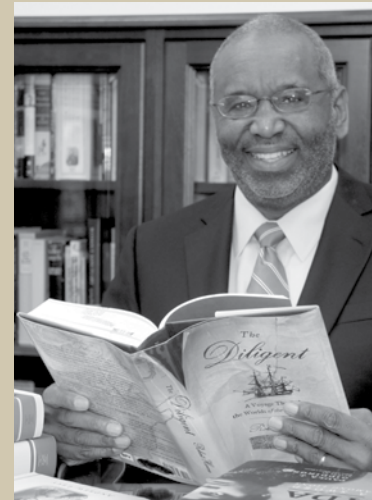


RECOMMENDED READING LIST



ooks are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.

~ *Charles William Eliot*



Reading opens doors and creates ideas by broadening our knowledge of the world.

~ *Dr. George C. Wright*



EAR READERS:

It is a distinct privilege to present the Second Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) Recommended Reading List. Seven years ago, the development and production of our first reading list was a rewarding experience. Our goal was to generate interest in reading, to promote formal and informal discussions and to broaden knowledge and intellectual thought. The response exceeded our expectations. Over the past seven years we distributed copies to PVAMU students, alumni, faculty, and staff. Surprisingly, the reading list was well received by high school students, members of the Texas Legislature, representatives from other universities and the general public. All told, we have distributed more than 40,000 copies of the first PVAMU Reading List. Often, individuals receiving a copy of the publication point to titles they have read and, after scanning the brief descriptions of listed titles that they have not read, find something that appeals to them. I am pleased with the number of people who later told me that they read at least one book and then offered suggestions for other books “that should have been on the PVAMU Reading List.” Those recommendations, coupled with the many outstanding books that have been published in the intervening years, led to this Second PVAMU Reading List. It is my hope that those receiving this release will consider it as a sequel to the first list.

The Second PVAMU Reading List consists of 70 books. Like the first one, the books include fiction and non-fiction titles, explore technology and for the first time includes children’s literature because these books are great to read to the young and adults can find enjoyment in them as well. This list, just as before, contains a large dose of history titles.

Promotion of reading is a cornerstone of my presidency. Every year, I use a book or significant article that provides a theme for discussions with various campus groups. The University community agreed to focus on reading for our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) as part of its re-accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The QEP at PVAMU is “Increasing Reading and Engagement for Academic Development (iREAD).” Data show that after three years, iREAD students have better grade point averages and stronger persistence rates than their peers. Being involved in “iREAD” has been much more than our checking off a SACs requirement. It is fundamental to the success of our students and university.

On behalf of PVAMU, I sincerely hope you enjoy and benefit from our second attempt at suggesting books to read. We know that our list is not exhaustive and that it reflects the individual biases of those who helped compile it. Our goal, simply, is to generate a touchstone for more reading and thoughtful dialogue.

George C. Wright

President,
Prairie View A&M University



he doors of the world are open
to people who can read.

~ Albert Einstein



he whole world opened to me when I learned to read.

~ Mary McLeod Bethune



Y PERSONAL READING LIST

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Animal Fables from Aesop Aesop <i>Literature/Classic</i>	This famous classic collection of fables has endured for ages. By using animal characters that embody human characteristics, these Fables explore honesty, vanity, and philosophy by examining the complexities of the human condition.
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness Alexander, Michelle <i>Contemporary Issues/Race Relations</i>	In this powerful book, legal scholar Michelle Alexander argues how beneath an idealized 21st century post-racial society, there looms an intricate racial caste system, reminiscent of the 20th century Jim Crow era, that continues to disproportionately target and incarcerate people of color, particularly black men.
Histories of the Hanged: The Dirty War in Kenya and the End of an Empire Anderson, David <i>History/Africa</i>	The history of the Mau Mau in Kenya is a complicated story that often portrays violent Africans fighting for their independence from their British colonizers. David Anderson, however, presents a difference between what is “colonial myth” and a more reliable account of Kenya’s darkest path to independence.
A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier Beah, Ishmael <i>Autobiography/Africa</i>	Abducted at the age of thirteen and forced into a life of drug use and murder, A <i>Long Way Gone</i> , is the first person account of Ishmael Beah’s transformation from an innocent child to a deadly soldier. This memoir sheds much-needed light on the circumstances of child soldiers around the world.
D-Day The Battle of Normandy Beevor, Antony <i>History/World War II</i>	In his study of the Normandy invasion during World War II, Beevor offers an examination of how the Allies fought their way into Europe and ensured the complete defeat of Nazi Germany. The human sacrifices to end the War and to galvanize the Allies are a tribute to the soldiers.
Generations of Captivity: A History of African American Slaves Berlin, Ira <i>History/Slavery</i>	Ira Berlin has produced a well-researched account of the history of slavery in America. His narrative shows how racism became more interwoven into the fabric of American society. As slaves were able to adapt to their conditions, each generation struggled to maintain their humanity.



