

## ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING 2017

In anticipation of the summer, the staff will once again be participating in required summer reading with students. Staff have chosen either a book to read or a theme centered around articles in the *New York Times*. RHS was fortunate to receive a free subscription to the *New York Times* for this year so students will have the choice to select a novel to read or read a selection of 20 articles centered on a common theme/section in the news media.

When you return to school in the fall, you will join others in a discussion group to talk about the book you have read. Each group will be facilitated by the staff member who made the same selection.

### **DIRECTIONS FOR STUDENTS:**

1. Review the two options for summer reading. There is a short description of each book next to the title. You may want to do more research online about the books and discuss the options with your parents before making your choices. The second option includes a list of the sections within the *New York Times* that you may select to read a series of 20 articles from.
2. Preference on selections will be given to upperclassmen. Students in each grade level will make their selections in May.
3. Before the school year is over, you will receive notification of which of your three choices you have been assigned. We will send out instructions of the expectations for Summer Reading 2017 as we get closer to the end of the school year.

## ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING SELECTIONS

### Option #1: Select a Book to Read.

#### 1. **A Deadly Wandering: A Mystery, a Landmark Investigation, and the Astonishing Science of Attention in the Digital Age** By Matt Richtel

*From Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Matt Richtel, a brilliant, narrative-driven exploration of technology's vast influence on the human mind and society, dramatically-told through the lens of a tragic "texting-while-driving" car crash that claimed the lives of two rocket scientists in 2006.*

*In this ambitious, compelling, and beautifully written book, Matt Richtel, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for the New York Times, examines the impact of technology on our lives through the story of Utah college student Reggie Shaw, who killed two scientists while texting and driving. Richtel follows Reggie through the tragedy, the police investigation, his prosecution, and ultimately, his redemption.*

<https://www.amazon.com/Deadly-Wandering-Investigation-Astonishing-Attention/dp/006228407X>

#### 2. **A Man Called Ove** By Fredrik Backman

*Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time?*

*Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.*

[https://www.amazon.com/Man-Called-Ove-Novel/dp/1476738025/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493666871&sr=1-1&keywords=A+Man+Called+Ove+By+Fredrik+Backman](https://www.amazon.com/Man-Called-Ove-Novel/dp/1476738025/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493666871&sr=1-1&keywords=A+Man+Called+Ove+By+Fredrik+Backman)

#### 3. **Basketball Junkie** By Chris Herren and Bill Reynolds

*At basketball-crazy Durfee High School in Fall River, Massachusetts, junior guard Chris Herren carried his family's and the city's dreams on his skinny frame. His grandfather, father, and older brother had created their own sports legends in a declining city; he was the last, best hope for a career beyond the shuttered mills and factories. Herren was heavily recruited by major universities, chosen as a McDonald's All-American, featured in a Sports Illustrated cover story, and at just seventeen years old became the central figure in Fall River Dreams, an acclaimed book about the 1994 Durfee team's quest for the state championship.*

*Leaving Fall River for college, Herren starred on Jerry Tarkanian's Fresno State Bulldogs team of talented misfits, which included future NBA players as well as future convicted felons. His gritty, tattooed, hip-hop persona drew the ire of rival fans and more national attention: Rolling Stone profiled him, 60 Minutes interviewed him, and the Denver Nuggets drafted him. When the Boston Celtics acquired his contract, he lived the dream of every Massachusetts kid—but off the court Herren was secretly crumbling, as his alcohol and drug use escalated and his life spiraled out of control.*

*Twenty years later, Chris Herren was married to his high-school sweetheart, the father of three young children, and a heroin junkie. His basketball career was over, consumed by addictions; he had no job, no skills, and was a sadly familiar figure to those in Fall River who remembered him as a boy, now prowling the streets he once ruled, looking for a fix. One day, for a time he cannot remember, he would die.*

<https://www.amazon.com/Basketball-Junkie-Memoir-Chris-Herren/dp/1250006899>

#### 4. **Between the World and Me** By Ta-Nehisi Coates

*In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden?*

*Between the World and Me* is Ta-Nehisi Coates's attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son. Coates shares with his son—and readers—the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world through a series of revelatory experiences, from Howard University to Civil War battlefields, from the South Side of Chicago to Paris, from his childhood home to the living rooms of mothers whose children's lives were taken as American plunder.

