

# Waynflete Upper School Summer Reading 2009

The majority of these titles are readily available at your local library, or may be purchased at local bookstores such as Longfellow Books, Nonesuch Books, and Borders. Alternatively, they may be purchased both new and used at BetterWorldBooks, PowellsBooks, or Amazon.com.

## **Required Summer Reading (you must read the book which corresponds to your English course this Fall)**

9th grade: *The Little Prince*, Antoine de Saint Exupéry  
10th grade: *Siddhartha*, Hermann Hesse  
Essay Writing: *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight*, Alexandra Fuller  
Writers' Workshop: *Somehow Form a Family*, Tony Earley  
Adventures in Literature: *The Alchemist*, Paul Coelho  
New York, New York: *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald  
Short Story: *Love Medicine*, Louise Erdrich

## **Recommended Summer Reading (you must read four other books of your own choice. Below is a list of recommendations, but you may choose others as well)**

### **Award Winners**

2009 Pulitzer Prize Winner: *Abide with Me* by Elizabeth Strout

Winner of the Booker Prize: *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga

National Book Awards 2008:

Fiction: Peter Matthiessen

Nonfiction: Annette Gordon-Reed

Young People's Literature: Judy Blundell

Poetry: Mark Doty

Distinguished Contribution to American Letters: Maxine Hong Kingston

National Book Critics Circle Awards:

Fiction: Roberto Bolaño, "2666"

Biography: Patrick French, "The World Is What It Is: The Authorized Biography of V.S. Naipaul"

Autobiography: Ariel Sabar, "My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for His Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq"

Nonfiction: Dexter Filkins, "The Forever War"

Poetry: August Kleinzahler, "Sleeping It Off in Rapid City" and Juan Felipe Herrera, "Half the World in Light"

Nobel Prize for Literature: Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clézio

### **Fiction**

*Unaccustomed Earth*: Stories by Jhumpa Lahiri

*Water Dogs* by Lewis Robinson

*A Mercy* by Toni Morrison

*The Gurnsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

*Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger

*Slapstick* by Kurt Vonnegut

*Netherland* by Joseph O'Neill

*I, Claudius : From the Autobiography of Tiberius Claudius, Born 10 B.C., Murdered and Deified A.D. 54* by Robert Graves  
*The Story of Edgar Sawtelle: A Novel* by David Wroblewski  
*People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks  
*Reservation Blues* by Sherman Alexie  
*So Brave, Young and Handsome* by Leif Enger  
*The Plague of Doves: A Novel* by Louise Erdrich  
*A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving  
*The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint* by Brady Udall  
*Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits* by Laila Lalami  
*High Fidelity* by Nick Hornby  
*A Virgin's Guide to Mexico* by Eric Martin

### **Fantasy**

*The Tooth Fairy* by Graham Joyce  
*Neverwhere* by Neil Gaiman  
*The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K Le Guin

### **Autobiography**

*West with the Night* by Beryl Markham  
*Brother, I'm Dying* by Edwidge Danticat

### **Non-fiction**

*The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson  
*My Old Man and the Sea* by David and Daniel Hays  
*Fish Food* by Ralph Cutter  
*Revolt in the Desert* by T. E. Lawrence  
*Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson  
*In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick

### **Poetry**

*The Best of It: New and Selected Poems* by Poet Laureate Kay Ryan  
*Selected Poems* by Mark Strand  
*Ballistics: Poems* by Billy Collins

### **Drama**

*Fences* by August Wilson  
*Fool for Love* by Sam Shepard  
*Marsha Norman Vol. 1 Collected Works* by Marsha Norman

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