hat one reads becomes part of what one sees and feels.

~ *Ralph Ellison*

Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II Blackmon, Douglas A. <i>History/Race Relations</i>	Blackmon brings to light the history of the involuntary servitude of former slaves and their descendants. Of equal importance is his examination of the culture that allowed the exploitation of blacks to serve in Wars but did not change their status as full American citizens.
Middle Passages: African American Journeys to Africa, 1787- 2005 Campbell, James T. <i>History/Race Relations/Contemporary Issues</i>	James T. Campbell eloquently explores the rarely told stories of both well-known and obscure African Americans who made epic voyages back into Africa. Campbell includes the personal accounts of such figures as Malcolm X, Langston Hughes, Ayuba Suleiman Diallo and others, and he does so within an historical context that is sure to enlighten his readers.
Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the Game That Made a Nation Carlin, John <i>Leadership/Race Relations</i>	John Carlin delivers an exceptional book of compassion and vindication that details how a divided country is uplifted from bitterness and scorn to dignity and healing. This story of Nelson Mandela’s rise to power and his brilliant idea to break down racial barriers through the game of rugby is an important event contributing to the end of Apartheid.
An Unfinished Life: John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963 Dallek, Robert <i>History/Biography</i>	Dallek’s well documented biography has new insights into Kennedy’s health, political savvy, and extramarital affairs. Dallek concludes that the assassination of John F. Kennedy resulted in an unfinished administration, and we will never know Kennedy’s full potential as the 35th President.
A Terrible Glory: Custer and the Little Bighorn, The Last Great Battle of the American West Donovan, James <i>History/American-Indian Wars</i>	Donovan’s narrative contains firsthand accounts of George Armstrong Custer’s encounters with the Sioux, Sitting Bull, and Crazy Horse. Included also is a description of Custer’s relationships with his wife, President Grant, and the men who served with him.
The Coming of the Third Reich The Third Reich in Power The Third Reich at War Third Reich in History and Memory Evans, Richard J. <i>History/World War II</i>	This massive four-volume work is designed for readers to gain a comprehensive understanding of the Nazi’s rise to power and their demise. It identifies the transformation of the Germans and how World War II led to Germany’s self-destruction. To this day, new discoveries about Nazi culture reveal its overwhelming need to self-identify with the national agenda which ultimately created a culture which contributed to human demise.
This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War Faust, Drew Gilpin <i>History/Civil War</i>	Faust examines the Civil War through the deaths of the soldiers. The nation was forced to grapple with the logistical challenges of identifying and burying its dead. This event created social, psychological, and philosophical ramifications in determining whether or not soldiers died a “good death.”