[https://www.amazon.com/Between-World-Me-Ta-Nehisi-Coates/dp/0812993543/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493666947&sr=1-1&keywords=Between+the+World+and+Me+By+Ta-Nehisi+Coates](https://www.amazon.com/Between-World-Me-Ta-Nehisi-Coates/dp/0812993543/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493666947&sr=1-1&keywords=Between+the+World+and+Me+By+Ta-Nehisi+Coates)

### 5. **Caraval By Stephanie Garber**

*Scarlett has never left the tiny island where she and her beloved sister, Tella, live with their powerful, and cruel, father. Now Scarlett's father has arranged a marriage for her, and Scarlett thinks her dreams of seeing Caraval, the far-away, once-a-year performance where the audience participates in the show, are over.*

*But this year, Scarlett's long-dreamt of invitation finally arrives. With the help of a mysterious sailor, Tella whisks Scarlett away to the show. Only, as soon as they arrive, Tella is kidnapped by Caraval's mastermind organizer, Legend. It turns out that this season's Caraval revolves around Tella, and whoever finds her first is the winner. Scarlett has been told that everything that happens during Caraval is only an elaborate performance. But she nevertheless becomes enmeshed in a game of love, heartbreak, and magic with the other players in the game. And whether Caraval is real or not, she must find Tella before the five nights of the game are over, a dangerous domino effect of consequences is set off, and her sister disappears forever.*

[https://www.amazon.com/Caraval-Stephanie-Garber/dp/1250095255/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667126&sr=1-1&keywords=Caraval+By+Stephanie+Garber](https://www.amazon.com/Caraval-Stephanie-Garber/dp/1250095255/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667126&sr=1-1&keywords=Caraval+By+Stephanie+Garber)

### 6. **Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? by Philip K. Dick**

*By 2021, the World War has killed millions, driving entire species into extinction and sending mankind off-planet. Those who remain covet any living creature, and for people who can't afford one, companies built incredibly realistic simulacra: horses, birds, cats, sheep. They've even built humans. Immigrants to Mars receive androids so sophisticated they are indistinguishable from true men or women. Fearful of the havoc these artificial humans can wreak, the government bans them from Earth. Driven into hiding, unauthorized androids live among human beings, undetected. Rick Deckard, an officially sanctioned bounty hunter, is commissioned to find rogue androids and "retire" them. But when cornered, androids fight back—with lethal force.*

[https://www.amazon.com/Do-Androids-Dream-Electric-Sheep/dp/0345404475/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667233&sr=1-1&keywords=Do+Androids+Dream+of+Electric+Sheep%3F+by+Philip+K.+Dick](https://www.amazon.com/Do-Androids-Dream-Electric-Sheep/dp/0345404475/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667233&sr=1-1&keywords=Do+Androids+Dream+of+Electric+Sheep%3F+by+Philip+K.+Dick)

### 7. **One Shot At Forever By Chris Ballard**

*In 1971, a small-town high school baseball team from rural Illinois playing with hand-me-down uniforms and peace signs on their hats defied convention and the odds. Led by an English teacher with no coaching experience, the Macon Ironmen emerged from a field of 370 teams to become the smallest school in modern Illinois history to make the state final, a distinction that still stands. There, sporting long hair, and warming up to Jesus Christ Superstar, the Ironmen would play a dramatic game against a Chicago powerhouse that would change their lives forever.*

*In a gripping, cinematic narrative, Sports Illustrated writer Chris Ballard tells the story of the team and its coach, Lynn Sweet, a hippie, dreamer and intellectual who arrived in Macon in 1966, bringing progressive ideas to a town stuck in the Eisenhower era. Beloved by students but not administration, Sweet reluctantly took over a rag-tag team, intent on teaching the boys as much about life as baseball. Inspired by Sweet's unconventional methods and led by fiery star Steve Shartzler and spindly curveball artist John Heneberry, the undersized, undermanned Macon Ironmen embarked on an improbable postseason run that infuriated rival coaches and buoyed an entire town.*

*Beginning with Sweet's arrival, Ballard takes readers on a journey back to the Ironmen's historic season and then on to the present day, returning to the 1971 Ironmen to explore the effect the game had on their lives' trajectories--and the men they've become because of it.*

[https://www.amazon.com/One-Shot-Forever-Unlikely-Baseball/dp/1401312667/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667330&sr=1-1&keywords=One+Shot+At+Forever+By+Chris+Ballard](https://www.amazon.com/One-Shot-Forever-Unlikely-Baseball/dp/1401312667/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667330&sr=1-1&keywords=One+Shot+At+Forever+By+Chris+Ballard)

