

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GRADES 10 – 12

Morristown Task Force on Diversity

The books listed below are filled with challenge. They include topics like abandonment, dysfunctional family, war, concentration camps, assault and societal marginalization based upon race, age, gender, economic status or ethnic origin. Some books are classics; some are recently published. They also reflect the triumph of the human spirit in values like honor, aspiration, hope, respect and achievement.

Non-Fiction

Title	Author	Publishing Details
<i>Night</i>	Elie Wiesel	Hill and Wang, division of Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, 1958
<i>The Glass Castle: A Memoir</i>	Jeannette Walls	Scribner Classics, 2005
<i>A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier</i>	Ishmael Beah	Sarah Crichton Books, division of Farrar, Strauss, Giroux, 2007
<i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i>	Rebecca Skloot	Broadway Books, division of Crown Publishing, 2010
<i>Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in LA</i>	Luis J. Rodriguez	Touchstone Books by arrangement with Curbstone Press (Simon & Schuster) 1993, 2005
<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	Maya Angelou	Random House, 1969
<i>The Freedom Writer's Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around them</i>	Erin Gruell	Broadway Books, division of Random House, 1999, 2009
<i>Farewell to Manzanar</i>	Jeanne Houston	Houghton-Mifflin, 1973
<i>Woodsong</i>	Gary Paulsen	Simon & Schuster, 1990
<i>Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope</i>	Jenna Bush	Harper Collins, 2007
<i>Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood (1)</i>	Marjane Satrapi	Pantheon Books, division of Random House, 2003

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<i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>	Anne Frank	Doubleday, division of Random House, 1952
<i>They Cage the Animals at Night</i>	Jennings Michael Burch	Signet, 1985
<i>The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game</i>	Michael Lewis	W.W Norton & Co, 2006
<i>Letters from a Birmingham Jail</i>	Martin Luther King, Jr	Available in different publications, including online
<i>Long Walk to Freedom</i>	Nelson Mandela	Little & Brown, 1994, 1995 (Back Bay Books)

Fiction:

<i>The Kite Runner</i>	Khaled Hosseini	Riverhead Books, 2003
<i>Of Mice and Men</i> <i>(This book may not be permitted in some school systems)</i>	John Steinbeck	Penguin Books, 1937
<i>Safe Haven</i>	Nicholas Sparks	Grand Central Publishing, 2010
<i>Divergent</i>	Veronica Roth	Katherine Tegen Books, 2011
<i>A Raisin in the Sun (play)</i>	Lorraine Hansberry	Mass Market Publication, 1959
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan	Scholastic, 1990
<i>Things Fall Apart</i>	Chinua Achebe	William Heinemann, 1958
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee	Harper Collins, 1960