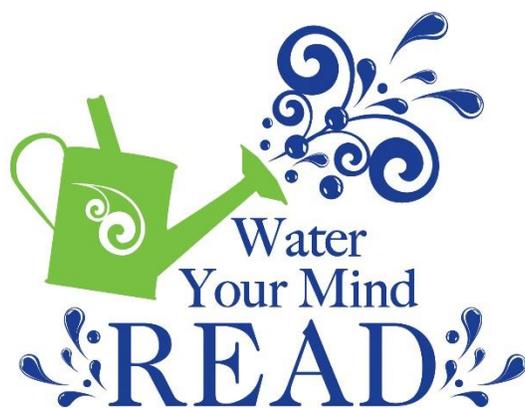


# SUMMER ENRICHMENT

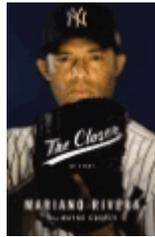
## GRADES 9-12



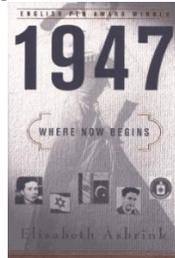
Grades 9-12 Suggested Readings

## Nonfiction

The Closer



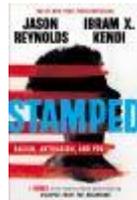
1947: Where Now Begins



The Pregnancy Project



Stamped: Racism, Anti-Racism and You



Hidden Figures



## Author

Rivera, Mariano

Asbrink, Elisabeth

Rodriguez, Gaby

Reynolds, Jason and  
Ibram X. Kendi

Lee Shetterly,  
Margot

## Description

The nineteen-year veteran pitcher for the New York Yankees describes his life, discussing the difficulties in being a Latino baseball player in the U.S., how he keeps his Christian values in professional sports, and his championships and rivalries.

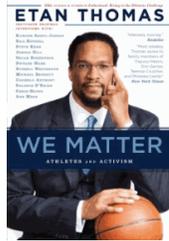
The award-winning author intertwines her family history with world events in postwar 1947, describing interconnected cultural and political moments that shaped the world. Takes a month-by-month look at the year and highlights such events as the Allies make peace with Germany, the U.S. forms the CIA, George Orwell writes "1984," Christian Dior creates a new look for women leaving the workforce and returning home, Billie Holiday tops the charts, and Simone de Beauvoir visits New York for the first time.

Gaby Rodriguez, whose mother and older sister both became pregnant as teenagers, explains what she learned from faking a pregnancy as a high school senior to find out how people would treat her.

A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today, adapted from the National Book Award winner *Stamped* from the *Beginning*-- Provided by publisher.

Explores the previously uncelebrated but pivotal contributions of NASA's African-American women mathematicians to America's space program, describing how Jim Crow laws segregated them from their white counterparts despite their groundbreaking successes.

## We Matter: Athletes and Activism



Thomas, Etan

Features a collection of interviews and essays highlighting the acts of activism performed by high-profile athletes in the wake of politically charged injustices and social movements. Interviews range from Trayvon Martin's brother Jahvaris Fulton on the support shown by LeBron James and the Miami Heat team with respect to his brother's death to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's fight against the exploitation of college athletes.

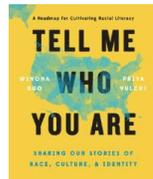
## Becoming Nicole



Nutt, Amy Ellis

Presents the story of a politically conservative New England family whose son identified as a girl, Nicole, and how they overcame their confusion and fear to champion transgender rights and allow Nicole to be herself.

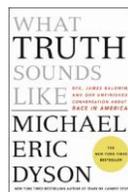
## Tell Me Who You Are



Guo, Winona and  
Priya Vulchi

The authors share insights they gained through a fifty-state tour during which they interviewed hundreds of individuals about race and identity. Highlights the power sharing and hearing personal stories has on changing the course of racial inequality.

