*Pillars of the Earth* Ken Follett

*A Prayer for Owen Meany* John Irving

## CLASSICS-ORIENTED:

*Augustus* John Williams

*The Hemlock Cup: Socrates, Athens and the Search for the Good Life*  
Bettany Hughes

*The Song of Achilles: A Novel* Madeline Miller

*SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome* Mary Beard

*The Swerve: How the World Became Modern* Stephen Greenblatt

**Amy Martin-Nelson**

*American Royals* Katharine McGee

*Emma* Jane Austen

*The Ink and Bone Series* Rachel Caine

*The Night Circus* Erin Morgenstern

*The Women's War* Jenna Glass

**David Ross**

*A High Wind in Jamaica* Richard Hughes

*The Jungle* Upton Sinclair

*The Moonstone or The Woman in White* Wilkie Collins

## CLASSICS-ORIENTED:

*The Ides of March* Thornton Wilder

## English Department

### John Capen

*All The Light We Cannot See* Anthony Doerr  
*Born to Run* Christopher McDougall  
*The Boys in the Boat* Daniel James Brown  
*The Circle* Dave Eggers  
*Invisible Man* Ralph Ellison  
*Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* John Berendt  
*The Opposite of Loneliness* Marina Keegan  
*The Overstory* Richard Powers  
*Paradise Lost* John Milton  
*Poisonwood Bible* Barbara Kingsolver  
*A Prayer for Owen Meany* John Irving  
*The Road to Character* David Brooks  
*Shantaram* Gregory David Roberts  
*Unbroken* Laura Hillenbrand  
*Woman Warrior* Maxine Hong Kingston

### Peter Fry

LOWER SCHOOL:

*Go Tell It on the Mountain* James Baldwin  
*Rebecca* Daphne du Maurier  
*A Separate Peace* John Knowles

UPPER SCHOOL:

*Angle of Repose* Wallace Stegner  
*Atonement* Ian McEwan  
*The Bonfire of the Vanities* Tom Wolfe  
*Colored People* Henry Louis Gates Jr.  
*The Magus* John Fowles  
*The Secret History* Donna Tartt

### Sabrina Gilchrist

*Black AF: America's Sweetheart* Kwanza Osajyefo  
*Circe* Madeline Miller  
*Jane Eyre* Charlotte Brontë  
*Lieutenant Nun: Memoir of a Basque Transvestite in the New World* Catalina De Erauso  
*Mean Spirit* Linda Hogan  
*Nowhere* Neil Gaiman  
*Night* Elie Wiesel  
*Oranges are Not the Only Fruit* Jeanette Winterson  
*Perks of Being a Wallflower* Stephen Chbosky  
*Phoebe Junior* Margaret Oliphant  
*The River Between* Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o  
*We* Yevgeny Zamyatin

### Martha Gracey

*Americanah* Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
*The Book Thief* Markus Zusak  
*The English Patient* Michael Ondaatje  
*The Goldfinch* Donna Tartt  
*Hillbilly Elegy* J.D. Vance  
*Life After Life* Kate Atkinson  
*The Postman Always Rings Twice* James Cain

*The River Why* David James Duncan  
*Sophie's Choice* William Styron  
*Travels With Charley* John Steinbeck

### Gareth Hadyk-DeLodder

*Between the World and Me* Ta-Nehisi Coates  
*Citizen: An American Lyric* Claudia Rankine  
*Frankenstein* Mary Shelley  
*Great Expectations (with the original ending!)* Charles Dickens  
*Lady Audley's Secret* Mary Elizabeth Braddon  
*Middlemarch* George Eliot  
*Survival in Auschwitz* Primo Levi  
*The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* Anne Brontë  
*La vida es sueño [Life is a Dream]* Pedro Calderón de la Barca  
*White Teeth* Zadie Smith

### Robert Low

*Home* Tony Morrison  
*A Lesson Before Dying* Ernest Gaines  
*My Losing Season* Pat Conroy  
*The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* Candace Millard  
*Roads* Larry McMurtry

### Joseph Martinez

*The Black Swan* Nassim Taleb  
*Blood Meridian* Cormac McCarthy  
*Ceremony* Leslie Marmon Silko  
*Five-Carat Soul* James McBride  
*The Miracle of Castel di Sangro* Joe McGinniss  
*Oranges* John McPhee  
*Slouching Towards Bethlehem* Joan Didion  
*Wuthering Heights* Emily Brontë