The Pillars of Earth Follett, Ken <i>Literature/Historical Fiction</i>	This fictional narrative explores life during England’s Middle Ages from the perspective of marginalized people. The book is a gripping saga of courage, love, and revenge.
The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery Foner, Eric <i>History/Slavery/Civil War</i>	Foner examines Lincoln’s public and personal views of slavery in the midst of tumultuous racial politics. As Lincoln vacillates over the proposition of allowing blacks into the Union Army, he is forced to reconcile his beliefs of racial inequality with the goal of ending slavery.
That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World It Invented and How We Can Come Back Friedman, Thomas L. and Mandelbaum, Michael <i>Contemporary Issues/Technology</i>	Authors Friedman and Mandelbaum look critically at the state of America during the 20th century as the global leader. The nation is now struggling to compete with rising countries to address the global ramifications of technological advancements.
IDA: A Sword Among Lions Giddings, Paula <i>History/Biography/Race Relations</i>	Giddings’ biography of Ida B. Wells sheds light on the story of an exceptional hero. Her determination and intellect challenged the conditions of black life. As an activist, Wells campaigned against lynchings and experienced death threats.
David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking Outliers: The Story of Success Gladwell, Malcolm <i>Contemporary Issues/Technology</i>	Four outstanding books by Malcolm Gladwell were written with the intent of enticing the reader to think “outside the box” about life and the ability to think like a modern intellectual. Gladwell presents interesting questions and perspectives on a range of topics to encourage new conversations and insights.
Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln Goodwin, Doris Kearns <i>History/Biography/Civil War</i>	This biographical account of Lincoln’s cabinet illustrates how Lincoln brilliantly chose to surround himself with his most bitter rivals, and eventually earned their respect by his political genius and leadership style.
The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family Gordon-Reed, Annette <i>History/Slavery/Race Relations</i>	The saga of Thomas Jefferson’s union with his slave Sally Hemings represents the complexity of relationships between a founding father and the institution of slavery. The story involves sex, race, and the question of love as it traces the family blood lines beyond the context of Revolutionary America.

Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanche’s, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History Gwynne, S.C. <i>History/American-Indian Wars</i>	Gwynne’s account of the powerful Comanche’s encompasses four decades of colonialism, Civil War, and westward expansion. It tells the story of this powerful Indian Nation’s attempt to defend its lands from invasion by white settlers.
The Diligent: A Voyage through the Worlds of the Slave Trade Harms, Robert <i>History/Africa/Slavery</i>	<i>The Diligent</i> is a vivid account about the French African Slave Trade enterprise. The story provides a disturbing account of the mundane business of transporting African captives who endured horrific conditions during the Middle Passage to the Americas. This work provides new information about how slave owners normalized the cruelty of fellow humans as acceptable practices of the slave trade.
The Oprah Phenomenon Harris, Jennifer <i>Contemporary Issues/Leadership</i>	This collection of essays allows the reader to see Oprah as a feminist, race leader and entrepreneur. Oprah’s life is an example of how one can overcome adversity to achieve great wealth and influence worldwide.
The Last Slave Market: Dr. John Kirk and the Struggle to End the African Slave Trade Hazell, Alastair <i>History/Africa/Slavery</i>	This riveting account of Dr. John Kirk, a Scottish botanist, discusses his contributions to ending the East African slave trade in Zanzibar. Scholarly attention is often focused on the slave trade of West Africa without including the narratives of East African slave markets, which Hazell examines as a part of the African Diasporic narrative.
Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption Hillenbrand, Laura <i>Biography/World War II</i>	The life of Louis Zamperini is a remarkable story about a man who refused to succumb to being a prisoner of war during World War II. His endurance and sheer will to live is an example of how a soldier survived harsh obstacles.
To End All Wars: A Story of Loyalty and Rebellion, 1914-1918 Hochschild, Adam <i>History/World War I</i>	Over twenty million civilians and soldiers were killed in the First World War. This book discusses how some people became enamored with the idea of the war as a just and noble cause, while others saw it as sheer madness.

As I read, my ears are opened to the magic of the spoken word.
~ Richard Wright



ou live several lives while reading.

~ William Styron

**Alan Turing—The Enigma:
The Book That Inspired the Film
“The Imitation Game”**

Hodges, Andres
*History/Biography/
World War II/Technology*

Author Andres Hodges presents a captivating biography of a genius—Alan Turing. Named as the “Father of the Modern Computer,” Alan Turing is known for inventing a computer to break the German Enigma Machine during World War II. Because of the work of Turing, millions of lives were saved and the end of the war came two years sooner. Unfortunately, he was arrested and convicted when he refused to conceal his homosexuality. It was only after committing suicide was Turing’s outstanding contributions acknowledged and celebrated.

Steve Jobs

Isaacson, Walter
Biography/Technology

Steve Jobs forever changed the technological and business worlds as a result of his development of Macintosh and Apple products including the iPhone. This work candidly examines his personality as the source of his genius, which also created a wedge between Jobs and others.

**Africans in America: America’s
Journey through Slavery**

Johnson, Charles,
Smith, Patricia
History/Africa/Slavery

This narrative traces the history of African slavery from the Arab Slave Trade to the Atlantic Slave enterprise up through the American Civil War. Told from the perspective of American colonists, indentured servants, abolitionists, free blacks and enslaved Africans, their stories provide firsthand accounts of race relations evolving in American society.

**Nigger: The Strange Career
of a Troublesome Word**

Randall Kennedy
*Contemporary Society/
Race Relations*

This ground-breaking book, discusses the history of the “N” word, whether or not anyone has the right to use the word, and how the American legal system has ruled on the use of this highly offensive, very controversial word.

The Race for Timbuktu

Kryza, Frank
History/Africa

Rival British explorers, Alexander Laing and Hugh Claperton, set out to be the first Europeans to explore the wonders of Timbuktu, known to have streets paved with gold and buildings adorned with gems. Crossing the vast Sahara Desert and enduring tropical diseases while crossing the Congo River, they overcame numerous barriers.

**The Last Boy:
Mickey Mantle and the End
of America’s Childhood**

Leavy, Jane
Biography/Sports

The legendary outfielder for the New York Yankees, Mickey Mantle is still one of America’s sports heroes. Like all heroes, he was not perfect. This gripping account reveals Mantle’s struggle to find a balance between his personal life and his sports stardom, as he was plagued with injuries and a genetic predisposition to alcoholism.

**A Murder in Virginia:
Southern Justice on Trial**

Lebsock, Suzanne
History/Race Relations

In 1895, a white woman was murdered and a black man arrested for the crime. However, he accuses three black women of the murder, which leads to a series of trials. Lebsock’s book examines these trials and captures the personalities of the women in an engrossing story that sheds light not only on the criminal justice system but the racial climate of the times.

A Delicate Truth: A Novel

Le Carre’, John
Literature/Espionage

The Delicate Truth is a riveting spy novel that details stories of British civil servants whose lives are intertwined based largely on deception and lies. The suspense mounts as Le Carre’ describes the betrayal in the search to find the delicate truth about a murderous mission.

**Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi
and His Struggle with India**

Lelyveld, Joseph
History/Biography/Africa

The legend of Mahatma Gandhi, a champion for non-violence, is the center of Lelyveld’s examination of how this leader was able to influence others to follow his non-violent campaigns. This book highlights Gandhi’s experiences as a minority during his 21 years in South Africa.

**The First Emancipator:
The Forgotten Story of Robert
Carter the Founding Father
Who Freed His Slaves**

Levy, Andrew
History/Slavery/Race Relations

Robert Carter, born into an elite class, had close ties to the families of Thomas Jefferson and George Washington. Carter is remarkable in that he freed over five hundred slaves. His decision remained an untold story during the American Revolutionary Era.

**Rome 1960: The Olympics
that Changed the World**

Maraniss, David
Sports/Politics

David Maraniss captured the 1960 Olympics by examining steroid use, racial controversies, and the politics of the Cold War. Among the colorful stories in the book are accounts of young Cassius Clay, Wilma Rudolph and Rafer Johnson.

Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention

Marable, Manning
Biography/Race Relations

Noted historian Manning Marable writes a compelling account of the evolution of Malcolm’s complex personality from a common criminal to a national leader. This work shows Malcolm X as a complete human being with triumphs and failures.

**The Greater Journey:
Americans In Paris**

McCullough, David
History/Literature/Biography

Between 1830 and 1900, hundreds of American authors, painters, sculptors and abolitionists migrated to Paris. McCullough describes how the avant-garde spirit of Paris transformed them. These transformations ultimately shaped American culture with the return of these cultural visionaries to the United States.