## What Truth Sounds Like



Dyson, Michael Eric

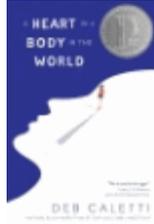
Examines the 1963 meeting of Robert F. Kennedy and James Baldwin, along with other black entertainers, writers, and activists, and describes how the two disagreed over race, a divide that continues today. Describes the responsibility of black people and groups today, from Jay-Z to Black Lives Matter, to take action and speak truth to power.

## Realistic Fiction

### A Heart in a Body in the World

Caletti, Deb

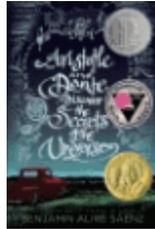
Annabelle has been victim an incident that's shattered her internal world. To clear her head and try to do something, she begins to run. And suddenly, she decides her goal is to run from Seattle



Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

Saenz, Benjamin Alire

to Washington, D.C. She has no real plan but knows this is deeply what she needs and what she wants. This book digs into anxiety, PTSD, toxic masculinity, and the realities of having a female body in the world.

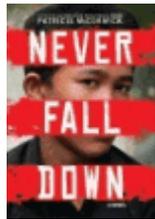


Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.

Never Fall Down

McCormick, Patricia

Cambodian child soldier Arn Chorn-Pond defied the odds and used all of his courage and wits to survive the murderous regime of the Khmer Rouge.



Everything, Everything

Yoon, Nicola

Confined to her home because she is allergic to the outside world, a teenage girl's life changes when she begins a romance with the new boy next door that challenges everything she's ever known.



The Hate U Give

Thomas, Angie

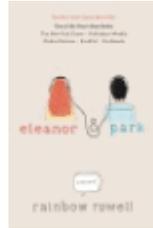
When Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer, what everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does-or does not-say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.



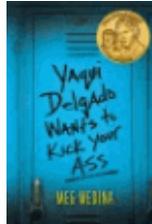
Rowell, Rainbow

"Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try"-- Provided by publisher.

Eleanor and Park



Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass



Medina, Meg

Piddy Sanchez is targeted by a bully at her new school -- and must discover resources she never knew she had. This is a very powerful and realistic look at how bullying affects someone.

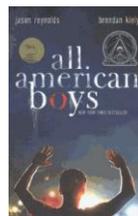
Hit Count



Lynch, Chris

Arlo Brodie loves being at the heart of the action on the football field, and while his dad cheers him on, his mother quotes head injury statistics and refuses to watch, but Arlo's winning plays, the cheering crowds, and the adrenaline rush are enough to convince him that everything is OK, in spite of the pain, the pounding, the dizziness, and the confusion.

All American Boys



Reynolds, Jason and  
Brendan Kiely

When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend.

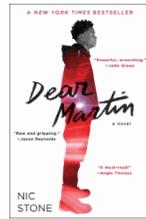
I am J



Beam, Cris

J, who feels like a boy mistakenly born as a girl, runs away from his best friend who has rejected him and the parents he thinks do not understand him when he finally decides that it is time to be who he really is.

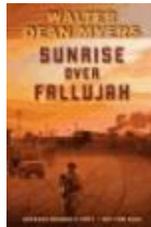
Dear Martin



Stone, Nic

Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.

Sunrise over Fallujah



Myers, Walter Dean

Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.

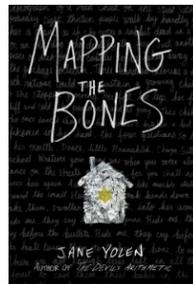
The Great American Whatever



Federle, Tim

Struggling to move forward with his own life after his sister's death, sixteen-year-old Quinn, an aspiring screenwriter, attends his first college party, where he falls in love with a young man who inspires his healing.

Mapping the Bones



Yolen, Jane

In Poland in the 1940s, twins Chaim and Gittel rely on each other to endure life in a ghetto, escape through forests, and the horrors of a concentration camp.

