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*"If the only tool you have is a hammer.....  
everything around you looks like a nail."*

## Summer Reading 2004

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Here is our second annual suggested summer reading list for teachers. Thanks to everyone who submitted their recommendations! The issue is divided into pleasure reading and professional reading topics. Whether you're looking for an escape or a chance to broaden yourself professionally, the choices are contained herein! I think we've got a nice cross-section of genres and authors. Links are provided for quick online ordering. I recommend Barnes & Noble as they tend to have the fastest turnaround time for getting books in your hands. Of course, you can look up these titles on your favorite book seller's site.

In the next couple of weeks I will be contacting each of you to offer a new subscription newsletter offer, the Innovative Teaching Newsletter Digital Dozen. The monthly newsletter we have all become accustomed to will still come your way free of charge; this will be a new service above and beyond ITN that will help me to defray my costs and give you the opportunity to support my work across the Surfaquarium. I hope you will consider the offer when it comes in your email.

Have a great summer! Remember, you do not need to unsubscribe and then resubscribe in August. The newsletter distribution list will remain quiet until the Back to School issue!

Pleasure

Angels and Demons

by Dan Brown -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/results.asp?TTL=Angels+and+Demons&userid=ygx1nW2hmS>

"A suspenseful book that is very hard to put down."

*-Jerry Blumengarten*

"I couldn't stop reading it! Really scary because it's very possible."

*-Cindi Kievit*

Bad

by Jean Ferris -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0374404755&itm=1>

"This novel, about a 16 year old girl who is sent to a juvenile detention center for girls after being caught participating in armed robbery, is a good read for anyone who works with adolescent girls, or at-risk youth. It is well-written, and based on the author's experiences visiting juvenile homes, and speaking with the girls detained there. Ferris draws an accurate, interesting picture of the facility without dipping into melodrama. The girl's strengths and weaknesses are realistic and explored with depth. It is a quick read that I had no trouble adding to my classroom library afterward."

*-Deanna Klein*

Curious Incident of The Dog in The Night-Time

by Mark Haddon -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/results.asp?TTL=Curious+Incident+of+The+Dog+in+The+Night%2DTime&userid=ygx1nW2hmS>

"An inspirational original story told through the eyes of an autistic child ."

*-Jerry Blumengarten*

The DaVinci Code

by Dan Brown -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0385504209&itm=3>

"There are several reasons to read this book...It is highly controversial, so it makes for great conversations around the barbecue pit in the evenings. Also, it is an edge-of-your-seat thriller. There is plenty of action with many turns and twists in the plot. You need to be on vacation time in case you sit up all night reading! Finally, whether you agree with the "facts" upon which the book is, according to the author, based, you will find the ideas presented to be quite thought provoking. I, personally, have been spurred to look closely at my own understandings and beliefs, as well as to pursue further research into Biblical history."

*-Beth Christensen*

"A wonderful read for the beach - and everyone under the sun is reading this one!"

*-Mary Kreul*

Digital Fortress

Dan Brown -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0312995423&TXT=Y&itm=1>

"A great book for techies - mystery, intrigue, romance, and the Internet - who could ask for more?"

*-Mary Kreul*

The Five People You Meet in Heaven

by Mitch Albom -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0786868716&itm=1>

"Very inspirational! I've been recommending this one to everyone I meet since I finished it."

*-Cindi Kievit*

Forgoing Freedom

by Hudson Talbott -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0399234349&itm=1>

"This is the story of Jaap Penraat who is a Dutch World War II hero. He forged documents that enabled Jewish people to leave Europe during the war."

*-Judi Rinker*

House of Sight and Shadow

by Nicholas Griffin -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0375759395&itm=1>

"A seamless melding of history (18th century London) and an exquisitely told tale of ambition and morality. Publisher's Weekly called Griffin a "modern-day Poe" in its starred review. This is a book that definitely forces you to examine all of the shadows in your own psyche."

*-Johnett Scogin*

Julie and Romeo

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0451409973&itm=2>

Step-Ball-Change

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0451410742&itm=4>

Eat Cake

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=060961004X&itm=1>

by Jeanne Ray

"Women of a certain age will identify with and laugh over Jeanne Ray's three novels, quick, fun reads for and about the "sandwich" generation of women."

*-Lin Hill*

Last Train to Paradise: Henry Flagler and the Spectacular Rise and Fall of the Railroad That Crossed an Ocean  
by Les Standiford -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=1400049474&TXT=Y&itm=2>

"How Henry Flagler used his own money and prestige that he developed as one of the founders of Standard Oil to build a railroad track from Miami down to Key West. Parts of the old railroad track are used today as the one and only road that leads in and out of the Keys. It's a really interesting read if you have ever been to the Keys or if you are amazed by how a person with a vision can make big changes."

*-Debbie Tanner*

The Perfect Mile: Three Athletes, One Goal, and Less Than Four Minutes to Achieve It

by Neal Bascomb -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=1400049474&TXT=Y&itm=2>

[nInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0618391126&TXT=Y&itm=1](http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0618391126&TXT=Y&itm=1)

"Captures the competitive goal to break the four minute mile in the 1950's by three athletes that spanned the globe."

*-Jerry Blumengarten*

The Rule of Four

by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0385337116&TXT=Y&itm=1>

"A murder mystery set at Princeton with historical flavor and the kind of intellectually satisfying resolution that leaves you satisfied."

*-Walter McKenzie*

Seabiscuit: An American Legend

by Laura Hillenbrand -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0375502912&TXT=Y&itm=1>

"If you liked the movie, you'll enjoy the book which adds information about the people, horses, and our country during 1930s."

