



## 2009 Recommended Reading List

– It’s not just for summer, anymore –

This list of recommended books for college-bound high school students was compiled by the AMHS Library-Media staff. It is a compilation of recommended reading from four different sources: AMHS faculty, The American Library Association (ALA), the College Board, and Princeton University.

While AMHS recommendations are for specific classes, none of the other sources have age, maturity or grade levels assigned; all titles are considered to be part of a college freshman’s basic cultural and literary background.

The ALA uses three levels: Recommended, highly recommended, and very highly recommended. The College Board lists the “Top 100 Books” as crucial to success in college. Princeton University lists books that Princeton considers necessary for success in college.

The final column tells where students can find the title in the AMHS Library-Media Center, if the title is on order, or if the AMHS library does not have it.

All of these titles are recommended by reputable sources. Books recommended by AMHS faculty have additional sources vouching for their benefit in the high school classroom.

However, not all titles are for all readers. Emotional maturity, intellectual curiosity, and comprehension do not always correlate with age or grade level. We recommend that parents and students review the list together to make decisions about which books to read.

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1984	Orwell, George		Highly Recommended			F Orw
A Death in the Family	Agee, James			Top 100 Books		F Age
A Doll's House	Ibsen, Henrik	12 Drama		Top 100 Books		839 Ibe
A Farewell to Arms	Hemingway, Ernest	11 Possibility		Top 100 Books		F Hem
A Good Man Is Hard to Find	O'Connor, Flannery			Top 100 Books		813.54
A Midsummer's Night Dream	Shakespeare, William			Top 100 Books		822.3 Sha
A Natural History of the Senses	Ackerman, Diane				Recommended	152.1
A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man	Joyce, James	12 Possibility	Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Joy
A Separate Peace	Knowles, John	9 Possibility				F Kno
A Thief of Time	Hillerman, Tony	9 Fiction				Text
Adam Bede	Eliot, George		Recommended			F Eli
Aeneid	Virgil		Very Highly Recommended			Collections
Alice in Wonderland	Carroll, Lewis		Recommended			F Car
All Quiet on the Western Front	Remarque, Eric Maria	9 Possibility	Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Rem
An American Tragedy	Dreiser, Theodore			Top 100 Books		F Dre
Androcles and the Lion	Shaw, George Bernard		Recommended			On order
Angela's Ashes	McCourt, Frank	12 Non-Fiction				92 McC
Animal Farm	Orwell, George		Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Orw
Antigone	Sophocles			Top 100 Books		882.01 Sop
Around the World in Forty Days	Verne, Jules		Highly Recommended			F Ver
As I Lay Dying	Faulkner, William	11 Possibility		Top 100 Books		F Fau
Atoms in the Family	Fermi		Recommended			F Fer
Autobiography	Franklin, Benjamin	11 Non-Fiction	Very Highly Recommended			92 Fra
Babbitt	Lewis, Sinclair		Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Lew
Bartleby the Scrivener	Melville, Herman	11 Possibility		Top 100 Books		F Mel
Beloved	Morrison, Toni			Top 100 Books		F Mor
Beowulf	Heaney and others trans	10 Poetry	Very Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		830 Hea
Billy Budd	Melville, Herman	11 Possibility				F Mel
Brave New World	Huxley, Aldous		Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Hux
Call It Sleep	Roth, Henry			Top 100 Books		On order
Candide	Voltaire	12		Top 100 Books		F Vol
Canterbury Tales	Chaucer, Geoffrey	10 Poetry	Recommended	Top 100 Books		821.3 Cha
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof	Williams, Tennessee	11 Possibility				812.52 Wil
Catch-22	Heller, Joseph			Top 100 Books		F Hel
Ceremony	Silko, Leslie Marmom			Top 100 Books		F Sil
Collected Stories	Welty, Eudora			Top 100 Books		F Wel
Crime and Punishment	Dostoevsky, Fyodor	12 Possibility	Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Dos
Cyrano de Bergerac	Rostand, Edmond		Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		842.8 Ros