## 8. Siddhartha By Hermann Hess

*This Halcyon Classics ebook contains the English and German versions of German Swiss author and poet Hermann Hesse's allegorical novel SIDDHARTHA. Set in Nepal, the story of SIDDHARTHA takes place around the time of Gautama Buddha. It starts as Siddhartha, the son of a Brahmin, leaves his home to join the ascetics with his companion Govinda. The two set out in the search of enlightenment. Siddhartha goes through a series of changes and realizations as he attempts to achieve this goal.*

[https://www.amazon.com/Siddhartha-English-Hermann-Unexpurgated-Classics-ebook/dp/Boo33AH2HS/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667451&sr=1-1&keywords=Siddhartha+By+Hermann+Hess](https://www.amazon.com/Siddhartha-English-Hermann-Unexpurgated-Classics-ebook/dp/Boo33AH2HS/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667451&sr=1-1&keywords=Siddhartha+By+Hermann+Hess)

## 9. The Power of One By Bryce Courtenay

*In 1939, as Hitler casts his enormous, cruel shadow across the world, the seeds of apartheid take root in South Africa. There, a boy called Peekay is born. His childhood is marked by humiliation and abandonment, yet he vows to survive and conceives heroic dreams—which are nothing compared to what life actually has in store for him. He embarks on an epic journey through a land of tribal superstition and modern prejudice where he will learn the power of words, the power to transform lives, and the power of one.*

[https://www.amazon.com/Power-One-Novel-Bryce-Courtenay/dp/034541005X/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667512&sr=1-1&keywords=The+Power+of+One+By+Bryce+Courtenay](https://www.amazon.com/Power-One-Novel-Bryce-Courtenay/dp/034541005X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667512&sr=1-1&keywords=The+Power+of+One+By+Bryce+Courtenay)

## 10. The Cases That Haunt Us By John Douglas and Mark Olshaker

*Did Lizzie Borden murder her own father and stepmother? Was Jack the Ripper actually the Duke of Clarence? Who killed JonBenet Ramsey? America's foremost expert on criminal profiling and twenty-five-year FBI veteran John Douglas, along with author and filmmaker Mark Olshaker, explores those tantalizing questions and more in this mesmerizing work of detection. With uniquely gripping analysis, the authors reexamine and reinterpret the accepted facts, evidence, and victimology of the most notorious murder cases in the history of crime, including the Lindbergh baby kidnapping, the Zodiac Killer, and the Whitechapel murders. Utilizing techniques developed by Douglas himself, they give detailed profiles and reveal chief suspects in pursuit of what really happened in each case. The Cases That Haunt Us not only offers convincing and controversial conclusions, it deconstructs the evidence and widely held beliefs surrounding each case and rebuilds them -- with fascinating, surprising, and haunting results.*

[https://www.amazon.com/Cases-That-Haunt-Us/dp/0671017063/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667551&sr=1-1&keywords=The+Cases+That+Haunt+Us+By+John+Douglas+and+Mark+Olshaker](https://www.amazon.com/Cases-That-Haunt-Us/dp/0671017063/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667551&sr=1-1&keywords=The+Cases+That+Haunt+Us+By+John+Douglas+and+Mark+Olshaker)

## 11. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks By Rebecca Skloot

*Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can't afford health insurance. This phenomenal New York Times bestseller tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew.*

[https://www.amazon.com/Immortal-Life-Henrietta-Lacks/dp/1400052181/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667602&sr=1-1&keywords=The+Immortal+Life+of+Henrietta+Lacks+By+Rebecca+Skloot](https://www.amazon.com/Immortal-Life-Henrietta-Lacks/dp/1400052181/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667602&sr=1-1&keywords=The+Immortal+Life+of+Henrietta+Lacks+By+Rebecca+Skloot)

## 12. The Talisman by Stephen King and Peter Straub

*Why had twelve-year-old Jack Sawyer's mother frantically moved the two of them from Rodeo Drive to a New York City apartment to the Alhambra, a fading ocean resort and shuttered amusement park in New Hampshire? Who or what is she running from? She is dying . . . and even young Jack knows she can't outrun death. But only he can save her—for he has been chosen to search for a prize across an epic landscape of dangers and lies, a realm of innocents and monsters, where everything Jack loves is on the line.*