### Sravani Sen-Das

*And Then There Were None* Agatha Christie  
*The Buried Giant* Kazuo Ishiguro  
*Oryx and Crake* Margaret Atwood  
*The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* Muriel Spark  
*A Room of One's Own* Virginia Woolf  
*The Sense of an Ending* Julian Barnes  
*Unaccustomed Earth* Jhumpa Lahiri

## History Department

### Tommy Lamont

*The Bounty* Caroline Alexander  
*Caste* Isabel Wilkerson  
*Enlightenment Now* Steven Pinker  
*In the Garden of Beasts* Erik Larson  
*Killers of the Flower Moon* David Grann  
*Rivals* Bill Emmott  
*The River of Doubt* Candice Millard  
*Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* Yuval Noah Harari

**John Lyons***Evil Geniuses: The Unmaking of America, A Recent History*

Kurt Anderson

*The Fifth Risk* Michael Lewis*Glass House: The 1% Economy and the Shattering of the All-American*

Town Brian Alexander

*Hillbilly Elegy* J.D. Vance*Janesville: An American Story* Amy Goldstein*Last Best Hope: America in Crisis and Renewal* George Packer*The Last Boy: Mickey Mantle and the End of America's Childhood*

Jane Leavy

*Listen, Liberal: Or, What Ever Happened to the Party of the People?*

Thomas Frank

*The People, Now: A Brief History of Anti-Populism* Thomas Frank*The Politics of Rage* Dan T. Carter*The Premonition* Michael Lewis*Reaganland* Rick Perlstein*Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland*

Patrick Radden Keefe

*There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up*

in the Other America Alex Kotlowitz

*Tip O'Neill and the Democratic Century* John A. Farrell*The Unwinding* George Packer*Worse Than Slavery* David Oshinsky**Eric Spierer***Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China*

Evan Osnos

*Dangerous Games: The Uses and Abuses of History* Margaret MacMillan*The Ordeal of Elizabeth Marsh: A Woman in World History*

Linda Colley

*The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* Elizabeth Kolbert*West of the Revolution: An Uncommon History of 1776* Claudio Saunt**Ryan Spring***Clemente: The Passion and Grace of Baseball's Last Hero* David Maraniss*King of the World: Muhammad Ali and the Rise of an American Hero*

David Remnick

*Lenin's Tomb: The Last Days of the Soviet Empire* David Remnick*The Miracle of Castel di Sangro: A Tale of Passion and Folly in the Heart*

of Italy Joe McGinniss

*A Walk in the Woods* Bill Bryson**Jennifer Wallace***The Alienist* Caleb Carr*Burmese Days* George Orwell*Doomsday Book* Connie Willis*How to Hide an Empire* Daniel Immerwahr*King Rat* James Clavell*Midnight's Children* Salman Rushdie*Palace Walk trilogy* Naguib Mafouz*Rose* Martin Cruz Smith*Shinju* Laura Joh Rowland*A Thread of Grace* Mary Doria Russell**Math and Computer Science Department****Michaela Chung***Americanah* Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie*Dept. of Speculation* Jenny Offill*Euphoria* Lily King*Open City* Teju Cole*Tenth of December* George Saunders*What If This Were Enough?* Heather Havrilesky**Jon Creamer***The Atlas* William T. Vollmann*Austerlitz* W.G. Sebald*Bluets* Maggie Nelson*Edisto* Padgett Powell*Further Adventures in Monochrome* John Yau*Is Music* John Taggart*A Time for Everything* Karl Ove Knausgaard**Nishad Das***All the Light We Cannot See* Anthony Doerr*Educated* Tara Westover*Hillbilly Elegy* J.D. Vance*The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* Alexander McCall Smith*Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* Yuval Noah Harari*The Selfish Gene* Richard Dawkins*Things Fall Apart* Chinua Achebe*When Breath Becomes Air* Paul Kalanithi**Michael Gnozzio**