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David Copperfield	Dickens, Charles		Very Highly Recommended			F Dic
Death Comes for the Archbishop	Cather, Willa		Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Cat
Death of a Salesman	Miller, Arthur	11 Possibility	Highly Recommended			812 Mil
Dialogues	Plato		Recommended			888.4 Pla
Doctor Zhivago	Pasternak, Boris		Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Pas
Don Quixote	Cervantes. Miguel		Very Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		863.08 Cer
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Stevenson, Robert Louis	12 Fiction				F Ste
Dune	Herbert, Frank	11 Possibility				F Her
Elements of Style	Strunk and White	9				808 Str
Eminent Victorians	Strachey		Recommended			On order
Emperor Jones	O'Neill, Eugene		Highly Recommended			808.82 Hol
Essays	Emerson, Ralph W		Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		814.3 Eme
Everyman	--	12 Possibility				820.08
Everything is Illuminated	Foer, Jonathan				Recommended	F Foe
Fahrenheit 451	Bradbury, Ray	Teacher				F Bra
Farewell to Manzanar	Houston, Jean	9 Fiction				F Hou
Father Brown	Chesterton, G.K.		Recommended			F Che
Fathers and Sons	Turgenev, Ivan			Top 100 Books		F Tur
Faust	Goethe, Johann de	12		Top 100 Books		830.3 Goe
For Whom the Bell Tolls	Hemingway, Ernest	11 Possibility	Highly Recommended			F Hem
Frankenstein	Shelley, Mary	12		Top 100 Books		F She
Giants in the Earth	Rolvaag, O.E.		Highly Recommended			F Rol
Go Tell It on the Mountain	Baldwin, James			Top 100 Books		F Bal
Great Expectations	Dickens, Charles	9 Fiction	Highly Recommended			F Dic
Green Mansions	Hudson, W.H.		Recommended			F Hud
Gulliver's Travels	Swift, Jonathon	10 Possibility	Very Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Swi
Hamlet	Shakespeare, William	12 Drama		Top 100 Books		822.3 Sha
Heart of Darkness	Conrad, Joseph	12 Fiction	Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Con
House of Leaves	Danielewski, Mark Z.				Recommended	813.54 Dan
How to Read a Book	Adler, Mortimer		Recommended			028 Adl
Huckleberry Finn	Twain, Mark	11 Fiction	Very Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Twa
If on a Winter's Night a Traveler	Calvino, Italo				Recommended	853.9 Cal
Inferno	Dante	10 Poetry	Recommended	Top 100 Books		851 Dan
Intruder in the Dust	Faulkner, William	11 Possibility	Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Fau
Ivanhoe	Scott, Sir Walter		Recommended			F Sco
Jane Eyre	Bronte, Charlotte		Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Bro
Jesus' Son	Johnson, Denis				Recommended	NO
Jungle Books	Kipling, Rudyard		Recommended			F Kil

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King Lear	Shakespeare, William	12 Possibility				822.3 Sha
Kristin Lavransdatter	Undset, S		Recommended			F Und
Leaves of Grass	Whitman, Walt			Top 100 Books		821.6 Whi
Les Miserables	Hugo, Victor		Highly Recommended			F Hug
Life on the Mississippi	Twain, Mark		Recommended			On order
Lincoln	Sandburg, Carl		Recommended			92 Lin
Lolita	Nabokov, Vladimir				Recommended	NO
Long Day's Journey into Night	O'Neill, Eugene			Top 100 Books		812.5 O'Ne
Lord Jim	Conrad, Joseph		Highly Recommended			F Con
Lord of the Flies	Golding, William			Top 100 Books		F Gol
Macbeth	Shakespeare, William	11 Possibility		Top 100 Books		822.3 Sha
Madame Bovary	Flaubert, Gustav		Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Fla
Main Street	Lewis, Sinclair		Highly Recommended			F Lew
Man of Property	Galsworthy		Recommended			On order
Mansfield Park	Austen, Jane		Recommended			F Aus
Moby Dick	Melville, Herman		Very Highly Recommended			F Mel
Mutiny on the Bounty	Nordhoff and Hall	9 Possibility	Highly Recommended			F Nor
My Antonia	Cather, Willa	11 Fiction	Highly Recommended			F Cat
Mythology	Bulfinch, Thomas		Very Highly Recommended			291 Bul
Mythology	Hamilton	9	Very Highly Recommended			292.13 Ham
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass	Douglass, Frederick	11 Non-Fiction		Top 100 Books		92 Dou
Native Son	Wright, Richard	11 Possibility		Top 100 Books		F Wri
No Logo	Klein, Naomi				Recommended	338.8 Kle
Northwest Passage	Roberts		Highly Recommended			F Rob
Oedipus Rex	Sophocles	10 Drama	Very Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		882.008 Sop
Oliver Twist	Dickens, Charles		Highly Recommended			F Dic
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich	Solzhenitsyn, Alexander			Top 100 Books		F Sol
One Hundred Years of Solitude	Marquez, Gabriel Garcia	12		Top 100 Books		F Gar
One Man's Meat	White, E.B.		Recommended			812.42 Whi
Only Yesterday	Allen		Recommended			309.1
Oregon Trail	Parkman		Highly Recommended			917.8 Par
Organization Man	White, W.H.		Highly Recommended			302.85Whi
Othello	Shakespeare, William	11 Drama				822.3 Sha
Our Town	Wilder	11 Possibility	Highly Recommended			812.52 Wil
Out of the Silent Planet	Lewis, C.S.		Recommended			F Lew
Persuasion	Austen, Jane	12 Possibility				F Aus
Plutarch's Lives	Plutarch		Recommended			920 Plu
Pride and Prejudice	Austen, Jane	12 Possibility	Very Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Aus