*-Mary Kreul*

Tell No One

by Harlan Coben -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0440236703&itm=1>

"Coben is the author of a popular series of mystery novels (featuring a sports agent as the

protagonist), but this is the first of his non-series fiction. I read page one standing in my local Barnes & Noble and was still standing there 15 minutes later having forgotten that I wasn't at home or sitting down with a cup of coffee. This book is a couple of years old, and he has written others since that are also very good. This is the tale of a man who lost his wife 8 years earlier and trying to move on with his life. On the anniversary of their first kiss, David Beck (our main character) receives a mysterious e-mail that makes him wonder if Elizabeth, his wife, is really dead. The book is full of twists, and turns, and those end-of-chapter-cliffhangers that make you scream (and then turn the page, even if it's past your bedtime). Lots of fun and highly recommended. "

*-Johnett Scogin*

Their Eyes were Watching God  
by Zora Neale Hurston -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0060931418&TXT=Y&itm=1>

"The story of a woman who is raised by her grandmother who had been a slave. The grandmother has in mind that the girl will marry well and live a life of ease. Janie does marry well, but when her husband dies, she finds that she's not really interested in just sitting on the porch and being admired. She takes up with a man who works as farm laborer around the Everglades. This is a really interesting book because much of it is written in "black dialect". Zora Neale Hurston surprised many people because for much of her life she worked as a maid and people could not believe that a maid could be so perceptive about interpersonal relationships-particularly between blacks and whites. I really like this one!"

*-Debbie Tanner*

Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West  
by Gregory Maguire -  
[http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.a  
sp?userid=2W6OM7P3I7&ISBN=0374199418&itm=](http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=2W6OM7P3I7&ISBN=0374199418&itm=)

"The 'true story' of the witches in the Wizard of  
Oz, but written for adults - a must for any Oz  
fan."

*-Cindi Kievit*

Wild Swans, Three Daughters of China  
by Jung Chang -  
[http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.a  
sp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0385425473&itm=1](http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0385425473&itm=1)

"It is a story of three generations during the  
Cultural Revolution, Communist Revolution,  
and the Counter Revolution in China and what  
happens to Grandmother, Mother, and  
Daughter. It is very compelling. "

*-Judi Wolf*

Professional

Beyond Hardware - Using Existing Technology to Promote  
Higher-Level Thinking  
by Chris Moersch -  
<http://www.iste.org/bookstore/detail.cfm?sku=beyond>

"A great read for educators facing the task of  
maximizing the return on the technology they  
already have in-house. If your emphasis is on  
instruction, this is a must read.."



*-Walter McKenzie*

Big Brother and the National Reading Curriculum: How Ideology Trumped Evidence

by Richard Allington -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0325005133&TXT=Y&itm=1>

"This book outlines some interesting facts, political distortions and misinformation related to the current emphasis on scientifically-based reading research. As always, Dr. Allington is informative and raises at least as many questions as he answers. The book is organized into a series of invited chapters including such educational leaders as Stephen Krashen, Michael Pressley, and Brian Cambourne, among others."

*-Johnett Scogin*

The Classroom of Choice: Giving Students What They Need and Getting What You Want

by Jonathan Erwin -

<http://shop.ascd.org/productdisplay.cfm?productid=104020>

"Based on Glasser's approach to human behavior, this book offers fresh perspectives in how to make classroom management a win-win proposition."

*-Dennis Grott*

Classroom Spaces That Work

by Marlynn K. Clayton, et al -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=1892989050&TXT=Y&itm=1>

"Bored with your classroom arrangement? This book will give you lots of ways to make classroom spaces and furniture work better for you and your students."

*-Mary Kreul*

Distance Education: What Works Well -  
<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0789022885&TXT=Y&itm=1>

" for those in education who are interested in distance learning, this is a must-read resource for them all. There are all sorts of interesting items in this selection."

*-Haven Shelton*

The Energy to Teach  
by Donald Graves -  
<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0325003262&TXT=Y&itm=1>

"A book to read when you're tired of your job and wondering if you can go back the next day - Donald Graves' uplifting book about the importance and value of teachers in today's society and the need to support and encourage each other every school day."

*-Mary Kreul*

Standards-based Lessons for Tech-Savvy Students: A Multiple Intelligences Approach  
by Walter McKenzie  
<http://surfaquarium.com/MI/book2.htm>

"My second book - seven ready to use units that integrate MI and IT across the curriculum; lots of resources and support materials too. "

*-Walter McKenzie*

Structured Writing II—Using Inspiration Software to Teach Essay Development

by Kathleen McMurdo -

<http://www.iste.org/bookstore/detail.cfm?sku=struc2>

"Great ideas for making use of Inspiration in the Language Arts classroom."

*-Ted Rotunno*

Teaching Day by Day: 180 Stories to Help You along the Way

by Donald Graves -

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/textbooks/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?userid=ygx1nW2hmS&isbn=0325005982&TXT=Y&itm=1>

"Another book for reading and reflecting about teaching - one piece to read for each of the 180 days of school."

*-Mary Kreul*

The Technology Fix: The Promise and Reality of Computers in Our Schools

by William Pflaum -

<http://shop.ascd.org/productdisplay.cfm?productid=104002>

"An interesting look at how technology has delivered and how it has fallen short in realizing its promise in schools."

*-Susan Wendt*

Technology, Innovation, and Educational Change - A Global Perspective

by Robert Kozma, ed. -

<http://www.iste.org/bookstore/detail.cfm?sku=sites1>

"A world vision of how technology is being used to teach - seeing approaches developed by other cultures is eye-opening.."

*-Jim Bolton*

Find More Great Resources at <http://surfaquarium.com/IT/>

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