**Science Fiction**

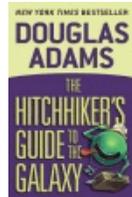
The Knife of Never Letting Go



Ness, Patrick

Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy



Adams, Douglas

Chronicles the journeys, notions, and acquaintances of reluctant galactic traveler Arthur Dent, accompanied by never-before-published material from the late author's archives as well as commentary by famous fans.

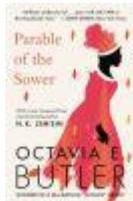
Steelheart



Sanderson, Brandon

At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners--the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny.

Parable of the Sower



Butler, Octavia

In the year 2024, the country is marred by unattended environmental and economic crises that lead to social chaos. Lauren Olamina, a preacher's daughter living in Los Angeles, is protected from danger by the walls of her gated community. However, in a night of fire and death, what begins as a fight for survival soon leads to something much more: a startling vision of human destiny . . . and the birth of a new faith

Scythe



Shusterman, Neal

In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ('gleaned') by professional reapers ('scythes'). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe--a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't

Kindred

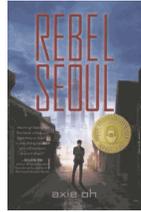
Butler, Octavia

Dana, a modern black woman, is celebrating her twenty-sixth birthday with her new husband when she is

Rebel Seoul



Oh, Axie



snatched abruptly from her home in California and transported to the antebellum South.

In 2199 in the Neo State of Korea, eighteen-year-old Jaewon is partnered with supersoldier Tera, but their evolving love is threatened when Jaewon must choose among conflicting loyalties--to the totalitarian government that promises to end all war, the nationalist rebels his father followed, and the crime syndicate staging a coup.

## Fantasy Fiction

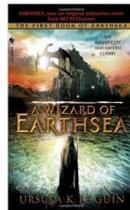
Children of Blood and Bone



Adeyemi, Tomi

Seventeen-year-old Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy.

The Wizard of Earthsea



LeGuin, Ursula

A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard.

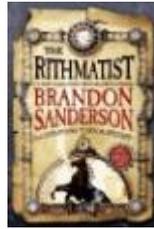
Finnikin of the Rock



Marchetta, Melina

Finnikin reluctantly joins forces against the imposter who has ruled Lumatere for years with an enigmatic young novice who claims that her dark dreams will lead them to a surviving royal child and a way to regain the throne.

The Rithmatist



Sanderson, Brandon

As Wild Chalklings threaten the American Isles and Rithmatists are humanity's only defense, Joel can only watch as Rithmatist students learn the magical art that he would do anything to practice.

Beasts Made of Night



Onyebuchi, Tochi

After he eats the sin of a royal, Taj, a talented sin-eater, is drawn into a plot to destroy the city, and he must fight to save the princess he loves and his own life.

## Historical Fiction

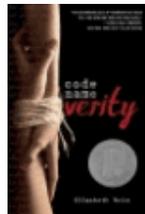
Crossing Ebenezer Creek



Bolden, Tonya

Freed from slavery, Mariah and her young brother Zeke join Sherman's march through Georgia, where Mariah meets a free black named Caleb and dares to imagine the possibility of true love, but hope can come at a cost.

Code Name Verity



Wein, Elizabeth

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

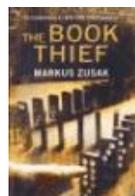
The Right Fight



Lynch, Chris

When the draft board calls on the eve of World War II, Roman leaves behind a career in minor-league baseball to join the army and finds himself driving a tank in the North African campaign.

The Book Thief



Zusak, Mark

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish



man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

## Romance

To All the Boys I've Loved Before



Han, Jenny

"Lara Jean writes love letters to all the boys she has loved and then hides them in a hatbox until one day those letters are accidentally sent"--Provided by publisher.

Red, White, and Royal Blue



McQuiston, Casey

Presidential First Son, Alex Claremont-Diaz, is forced to make nice with Prince Henry after an international public relations incident at the royal wedding. Feels ensue. (from Book Riot)

Love from A to Z



Ali, S.K.

