Staff Picks Vol. 1 — A Sampler of Recommendations for Summer Reading from Royal Oak High School Teachers

Mr. Fitzpatrick

Walt Whitman - *Leaves of Grass*
Mitch Albom - all of his titles
Barbara Kingsolver - *The Poisonwood Bible*
Ken Follett - *The Pillars of the Earth* and *World Without End*
Joel Osteen - all of his titles
Marcus Luttrell - *Lone Survivor*
Laura Hillenbrand - *Unbroken*

Mrs. Wrobel

Any books by Mitch Albom

Mrs. Abraham

*The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skoot
*Into Thin Air* by John Krakauer
*Like Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen
*The Pillars of the Earth* and *World Without End* by Ken Follett
*Papertowns* by John Green

Mrs. Northey

*Gone With the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell
*Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier
*Devil in the White City* by Eric Larson
Mr. Snyder

The Caine Mutiny by Herman Wouk
Wonder Boys by Michael Chabon
The Damnation of Theron Ware by Harold Frederic
The Mismeasure of Man by Stephen Jay Gould
The Secret History of the Mongol Queens by Jack Weatherford
Undaunted Courage by Stephen Ambrose
Founding Brothers by Joseph Ellis
Benjamin Franklin: The First American by H.W. Brands
Sea of Glory: America’s Voyage of Discovery by Nathaniel Philbrick

Mrs. Vick

The Book Thief, Markus Zusak
My Notorious Life, Kate Manning
Major Pedigrew's Last Stand, Helen Simonson
Cutting for Stone, Abraham Verghese
The Life of Pi, Yann Martel
The Lord's of Discipline, Pat Conroy
Sarah's Key, Tatiana de Rosnay
The Poisonwood Bible, Barbara Kingsolver
The Other Boleyn Girl, Philippa Gregory
Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight, Alexandra Fuller
Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen
The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency, Alexander McCall Smith
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith
The Kite Runner and A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini
The Catcher in the Rye, JD Salinger
The Shack, Wm. Paul Young
Peace Like a River, Leif Enger
A Prayer for Owen Meany, John Irving
Cold Sassy Tree, Olive Ann Burns
The Girl with a Pearl Earring, Tracy Chevalier
Memoirs of a Geisha, Arthur Golden
Unbroken, Laura Hillenbrand
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, Mary Ann Shaffer
The Help, Kathryn Stockett

Mr. Pfeifle
The Moonstone – Wilkie Collins
Midnight's Children – Salman Rushdie
Tobacco Road – Erskine Caldwell

Mr Peven
Richard Russo – Straight Man, Empire Falls
Hitchikers Guide to the Galaxy Series by Douglas Adams

Mrs. Milazzo
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
The Handmaid’s Tale by Margaret Atwood
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Mrs. Ross-Blair
The Island by Victoria Hislop
These is My Words by Nancy Turner
Burial Rites by Hannah Kent
The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert
The Light Between Oceans by M.L Stedman
The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd
Me Before You by JoJo Moyes
The Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean
The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey
The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin
Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts
Telex from Cuba by Rachel Kushner
Where’d You Go Bernadette by Maria Semple
The Rosie Project by Graeme Simpson
Counting by 7’s by Holly Sloan
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woods (poetry which tells a story)
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai (poetry which tells a story)
One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper
Wonder by RJ Palacio
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas
Persuasion by Jane Austen
Vilette by Charlotte Bronte
Black Boy by Richard Wright
Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
Les Misérables by Victor Hugo
The Mill on the Floss by George Eliot
My Antonia by Willa Cather
Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner
The Awakening by Kate Chopin
One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende
The Grass is Singing by Doris Lessing

Ms. Abbott

Kurt Vonnegut’s Cat’s Cradle, Fates Worse Than Death, and everything else
Paulo Coelho's The Valkyries, The Alchemist, etc.
Benjamin Hoff's The Tao of Pooh
Bill Bryson's A Walk in the Woods
Steven Levitt & Stephen Dubner's Freakonomics
Kerouac's *The Dharma Bums*
Eckhart Tolle *A New Earth*
Kahlil Gibran's *The Prophet*
Hermann Hesse's *Siddhartha*
David Shenk's *The Genius in All of Us: Why Everything You've Been Told about Genetics, Talent, and IQ Is Wrong*
Carol Dweck's *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success*
Brene Brown's *The Gifts of Imperfection...*
Isabel Losada's *For Tibet, with Love: A Beginner's Guide to Changing the World*

**Mr. Hutton**

*Rivers of Sand* by Josh Greenberg
*Seasons on the Au Sable* by R.Ruggles Gates

**Mr. Piippo**

*The Perfect Mile* by Neal Bascomb

**Mrs. Porter**

*Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn

**Mrs. Gutierrez**

*Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen
*A Thousand Splendid Suns*, Khaled Hosseini
*Beloved*, Toni Morrison
Mrs. Lundy

All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

Mrs. Dropiewski

The Virtues of Oxygen by Susan Schoenberger
Into the Free by Julie Cantrell
Trail of Broken Wings by Sejal Babani

Mr. Ratliff

Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher
Friday Night Lights by Buzz Bissinger
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

Mr. Chisnell

http://chisnell.com/books/Pages/BookReviews

Mr. Decker

Company Aytch or A Side Show to the Big Show, by Sam Watkins
Mrs. Bordy

The Road Less Traveled by Scott Peck

Mr. Conrad

High Fidelity by Nick Hornby
The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson
The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates by Wes Moore
11/22/63 by Stephen King

Ms. Maudlin

Mountains Beyond Mountains - Tracy Kidder
Half of a Yellow Sun - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Untamed - Will Harlan
A Walk in the Woods - Bill Bryson
Three and Out - John U. Bacon

Mr. VanCamp

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
Gods and Generals by Jeff Shaara
1776 by David McCullogh
Mrs. Kaza

*A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson
*The Night Circus* by Erin Morganstern
*The Ha-Ha* by Dave King

Mr. Vought

*Inferno* by Dan Brown
*The Bourne Identity* by Robert Ludlum
*Velocity* by Dean Koontz

Mr. Miller

*One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
*South!* by Ernest Shackleton
*Merry Men* by Carolyn Chute
*The Monkey Wrench Gang* by Edward Abbey
*Bound for Glory* by Woody Guthrie
*A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean