

Non-Fiction/Biography (Cont'd)



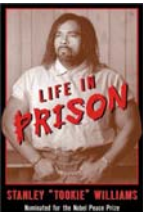
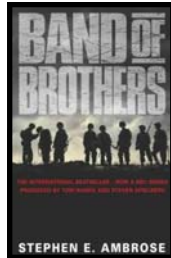
D-Day: The Greatest Invasion-A People's History (Dan Van der Vat)

This gripping account of D-Day describes its planning stages, air and sea attacks, and the experiences of

the soldiers and civilians who lived through this historic invasion.

Band of Brothers (Stephen Ambrose)

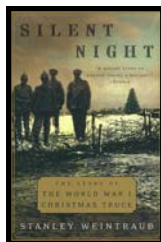
The men of E Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne, volunteered for this elite fighting force because they wanted to be the best in the army and wanted to avoid fighting alongside unmotivated, out-of-shape draftees.



Life in Prison (Stanley "Tookie" Williams)

The author, imprisoned on Death Row since 1981, describes life in prison, warning young readers not to make the mistakes he made.

Silent Night: The Story of the World War I Christmas Truce (Stanley Weintraub) Tells the true story of the truce that spontaneously arose between German and British soldiers manning the trenches on Christmas Eve 1914, just weeks after the start of the Great War.



Bringing Down the House: The Inside Story of Six MIT Students Who Took Vegas for Millions (Ben Mezrich) A group of mathematically gifted MIT students join an underground blackjack club and manage to legally take several Las Vegas casinos for more than three million dollars.

Eight Men Out: The Black Sox and the 1919 World Series (Eliot Asinof) Recounts the shocking baseball-fixing scandal of the Chicago Black Sox.

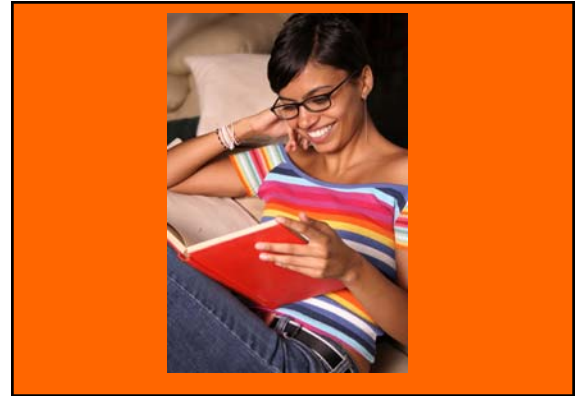


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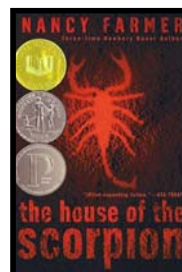
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11th Grade Suggested Reading List



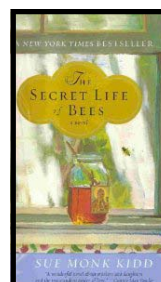
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Fiction



The House of the Scorpion (Nancy Farmer) In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

When the Emperor was Divine (Julie Otsuka) A novel in which the members of a Japanese-American family present their unique perspectives on the experience of being forced into an internment camp during World War II.



The Secret Life of Bees (Sue Monk Kidd) Lily and her caretaker, Rosaleen, flee their home after Rosaleen is victimized by racist police officers. They find a safe haven in Tiburon, South Carolina, at the home of three bee-keeping sisters.

Fiction

Aftershock (Kelly Easton) In shock, and unable to speak after being in a car accident which killed his parents, seventeen-year-old Adam journeys across the country to his home in Rhode Island.

Copper Sun (Sharon Draper) Two fifteen-year-old girls, one a slave and the other an indentured servant, escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.

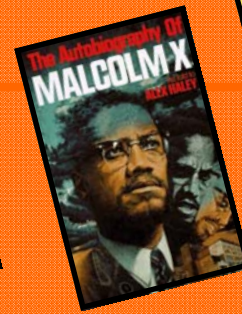
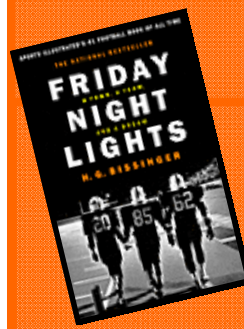
The Help (Kathryn Stockett) Set during the civil rights movement, Eugenia Skeeter Phelan is home from college in Mississippi. Anxious to become a writer, she is advised to begin by writing about what disturbs her. The budding social activist begins to collect the stories of the black maids who are terribly mistreated.

Chains (Laurie Halse Anderson) Set in New York City at the beginning of the American Revolution, *Chains* addresses the price of freedom both for a nation and for individuals. Isabel was sold with her sister to a cruel Loyalist family even though the girls were to be set free upon the death of their former owner. She has hopes of finding a way to freedom and becomes a spy for the rebels, but soon realizes that it is difficult to trust anyone.

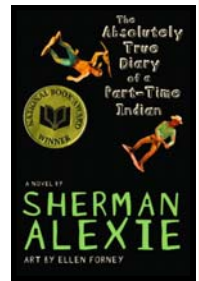
Kipling's Choice (Geert Spillebeen) This fictionalized biography begins as Lt. John Kipling, age 18, lies dying in France during his first, and ultimately last, World War I battle.

The First Part Last (Angela Johnson) Bobby's care-free teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

The Astonishing Adventures of Fan-Boy and Goth Girl (Barry Lyga) A fifteen-year-old "geek" who keeps a list of the high school jocks and others who torment him, and pours his energy into creating a great graphic novel, encounters Kyra, Goth Girl, who helps change his outlook on almost everything, including himself.



The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian (Sherman Alexie) Arnold Spirit spends his time lamenting his life on an impoverished Indian reservation until a teacher recognizes his intelligence and pleads with Arnold to escape the hopelessness of the reservation. Arnold switches to a rich white school and immediately becomes as much an outcast in his own community as he is a curiosity in his new one.



Non-Fiction/Biography



Random Family (Adrian Nicole LeBlanc) Journalist LeBlanc spent 10 years researching and interviewing one extended family from the Bronx to Troy, N.Y., in and out of public housing, emergency rooms, prisons and courtrooms.

The Autobiography of Malcolm X (Malcolm X) Malcolm X, the charismatic Black Muslim leader and anti-integrationist tells his life story to veteran writer and journalist Alex Haley.

Hole in my Life (Jack Gantos) Jack Gantos sought his own real-life adventure after leaving high school, so he agreed to help smuggle a shipment of drugs from Florida to New York without considering the consequences. He was caught and sent to federal prison for six years where he began to look for role models and guidance in the pages of the books he read.

Friday Night Lights (H.G. Bissinger) This true story follows the 1988 season of the Permian Panthers, a high school football team in Odessa, Texas, whose quest for the championship dramatically impacts this small town.