After Zayneb is suspended for confronting an Islamophobic teacher, she heads to her aunt's house in Doha for a much-needed break. While waiting for her flight, her path crosses with Adam. Since being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, the same illness that took his mother's life, he's been trying to keep it together for his grieving family, locking away his thoughts in writing. Told in alternating journal entries, this is a love story of marvels and oddities and what happens when the two collide.

Fangirl



Rowell, Rainbow

Feeling cast off when her best friend and twin outgrows their shared love for a favorite celebrity, Cath, a dedicated fan-fiction writer, struggles to survive on her own in her first year of college while avoiding a surly roommate, bonding with a handsome classmate who only wants to talk about words and worrying about her fragile father.

What If It's Us

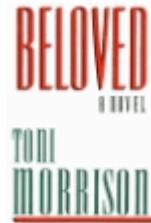


Albertali, Becky and Adam Silvera

A delightful love story that begins with a meet cute at the Post Office. Ben and Arthur meet at the Post Office, have a Time trying to find each other again, and then proceed to date with all the tender awkwardness of teenagers. This book delves into so many ordinary (but serious) things that people often stumble over at the beginning of a relationship—it is a great balance of real issues and summer fun.

## Classics

Beloved



Morrison, Toni

Sethe lives in rural Ohio several years after the Civil War, but she cannot forget her days as a slave and the cruelty which accompanied it.

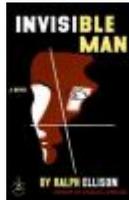
Jane Eyre



Bronte, Charlotte

A Victorian governess's love for her mysterious employer is threatened by the tragic secret of his mansion.

Invisible Man



Ellison, Ralph

As he journeys from the Deep South to the streets and basements of Harlem, from a horrifying battle where black men are reduced to fighting animals, to a Communist rally where they are elevated to the status of trophies, Ellison's nameless protagonist ushers readers into a parallel universe that throws our own into harsh and even hilarious relief.

One Hundred Years of Solitude



Garcia Marquez, Gabriel

The internationally bestselling and critically acclaimed novel offers a rich and brilliant chronicle celebrating the endless variety of life in the mythical Latin America town of Macondo.

Pride and Prejudice



Austen, Jane

A spirited young woman in early nineteenth-century England must cope with the courtship of a snobbish gentleman, as well as the romantic entanglements of her four sisters.

Crime and Punishment



Dostoevsky, Fyodor

Describes the resultant physical and mental depletion after a student in St. Petersburg murders an old woman, a money lender, and her sister.

The Secret Garden



Burnett, Frances  
Hodgson

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

If Beale Street Could Talk

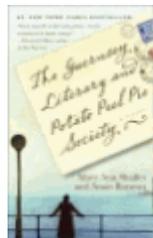


Baldwin, James

A young African American couple are sustained by their love in their struggle against injustice and racial oppression.

## ELA Teacher Book Selections

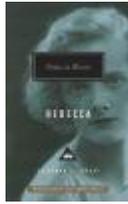
The Guernsey Literary  
and Potato Peel Pie  
Society



Shaffer, Mary Ann

Ms. Russo loved this book because the epistolary style worked so well to tell this WWII story. As London is emerging from the shadow of World War II, writer Juliet Ashton discovers her next subject in a book club on Guernsey--a club born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi after its members are discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island.

Rebecca



Du Maurier,  
Daphne

Ms. Ferrandi recommended Rebecca because this is the preeminent example of what a mystery novel should be. A young girl becomes the second Mrs. Max de Winter, only to find that she is not the mistress of Manderley. Instead the house and its occupants are dominated by the memory of Rebecca, her predecessor

The Four Agreements



Ruiz, Miguel

Ms. Del Piano recommends this book for building self-improvement. This read identifies four self-limiting beliefs that impede one's experience of freedom, true happiness, and love.

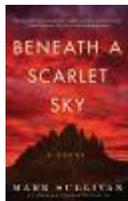
Just Mercy



Stevenson, Bryan

Ms. Carney recommends this memoir for the beautiful writing and its message that justice is not blind. The founder of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama recounts his experiences as a lawyer working to assist those desperately in need, reflecting on his pursuit of the ideal of compassion in American justice.

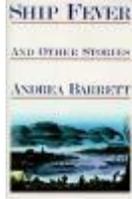
Beneath a Scarlet Sky



Sullivan, Mark T.

Ms. DiRenno loves this book for its verisimilitude to the true story and its coming-of-age theme. In 1940s Italy, teenager Pino Lella joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps and falls for a beautiful widow, he also becomes the personal driver of one of the Third Reich's most powerful commanders.

Ship Fever: Stories



Barrett, Andrea

Ms. Cuccio-Morris recommends this collection of short stories because many have a historical setting and weave together science and discovery.

Good Omens: The Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch



Gaiman, Neil and Terry Pratchett

The world is going to end next Saturday, but there are a few problems--the Antichrist has been misplaced, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse ride motorcycles, and the representatives from heaven and hell decide that they like the human race.

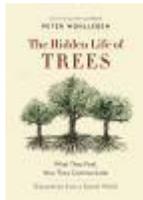
The Perks of Being a Wallflower



Chbosky, Stephen

This is a favorite book of Ms. Del Piano's; she recommends it because it offers students a different perspective on friendship, high school, and fitting in. Charlie, a freshman in high school, explores the dilemmas of growing up through a collection of letters he sends to an unknown receiver.

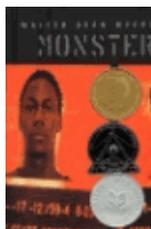
The Hidden Life of Trees



Wohlleben, Peter

Ms. Del Piano recommends this for the science-lover on the prowl for a surprising nonfiction read. In both audiobook and print form, Peter Wohlleben convincingly makes the case that, yes, the forest is a social network.

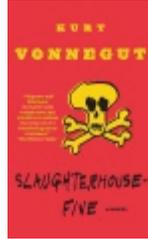
Monster



Myers, Walter Dean

Ms. Maczuga recommends this book because the script format fully captures the how ambiguity of truth depends on the observer. While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.

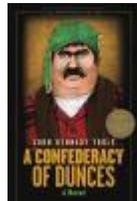
Slaughterhouse Five



Vonnegut, Kurt

Mr. Reich recommends this for the mix of science fiction with satire and compassion. Former soldier Billy Pilgrim uses the time-travelling abilities given to him during his alien abduction to revisit the bombing of Dresden in World War II.

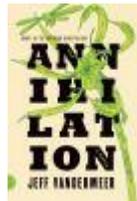
A Confederacy of Dunces



Toole, John Kennedy

Toole's lunatic and sage novel introduces one of the most memorable characters in American literature, Ignatius Reilly, whom Walker Percy dubs "slob extraordinaire, a mad Oliver Hardy, a fat Don Quixote, a perverse Thomas Aquinas rolled into one." Set in New Orleans, A Confederacy of Dunces outswifts Swift, one of whose essays gives the book its title.

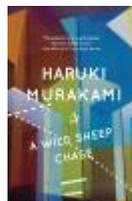
Annihilation



VanderMeer, Jeff

After their high-risk expedition disintegrates, it's every scientist for herself in this wonderfully creepy blend of horror and science fiction. This is the first volume of the Southern Reach trilogy from VanderMeer.

A Wild Sheep Chase



Murakami, Haruki

Ms. Schiff recommends this to lovers of quirky mysteries. An advertising executive receives a postcard from a friend and casually appropriates the image for an advertisement. What he doesn't realize is that included in the scene is a mutant sheep with a star on its back, and in using this photo he has unwittingly captured the attention of a man who offers a menacing ultimatum: find the sheep or face dire consequences.

