



Upper School Summer Reading 2018

For Upper School 2018 summer reading, students need to choose **one** of the twenty-one titles on this list. Each title is sponsored by a faculty or staff member, and upon our return to school in the fall of 2018, students will join the sponsoring faculty or staff member in a community time book group session.

The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde. A "be careful what you wish for" novel. (Duxbury)

The Originals, Adam Grant. How Non-Conformists Change the World. (Tran)

All Souls: a family story from Southie, Michael Patrick MacDonald. The biography of a working class Irish family in South Boston during the busing riots; examines race, class, and regional politics. (J. Brooks)

The Woman in White, Wilkie Collins. A classic Victorian Gothic ghost story, where the seemingly prim and proper British domesticity is upended by madness, deception, and the creeping sense that all is not as it seems. Novel. (Wasserman)

An American Marriage, Tayari Jones. A young African American male gets wrongly accused of a crime and imprisoned one and a half years into a marriage. His wife has to decide how to live her life. Novel. (Salverda)

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team, Steve Sheinkin. A look at the U.S. government's violent persecution of Native Americans through the history of the Carlisle Indian School football team. (Bingham)

Wild, Cheryl Strayed. Despite being wholly unprepared, author Cheryl Strayed sets off to hike the Pacific Crest Trail as an escape from the mess her life has become after the death of her mother ... and makes it. (Bettinger)

The Hate You Give, Angie Thomas. Story of an African American girl from the "wrong" part of town attending a ritzy private school and how she balances both worlds. Novel. (McGhee)

Some of My Best Friends Are Black, Tanner Colby. This book explores the history of segregation in US by looking at churches, schools, real estate and advertising. (Collins)

Pachinko, Min Jin Lee. *Pachinko* chronicles the life of a Korean family over four generations. One reviewer wrote: "Pachinko is the story of many of the world's people. They ask only for the chance to belong somewhere - and to be judged by their hearts and actions rather than by stereotypes. Novel. (Herrington)

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War, Steven Sheinkin. This is a riveting account of what the Times deemed "the greatest story of the century": how whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg transformed from obscure government analyst into "the most dangerous man in America," and risked everything to expose years of government lies during the Nixon / Cold War era. (Talbot)

Touching the Void, Joe Simpson. Two climbers had just reached the top of a remote Andes peak when disaster strikes. The next three days are an unbelievable ordeal for both men. (McCauliffe)

The German Girl, Armando Lucas Correa. This World War II historical novel describes the journey and lives of Jewish refugees from the Holocaust who attempted to go to Cuba. (Grant)

The Hired Man, Aminatta Forna. A beautifully written novel set in a small Croatian town in 2007 that slowly reveals the characters' experiences during the wars of independence and ethnic cleansing campaigns the region experienced in the 1990s. (KNA)

Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family, Emily Ellis Nutt. Powerful non-fiction, informative, compassionate, inspiring with take-aways for all of us: "The inspiring true story of a transgender girl, her identical twin brother, and an ordinary American family's extraordinary journey to understand, nurture, and celebrate the uniqueness in us all, from the Pulitzer Prize-winning science reporter for The Washington Post". (KNA)

Black, White, Other: Biracial Americans Talk About Race and Identity, Lise Funderburg. Journalist Lise Funderburg presents the lives and views of forty-six adult children of black-white unions. (Hayes)

Into the Beautiful North, Luis Alberto Urrea. "A wash in a subtle kind of satire...A funny and poignant impossible journey...Into the Beautiful North is a refreshing antidote to all the negativity currently surrounding Mexico." —Roberto Ontiveros, Dallas Morning News. (Tello)

Make it Stick: The Science of Successful Learning, Peter C. Brown. "Concrete techniques to become more productive learners." (Peabody)

Exit West, Moshin Hamid. The novel is about a young couple, Saeed and Nadia, who live in an unnamed city undergoing civil war and finally have to flee, using a system of fictitious doors, which lead to different locations around the globe. (Hundley)

Creative Quest, Questlove. Questlove, the polymath cofounder of the Roots, explores the meanings and mysteries of creativity. (Schneider)

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind, Yuval Noah Harari. 100,000 years ago, at least six human species inhabited the earth. Today there is just one. (Marshall and Serkowski)