American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation Meacham, Jon <i>History/Politics/Religion</i>	Meacham presents an historical portrait of the Founding Fathers' spiritual foundation. This book explores how Christian faith became intricately woven into American life, ultimately forming the basic structure of religion and political freedom in this country.
Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy Metaxas, Eric <i>History/World War II/Biography</i>	Bonhoeffer is an example of a silent hero who emerged during a time of human atrocities. He led a group that planned the assassination of Adolf Hitler in Nazi Germany during World War II. This important biography by Eric Metaxas provides insights into Bonhoeffer's faith and determination to protect the Jews from Nazi persecution.
Suite Francaise Nemirovsky, Irene <i>Literature/World War II</i>	This fictional work uses the backdrop of World War II to provide a portrait of France months before German occupation. Nemirovsky focuses on how the French reluctantly adapted to a culture in transition during this time of war and upheaval.
28 Stories of AIDS in Africa Nolen, Stephanie <i>Africa/Medicine</i>	The AIDS epidemic is viewed through the lens of 28 people from different African countries. The circumstances of how they contracted HIV/AIDS and the impact it had on their lives and those around them are featured in their narratives. These stories tie together war, poverty, disease, health care and how HIV/AIDS spread in Africa.
Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance Obama, Barack <i>Autobiography/Contemporary Society/Race Relations</i>	President Obama's personal account of his early life is not only a search for understanding his African father and white American mother; it is a search for his identity within the ever-changing American racial landscape.
Marie Curie: A Biography Ogilvie, Marilyn Bailey <i>Women's History/ Biography/ Science</i>	Marie Curie is one of the most distinguished scientists of the twentieth century. This biography covers her breakthroughs in radiation science as well as intriguing aspects of her personal life. The book captures major transitions she experienced from her early education, the relationships with her husband and fellow scientist.
Polio: An American Story Oshinsky, David <i>History/Medicine/Science</i>	Oshinsky's book highlights the unprecedented commitment by the government to fundraising and licensing of drugs to find a cure to end the polio epidemic. The author explores the research and lives of scientists such as Jonas Salk, Albert Sabin and the brilliant but lesser acknowledged Isabel Morgan. The story of polio and its eradication is a scientific breakthrough that serves as a template to conquer other modern diseases.
The Last Lecture Pausch, Randy <i>Contemporary Issues</i>	Computer Science professor at Carnegie Mellon, Randy Pausch, shared with the world reflections on his life and approaching death. This book captures his last lecture in which he questions what matters most in the wake of his condition. In sharing the wisdom gleamed over his life, Pausch recounts how his childhood dreams were fulfilled.



Reading one book is like eating one potato chip.

~ Diane Duane

It Worked for Me: In Life and Leadership Powell, Colin <i>Autobiography/Leadership</i>	Colin Powell's autobiography shares life lessons and personal stories about how he became a military hero and a diplomatic leader. This book, written by America's first African American Secretary of State, is a must read for anyone preparing for a career in political leadership.
Jackie Robinson: A Biography Rampersad, Arnold <i>Biography/Sports/Race Relations</i>	Arnold Rampersad brings to life Jackie Robinson's encounters with racial harassment, integration, and the Civil Rights Movement. The author captures not only Robinson's challenging moments but also personal stories about the impact of his faith, family and courage. This book is more than a tale about a baseball player; it is a story about the evolution of modern sports in America.
Selected Letters of Langston Hughes Edited by Rampersad, Arnold and Roessel, David <i>Literature/Race Relations</i>	The personal letters of novelist Langston Hughes discusses the Harlem Renaissance, race relations, and the creative genius of black artists during the 20th century.
The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo Reiss, Tom <i>Biography/Napoleonic War/Slavery</i>	<i>The Black Count</i> is the story of General Alex Dumas, born in Saint-Domingue during the 18th century to a Haitian slave and a French plantation owner. Reiss portrays a rare and complex story of race, class and betrayal in the story of Alex from birth to death. This story serves as the inspiration for the characters in <i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i> and <i>The Three Musketeers</i> written by Dumas' son, the novelist Alexandre Dumas.
Extraordinary, Ordinary People: A Memoir of Family Rice, Condoleezza <i>Autobiography/Race Relations/ Politics</i>	More than simply an autobiography, Condoleezza Rice reflects on invaluable lessons learned in Birmingham, Alabama during the Civil Rights Movement. Rice discusses the demands of overcoming immense social barriers with the help of her parents who sacrificed much to insure the fulfillment of her musical and academic talents. Rice's courage and confidence contributed to her being appointed the first African American woman as Secretary of State.