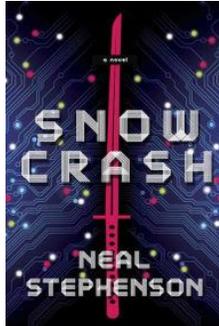
The Haunting of Hill House



Jackson, Shirley

The story of four seekers who arrive at a notoriously unfriendly pile called Hill House. At first, their stay seems destined to be merely a spooky encounter with inexplicable phenomena. But Hill House is gathering its powers -- and soon it will choose one of them to make its own.

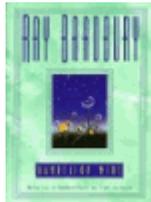
Snow Crash



Stephenson, Neal

Mr. Del Piano says If you've ever wondered what it would be like if Harry Potter attacked the sneaky Slytherins with a samurai sword, you'll enjoy Snow Crash. In reality, Hiro Protagonist delivers pizza for Uncle Enzo's CosoNostra Pizza Inc., but in the Metaverse he's a warrior prince. Plunging headlong into the enigma of a new computer virus that's striking down hackers everywhere, he races along the neon-lit streets on a search-and-destroy mission for the shadowy virtual villain threatening to bring about infocalypse.

Dandelion Wine



Bradbury, Ray

Ms. Silverman enjoyed this departure from science fiction for Bradbury with his autobiographical coming-of-age novel. In the unusual world of Green Town, Illinois, a twelve-year-old discovers the wonders of reality and the power of imagination during the summer of 1928.

Dear Evan Hansen



Emmich, Val, et. Al.

Cheaper than seeing the Broadway show, Ms. Carney recommends this book because of the power of the truth and letting the world see the real you. Evan goes from being a nobody to everyone's hero and a social media superstar after a chance encounter with Connor just

Everything I Never Told You

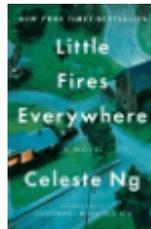


Ng, Celeste

before his suicide leads others to believe Evan was his only friend.

Ms. Carney recommended this book because of the theme of the importance of communication between parents and child. Ng's nuanced debut novel begins with the death of a teenage girl and then uses the mysterious circumstances of her drowning as a springboard to dive into the troubled waters beneath the calm surface of her Chinese-American family.

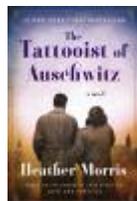
Little Fires Everywhere



Ng, Celeste

Ms. Carney recommended this book for the honest examination of judgment and race and how the two are intertwined in society. In a perfect community based on rules, order, and conformity, a single mother named Mia and her daughter Pearl rent a house from the Richardsons. As the Richardson children become close to the mother-daughter pair, Elena Richardson begins to suspect the motives of this woman who goes against the grain, and who possesses a dark secret. And after family friends of the Richardsons enter into a fierce custody dispute over an adopted Chinese American child, pitting Mia and Elena against each other, Elena decides to investigate Mia's secrets with devastating effects.

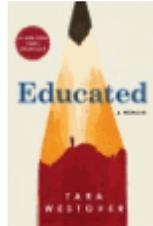
Tattooist of Auschwitz



Morris, Heather

Ms. Carney said this recent addition to WWII literature has a different kind of character that explores how being a "favored" inmate in a concentration camp plays out amidst all the suffering. A vivid, harrowing, and ultimately hopeful re-creation of Lale Sokolov's experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of

Educated (memoir)

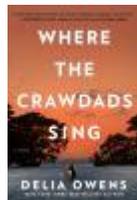


Westover, Tara

thousands of prisoners with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust, The Tattooist of Auschwitz is also a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions.

Ms. Carney recommended this memoir to highlight the power of education to broaden horizons. Author Tara Westover was born to survivalists living off the grid in the mountains. She never saw a doctor and suffered from a violent older brother. When another brother made it out to the broader world and entered college, Westover taught herself enough to enter the educational system herself for the first time at the age of seventeen. Here she discusses the importance of education and its ability to spark self-reflection and self-invention.

Where the Crawdads Sing



Owens, Delia

Ms. Carney loved this coming-of-age novel for the lyrical writing about the natural environment and the way nature can nurture the soul. For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. In late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.