1984 George Orwell

*Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years* Diarmaid MacCulloch*Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion* David Hume*Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions* Edwin Abbott Abbott*The Great Divorce* C.S. Lewis*The Screwtape Letters* C.S. Lewis*The Silmarillion* J.R.R. Tolkien*Vehicles: Experiments in Synthetic Psychology* Valentino Braitenberg**Kathy Leggat***Dreamland* Sam Quinones*Migrations* Charlotte McConnaghy*The Shadow of the Wind* Carlos Ruiz Zafon*The Shepherd's Life* James Rebanks**Nathaniel White***Carter Beats the Devil* Glen David Gold*Coincidences, Chaos, and All That Math Jazz* Edward Burger*Great Plains* Ian Frazier*How Not to Be Wrong* Jordan Ellenberg*The Lost City of the Monkey God* Douglas Preston*The Lovely Bones* Alice Sebold*Open Heart, Open Mind* Clara Hughes*Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World* David Epstein

## Religious Studies and Philosophy Department

### **Celene Ibrahim and Allison Read**

*Black and Buddhist: What Buddhism Can Teach Us About Race, Resilience, Transformation, and Freedom* Pamela Ayo Yetunde and Cheryl A. Giles

*Love is the Way* Michael Curry with Sara Grace

*See No Stranger* Valerie Kaur

*The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* Anne Fadiman

*A Strange Freedom: The Best of Howard Thurman on Religious Experience and Public Life* Walter Earl Gluker and Catherine Tumber (editors)

*Women and Gender in the Qur'an* Celene Ibrahim

## Science Department

### **Stephen Belsky**

*Flight Behavior* Barbara Kingsolver

*The Panic Virus: A True Story of Medicine, Science, and Fear* Seth Mnookin

*The Yiddish Policeman's Union* Michael Chabon

*Young Men and Fire* Norman MacLean

### **Bert Hall**

*Atoms in the Family: My Life with Enrico Fermi* Laura Fermi

*A Short History of Nearly Everything* Bill Bryson

*The Story of Earth* Robert Hazen

*Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!* Richard Feynman

*Tomorrowland* Steven Kotler

### **Nathan Lamarre-Vincent**

*The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race* Walter Isaacson

*The Ministry for the Future: A Novel* Kim Stanley Robinson

*The Sellout: A Novel* Paul Beatty

*Something Deeply Hidden: Quantum Worlds and the Emergence of Spacetime* Sean Carroll

### **Dave Prockop**

*Einstein's Dreams* Alan Lightman

*The Elegant Universe* Brian Greene

*Longitude* Dava Sobel

*Out Stealing Horses* Per Petterson

*The River Why* David James Duncan

*Where the Crawdads Sing* Delia Owens

## World Languages Department

### **Andy Anderson**

*Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life* William Finnegan

*Brazzaville Beach* William Boyd

*The King Must Die* Mary Renault

*Opening Day: The Story of Jackie Robinson's First Season* Jonathan Eig

### **Renee Bai**

*The Big Short* Michael Lewis

*The Dream of the Red Chamber* Cao Xueqin

*The Geography of Thought: How Asians and Westerners Think*

*Differently ... and Why* Richard Nisbett

*The God of Small Things* Arundhati Roy

*River Town* Peter Hessler

*Wild Swans* Jung Chung

### **John Conner**

"La Conciencia" ("The Conscience") Ana María Matute (short story)

*Crónica de una Muerte Anunciada (Chronicle of a Death Foretold)*

Gabriel García Marquez

"La Muerte y la Brújula" ("Death and the Compass") Jorge Luis Borges (short story)

*San Manuel Bueno, mártir* Miguel de Unamuno

## Non-Teaching Faculty

### **Carolyn Chica** (Admission)

*Hunger* Roxane Gay

*Just Mercy* Bryan Stevenson

*Whistling Vivaldi* Claude Steele

### **Abby Lamstein Frantz** (Counseling)

*The Art of Fielding* Chad Harchuk

*The Handmaid's Tale* Margaret Atwood

*My Life in France* Julia Child

*Under the Banner of Heaven* Jon Krakauer

*The World According to Garp* John Irving

*Zeitoun* Dave Eggers

### **Cort Pomeroy** (Admission)

*The Brothers K* David James Duncan

*Peace Like a River* Leif Enger

*The River Why* David James Duncan