Wrong Place, Wrong Time: Trauma and Violence in the Lives of Young Black Men Rich, John A. <i>Contemporary Issues/Race Relationship/Medicine</i>	Told from the perspective of the urban black youth who are usually blamed for their own victimization, Rich's narrative challenges America to understand the cycle that young black men face, as they search for a better life.	My Beloved World Sotomayo, Sonia <i>Autobiography/Leadership/Women</i>	Diagnosed with diabetes at the age of eight, Sonia Sotomayo emerged from poverty in the Bronx projects becoming the valedictorian of her high school class. These early achievements propelled her to an Ivy League education. As a result of her hard work, she became the first Supreme Court Justice of Puerto Rican descent. This forthright memoir illustrates her determination and character to achieve and to serve as a national role model.
How Good Do You Want To Be?: A Champion's Tips on How to Lead and Succeed in Work and in Life Saban, Nick <i>Sports/Leadership</i>	Highly successful football coach Nick Saban has written a motivating guide that serves as a formula for success. The book outlines how hard work, passion, and a winning philosophy can help develop leadership skills on and off the athletic field. Saban offers insights on such topics as values, self-knowledge, consistency and time management.	Sugar in the Blood: A Family's Story of Slavery and Empire Stuart, Andrea <i>History/Slavery</i>	Andrea Stuart uncovers a detailed account of her family's survival in Barbados as part of a larger history about how the cash crop, "sugar," financed the European Industrial Revolution. The history of slavery and sugar is a complex social, cultural, and economic narrative that Stuart brings to light as both personal and political. This book is a must read in understanding the conditions of sugar plantation slavery established in the Caribbean Islands.
Six by Seuss: A Treasure of Dr. Seuss Classics Seuss, Dr <i>Literature/Classics</i>	This classic collection by Dr. Seuss has endured the test of time. <i>Six by Seuss</i> contains tales of cleverly used lines that captivate the reader, both young and old, to enjoy stories that include ethics, a reflection on society and teachings easily recognized by millions around the world.	Rivers of Gold: The Rise of the Spanish Empire, From Columbus to Magellan Thomas, Hugh <i>History/Exploration</i>	The Spanish conquest and enslavement of the Bahamas and South America is a fascinating story about greed and religious zealotry. Hugh Thomas presents a rich narrative of a critical period in world history that traces the travel routes of famous Spanish explorers from Christopher Columbus to Ferdinand Magellan.
Blood and Thunder: An Epic Story of Kit Carson and the Conquest of the American West Sides, Hampton <i>History/American-Indian Wars</i>	The story of America's West is revealed in the narrative of Kit Carson, an illiterate U.S Scout and Indian fighter. Sides describes Carson's relationships and exploits with Native Americans, especially the Navajo. This book shadows important events from the Doctrine of Manifest Destiny to the American Civil War.	Father Fox's Pennyrhymes Watson, Clyde and Wendy <i>Literature/Classics</i>	Father Fox's Pennyrhymes captures the extensive Fox family with their "rural" overall look and tattered clothes to tell the colorful and witty stories of the father. Written by Clyde and Wendy Watson, this book contains wonderful illustrations.
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks Skloot, Rebecca <i>Science/Race Relations/Medicine</i>	Author Rebecca Skloot uncovers the incredible story of Henrietta Lacks' life that involves racism, poverty, incest, and medical ethics in America. Researchers harvested her cancerous cells and used them for significant medical breakthroughs, but without her knowledge or permission.	Ebony & Ivy: Race, Slavery, and the Troubled History of America's Universities Wilder, Craig Steven <i>History/Slavery/Higher Education</i>	Historian Craig Wilder examines how wealthy slave plantation owners made significant contributions to fund and establish institutions of higher education. The newly formed American Colonies evolved using the labor of African slaves. The Ivy League schools benefited from the resources required to support and continue the African Slave Trade for years.
		The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration Wilkerson, Isabel <i>History/Race Relations</i>	Isabel Wilkerson uncovers the epic story of the Great Migration, the exodus of 6 million blacks from the Jim Crow South to the North and Midwest. A decade of research went into conducting over 1,200 interviews in which Wilkerson was able to condense into a narrative of three compelling stories.
		I Hear a Symphony Woods, Paula L. and Liddell, Felix H. <i>Literature/Romance</i>	Compiled to celebrate dimensions of love in the African American community, <i>I Hear A Symphony</i> is an assortment of letters, poetry, essays, art, short stories and fiction. This work pays tribute to the African American experience of love and family.



he best moments in reading are when you come across something-a thought, a feeling, a way of looking at things-which you had thought special and particular to you. And now, here it is, set down by someone else, a person you have never met, someone even who is long dead. And it is as if a hand has come out and taken yours.

~ Alan Bennett



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~ John Green



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~ Confucius



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