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Queen Victoria	Strachey		Recommended			92 Vic
Quentin Durwood	Scott		Highly Recommended			On order
Quo Vadis	Sienkiewicz		Highly Recommended			F Sie
Red Badge of Courage	Crane, Stephen	11 Fiction	Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Cra
Return of the Native	Hardy, Thomas		Highly Recommended			F Har
Robin Hood Tales	--		Highly Recommended			398.2
Robinson Crusoe	Defoe, Daniel		Very Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Def
Romeo and Juliet	Shakespeare, William	9 Drama		Top 100 Books		822.3 Sha
Saint Joan	Shaw, George Bernard		Highly Recommended			822.9Sha
She Stoops to Conquer	Goldsmith, Oliver		Highly Recommended			822 Gol
Sherlock Holmes	Doyle, Arthur C		Highly Recommended			F Doy
Siddhartha	Hesse, Hermann	12 Fiction				F Hes
Six Wings: Men of Science in the Renaissance	Sarton		Highly Recommended			On order
Slaughterhouse Five	Vonnegut, Kurt			Top 100 Books		F Von
Snow Country	Kawabata, Yasun	12 Fiction				F Kaw
Soul on Ice	Cleaver, Eldridge				Recommended	92 Cle
Swann's Way	Proust, Marcel			Top 100 Books		NO
Tale of Two Cities	Dickens, Charles	10 Possibility	Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Dic
Tales	Poe, Edgar Allen		Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Poe
Taming of the Shrew	Shakespeare, William	11 Possibility				822.3 Sha
Tess of D'Urbervilles	Hardy, Thomas			Top 100 Books		F Har
The Adventures of Augie March	Bellow, Saul			Top 100 Books		F Bel
The Awakening	Chopin, Kate			Top 100 Books		F Cho
The Bear	Faulkner, William	11 Possibility	Recommended			F Fau
The Bell Jar	Plath, Sylvia			Top 100 Books		F Pla
The Bible	--		Very Highly Recommended			220
The Call of the Wild	London, Jack		Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Lon
The Catcher in the Rye	Salinger, J.D.	11		Top 100 Books		F Sal
The Cherry Orchard	Chekhov, Anton					891.7 Che
The Chosen	Potok, Chaim	9 Fiction				F Pot
The Cloister and the Hearth	Reade		Recommended			F Rea
The Color Purple	Walker, Alice	11 Possibility		Top 100 Books		F Wal
The Complete Stories	O'Connor, Flannery				Recommended	F O'Co
The Count of Monte Cristo	Dumas, Alexandre	10 Fiction	Recommended			F Dum
The Crucible	Miller, Arthur	11 Drama		Top 100 Books		Text
The Crying of Lot 49	Pynchon, Thomas			Top 100 Books		NO
The Federalist Papers	--		Highly Recommended			329

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The Good Earth	Buck, Pearl		Highly Recommended			F Buc
The Good Solider	Ford, Ford Maddox			Top 100 Books		F For
The Grapes of Wrath	Steinbeck, John	11 Possibility	Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Ste
The Great Gatsby	Fitzgerald, F. Scott	11 Fiction	Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Fit
The House of Mirth	Wharton, Edith			Top 100 Books		F Wha
The House of Seven Gables	Hawthorne, Nathaniel		Highly Recommended			F Haw
The House of the Spirits	Allende, Isabel				Recommended	F All
The Hunchback of Notre Dame	Hugo, Victor			Top 100 Books		F Hug
The Illiad	Homer	10 Poetry	Very Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		883 Hom
The Invisible Man	Ellison, Ralph			Top 100 Books	Recommended	F Ell
The Last of the Mohicans	Cooper, James Fenimore			Top 100 Books		F Coe
The Late George Apley	Marquand, John		Recommended			F Mar
The Magic Mountain	Mann, Thomas			Top 100 Books		F Man
The Man to Send Rain Clouds	--	11 Possibility				On order
The Mayor of Casterbridge	Hardy, Thomas	12	Recommended			F Har
The Merchant of Venice	Shakespeare, William	10 Drama				822.3 Sha
The Metamorphosis	Kafka, Franz	12 Fiction		Top 100 Books		F Kaf
The Mill on the Floss	Eliot, George		Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Eli
The Odyssey	Homer	9 Poetry	Very Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		883 Hom
The Old Man and the Sea	Hemingway, Ernest		Highly Recommended			F Hem
The Once and Future King	White, T.E.	10 Fiction				F Whi
The Ox-Bow Incident	Clark, Walter		Recommended			F Cla
The Picture of Dorian Gray	Wilde, Oscar	12 Possibility		Top 100 Books		F Wil
The Portrait of a Lady	James, Henry			Top 100 Books		F Jam
The Power and the Glory	Greene, Graham		Recommended			F Gre
The Rivals	Sheridan		Highly Recommended			822 Gol
The Scarlet Letter	Hawthorne, Nathaniel	11 Fiction		Top 100 Books		F Haw
The Scarlet Pimpernel	Orczy, Baroness	10 Possibility				F Orc
The Sea Around Us	Carson, Rachel		Highly Recommended			551.46
The Seagull	Chekhov, Anton	12 Possibility				891.7 Che
The Secret Sharer	Conrad, Joseph	12 Possibility				F Con
The Song of Roland	--		Highly Recommended			846.1 Mer
The Sound and the Fury	Faulkner, William	11 Possibility		Top 100 Books		F Fau
The Stranger	Camus, Albert	12 Fiction		Top 100 Books		F Cam
The Tempest	Shakespeare, William	12 Drama				822.3 Sha
The Three Musketeers	Dumas, Alexandre		Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Dum
The Trial	Kafka, Franz	12 Possibility				F Kaf

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The Turn of the Screw	James, Henry	12	Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Jam
The Wind-Up Bird Chronicles	Murakami, Haruki				Recommended	On order
The Woman Warrior	Kingston, Maxine Hong	11 Possibility		Top 100 Books		92 Kin
Their Eyes Were Watching God	Hurston, Zora Neale	11 Possibility		Top 100 Books		F Hur
Things Fall Apart	Achebe, Chinua	10 Fiction		Top 100 Books		F Ach
To Kill a Mockingbird	Lee, Harper			Top 100 Books		F Lee
To the Lighthouse	Woolf, Virginia	12 Honors		Top 100 Books	Recommended	F Woo
Tom Jones	Fielding, Henry			Top 100 Books		F Fie
Treasure Island	Stevenson, Robert Louis		Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Ste
Twelfth Night	Shakespeare, William	10 Drama				822.3 Sha
Uncle Tom's Cabin	Stowe, Harriet Beecher			Top 100 Books		F Sto
Uncle Vanya	Chekhov, Anton	12 Possibility				891.7 Che
Vanity Fair	Thackeray, William		Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Tha
Various titles	Alexie, Sherman	11 Possibility				F Ale
Various titles	Cisneros, Sandra	9 Possibility				F Cis
Various titles	Tan, Amy	11 Possibility				F Tan
Victory	Conrad, Joseph		Recommended			F Con
Waiting for Godot	Beckett, Samuel			Top 100 Books		842.91 Bec
Walden	Thoreau, H.D.		Very Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		818 Tho
War and Peace	Tolstoy, Leo		Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Tol
Way of All Flesh	Butler, Samuel		Recommended			F But
White Noise	DeLillo, Don				Recommended	813.54 Blo
Wuthering Heights	Bronte, Emily		Highly Recommended	Top 100 Books		F Bro