

Students Entering 12th Grade



Reading Suggestions 2016

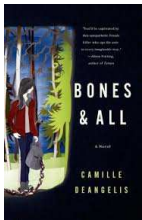
FICTION



The Coldest Girl in Coldtown

By Holly Black

Tana lives in a world where walled cities called Coldtowns exist. In them, quarantined monsters and humans mingle in a decadently bloody mix of predator and prey. The only problem is, once you pass through Coldtown's gates, you can never leave.



Bones & All

By Camille DeAngelis

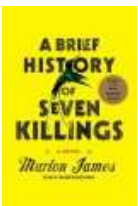
Maren Yearly is a young woman who wants the same things we all do. She wants to be someone people admire and respect. She wants to be loved. But her secret, shameful needs have forced her into exile. She hates herself for the *bad* thing she does. She didn't choose to be this way.



All the Light We Cannot See

By Anthony Doerr

The paths of two young people, a blind girl living in occupied France and a German boy caught up in the Nazi youth, converge in this beautiful World War II novel.



A Brief History of Seven Killings

By Marlon James

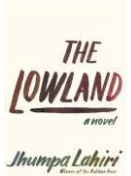
On December 3, 1976, just before the Jamaican general election and two days before Bob Marley was to play the Smile Jamaica Concert to ease political tensions in Kingston, seven unnamed gunmen stormed the singer's house, machine guns blazing. *A Brief History of Seven Killings* is a fictional exploration of that dangerous and unstable time in Jamaica's history and beyond.



Those Who Wish Me Dead

By Michael Koryata

When 13-year-old Jace witnesses a brutal murder, he's plunged into a new life, issued a false identity and hidden in a wilderness skills program for troubled teens. The killers, known as the Blackwell Brothers, are slaughtering anyone who gets in their way in a methodical quest to reach him. Now all that remains between them and the boy are the participants in the wilderness survival program.



The Lowland

By Jhumpa Lahiri

The gulf that separates expatriate Bengali parents from their American-raised children and the children from India remains Lahiri's subject from this set of eight stories.



September Girls

By Bennett Madison

Whisked away by his father to an unusual beach town in the Outer Banks, Sam finds himself having the summer vacation most guys dream of. He's surrounded by beautiful blonde girls, and, better yet, they all seem inexplicably attracted to him. But there's definitely something strange about the Girls. Can he figure it out before it is too late?



Confessions

By Kanae Minato

Following an accident on the grounds of the middle school where she teaches, Yūko has given up and tendered her resignation. But first she has one last lecture to deliver. She tells a story that upends everything her students ever thought they knew about two of their peers, and sets in motion a maniacal plot for revenge.



Everything I Never Told You

By Celeste Ng

Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee, and her parents are determined that she will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue. But when Lydia's body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together is destroyed, tumbling them into chaos.



This Song Will Save Your Life

By Leila Sales

Throughout Elise's life, she's been the butt of every joke and the outsider in every conversation. When a final attempt at popularity fails, Elise nearly gives up. Then she stumbles upon a warehouse party where she discovers a love for DJing.



Ghosts of Heaven

By Marcus Sedgwick

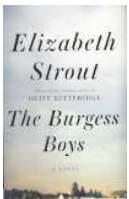
Four linked stories of obsession and creation through the ages include the tales of a Paleolithic girl whose cave drawings become an earliest writing form and a 1920s asylum doctor whose own sanity is tested by a mad poet.



Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore

By Robin Sloan

After a layoff during the Great Recession sidelines his tech career, Clay Jannon takes a job at a bookstore in San Francisco, and soon realizes that the establishment has a strange secret.



Burgess Boys

By Elizabeth Strout

A pair of brothers confronts painful psychological issues surrounding the freak accident that killed their father when they were boys, a loss linked to a heartbreaking deception that shaped their personal and professional lives.



All the Rage

By Courtney Summers

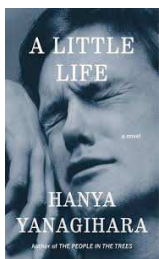
The sheriff's son, Kellan Turner, is not the golden boy everyone thinks he is, and Romy Grey knows that for a fact. Because no one wants to believe a girl from the wrong side of town, the truth about him has cost her everything—friends, family, and her community.



The Martian

By Andy Weir

Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney was one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he'll be the first person to die there. After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark is stranded alone with no way to even signal Earth. Even if he could, he wouldn't last until rescue arrived. Chances are, though, he won't starve -- so many other things are likely to kill him first. But Mark isn't ready to give up yet.



A Little Life

By Hanya Yanagihara

Following four college classmates—broke, adrift, and buoyed only by their friendship and ambition—as they move to New York in search of fame and fortune. While their relationships, which are tinged by addiction, success, and pride, deepen over the decades, the men are held together by their devotion to the brilliant, enigmatic Jude, a man scarred by an unspeakable childhood trauma

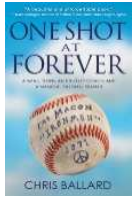


Everything Everything

By Nicola Yoon

Carla is allergic to the world. She has not left her house in seventeen years. The only people she ever sees are her mom and her nurse.

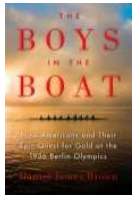
NON-FICTION



One Shot at Forever: A Small Town, an Unlikely Coach, and a Magical Baseball Season

By Chris Ballard

From *Sports Illustrated* writer Chris Ballard, this is the inspirational story of a coach, a baseball team, and the season they will never forget.



The Boys in the Boat

By Daniel James Brown

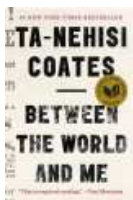
Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope - the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant.



Laughing at my Nightmare

By Shane Burcaw

Shane describes the challenges he faces as a twenty-one-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy. From awkward handshakes to having a girlfriend and everything in between, Shane handles his situation with humor and a "you-only-live-once" perspective on life.



Between the World and Me

By Ta-Nehisi Coates

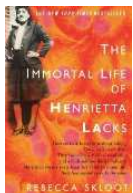
Told through the author's own evolving understanding of the subject over the course of his life comes a bold and personal investigation into America's racial history and its contemporary echoes



Zeitoun

By Dave Eggers

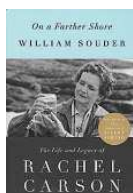
In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, longtime New Orleans residents Abdulrahman and Kathy Zeitoun are cast into an unthinkable struggle with forces beyond wind and water.



Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

By Rebecca Skloot

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists knew her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine. As the first "immortal" human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today!



On a Farther Shore: The Life and Legacy of Rachel Carson

By William Souder

Rachel Carson's writing awakened the world to the heedless contamination of the environment and eventually led to the establishment of the EPA and to the banning of DDT and a host of related pesticides. By drawing frightening parallels between dangerous chemicals and the then-pervasive fallout from nuclear testing, Carson opened a fault line between the gentle ideal of conservation and the more urgent new concept of environmentalism.