

Bristol Public Schools
High School English Recommended Reading - 2010
GRADE 12

TITLE	AUTHOR	LEVEL	ANNOTATION
<i>Montana 1948</i>	Larry Watson	AD	Fiction/Family torn apart by scandal
<i>Snow Falling on Cedars</i>	David Guterson	AD	Covering the 1954 trial of a high school classmate accused of killing another classmate
<i>A Walk in the Woods</i>	Bill Bryson	AD	An irreverent walk on the Appalachian Trail with a foolish friend
<i>Lost in Place</i>	Mark Saltzman	YA/AD	Nonfiction/Memoir/Boy growing up in CT Middle class family
<i>A Handmaid's Tale</i>	Margaret Atwood	YA/AD	Fiction/futuristic/feminist/conflict
<i>Gathering of Pearls</i>	Sook Nyul Choi	YA	Fiction/Korean girl attends U.S. college
<i>She's Come Undone</i>	Wally Lamb	AD	Fiction/Story of a girl's life
<i>The Dark Half</i>	Stephen King	AD	Fiction/Horror/Mystery
<i>The Devil in the White City</i>	Erik Larson	AD	Nonfiction/Account of 1893 Chicago World's Fair
<i>Life of Pi</i>	Yann Martel	AD	Fiction/Adventure/Survival/Faith
<i>My Sister's Keeper</i>	Jodi Picoult	AD	Questions about genetic engineering arise in a family.
<i>American Chica</i>	Marie Arana	AD	Arana's description of how she developed not just her gringa identity, or her Peruvian identity but her "faking it" identity
<i>Welcome to the Monkey House</i>	Kurt Vonnegut	AD	Vonnegut's finest short pieces
<i>A Spot of Bother</i>	Mark Haddon	AD	Laugh-out-loud slice of British domestic life.
<i>Interview with a Vampire</i>	Anne Rice	AD	We are in a small room with the vampire, face to face, as he speaks
<i>On the Road</i>	Jack Kerouac	AD	A cross country adventure that many consider the heart of the Beat movement
<i>Wicked</i>	Gregory Maguire	YA	Elphaba, the future Wicked Witch of the West, has gotten a bum rap.
<i>Ghost Map</i>	Stephen Johnson	YA	The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic--and How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World
<i>Proof: a play</i>	David Auburn	AD	What "proof" does Catherine have that she, and not her father, is the author?
<i>Copenhagen</i>	Michael Frayn	AD	The men who made the bomb
<i>Audience for Einstein</i>	Wakely	YA	Flowers for Algernon was good, but An Audience for Einstein is better.

<i>It's Kind of a Funny Story</i>	Ned Vizzini	A/YA	New York City teenager Craig Gilner succumbs to academic and social pressures at an elite high school and enters a psychiatric hospital after attempting suicide.
<i>Someday This Pain will be Useful to You</i>	Peter Cameron	Fiction	The summer that James Sveck is eighteen, college and a career seem equally frightening and the mysteries of the adult world seem both terrifying and irresistible. But James is a sophisticated, vulnerable young man with a deep appreciation of the world, so this summer is a time to figure out what's next in life.
<i>Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through his Son's Addiction</i>	David Sheff	NF AD	Autobiography. Story of his son Nic's happy early childhood, the transformation wrought by Nic's addiction to methamphetamine, and his own obsession with Nic's well-being.
<i>West of Kabul, East of New York: An Afghan American Story</i>	Tamin Ansary	NF AD	A passionate personal journey through two cultures in conflict.
<i>Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America</i>	Barbara Ehrenreich	NF AD	A social critic and journalist works "undercover" to deliver this firsthand account of life in low-wage America, as she attempts to eke out a living while working as a waitress, hotel maid, house cleaner, nursing-home aide, and Wal-Mart associate.
<i>Shakespeare: The World as Stage</i>	Bill Bryson	AD BIO	William Shakespeare's life has been handled by many biographers working with very few real facts. Bill Bryson sorts through the muddle of contrary accounts to reveal Shakespeare like no one else has—with wit, geniality, skepticism, and an unrivaled gift for storytelling.
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