[https://www.amazon.com/Talisman-Novel-Stephen-King/dp/145169721X/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667636&sr=1-1&keywords=the+talisman+by+stephen+king+and+peter+straub](https://www.amazon.com/Talisman-Novel-Stephen-King/dp/145169721X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667636&sr=1-1&keywords=the+talisman+by+stephen+king+and+peter+straub)

## 13. We Are Okay By Nina LaCour

*Marin hasn't spoken to anyone from her old life since the day she left everything behind. No one knows the truth about those final weeks. Not even her best friend Mabel. But even thousands of miles away from the California coast, at college in New York, Marin still feels the pull of the life and tragedy she's tried to outrun. Now, months*

later, alone in an emptied dorm for winter break, Marin waits. Mabel is coming to visit and Marin will be forced to face everything that's been left unsaid and finally confront the loneliness that has made a home in her heart.

An intimate whisper that packs an indelible punch, *We Are Okay* is Nina LaCour at her finest. This gorgeously crafted and achingly honest portrayal of grief will leave you urgent to reach across any distance to reconnect with the people you love.

[https://www.amazon.com/We-Are-Okay-Nina-LaCour/dp/0525425896/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667670&sr=1-1&keywords=We+Are+Okay+By+Nina+LaCour](https://www.amazon.com/We-Are-Okay-Nina-LaCour/dp/0525425896/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667670&sr=1-1&keywords=We+Are+Okay+By+Nina+LaCour)

#### **14. The Trials of Apollo Book Two The Dark Prophecy By Rick Riordan**

Zeus has punished his son Apollo--god of the sun, music, archery, poetry, and more--by casting him down to earth in the form of a gawky, acne-covered sixteen-year-old mortal named Lester. The only way Apollo can reclaim his rightful place on Mount Olympus is by restoring several Oracles that have gone dark. What is affecting the Oracles, and how can Apollo/Lester do anything about them without his powers?

After experiencing a series of dangerous--and frankly, humiliating--trials at Camp Half-Blood, Lester must now leave the relative safety of the demigod training ground and embark on a hair-raising journey across North America. Somewhere in the American Midwest, he and his companions must find the most dangerous Oracle from ancient times: a haunted cave that may hold answers for Apollo in his quest to become a god again--if it doesn't kill him or drive him insane first. Standing in Apollo's way is the second member of the evil Triumvirate, a Roman emperor whose love of bloodshed and spectacle makes even Nero look tame. To survive the encounter, Apollo will need the help of son of Hephaestus Leo Valdez, the now-mortal sorceress Calypso, the bronze dragon Festus, and other unexpected allies--some familiar, some new--from the world of demigods. Come along for what promises to be a harrowing, hilarious, and haiku-filled ride. . . .

[https://www.amazon.com/Trials-Apollo-Book-Dark-Prophecy/dp/1484746422/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667723&sr=1-1&keywords=The+Trials+of+Apollo+Book+Two+The+Dark+Prophecy+By+Rick+Riordan](https://www.amazon.com/Trials-Apollo-Book-Dark-Prophecy/dp/1484746422/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667723&sr=1-1&keywords=The+Trials+of+Apollo+Book+Two+The+Dark+Prophecy+By+Rick+Riordan)

#### **15. Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance By Robert M. Pirsig**

One of the most important and influential books written in the past half-century, Robert M. Pirsig's *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* is a powerful, moving, and penetrating examination of how we live . . . and a breathtaking meditation on how to live better. Here is the book that transformed a generation: an unforgettable narration of a summer motorcycle trip across America's Northwest, undertaken by a father and his young son. A story of love and fear -- of growth, discovery, and acceptance -- that becomes a profound personal and philosophical odyssey into life's fundamental questions, this uniquely exhilarating modern classic is both touching and transcendent, resonant with the myriad confusions of existence . . . and the small, essential triumphs that propel us forward.

[https://www.amazon.com/Zen-Art-Motorcycle-Maintenance-Inquiry/dp/0060589469/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667755&sr=1-1&keywords=Zen+and+the+Art+of+Motorcycle+Maintenance+By+Robert+M.+Pirsig](https://www.amazon.com/Zen-Art-Motorcycle-Maintenance-Inquiry/dp/0060589469/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667755&sr=1-1&keywords=Zen+and+the+Art+of+Motorcycle+Maintenance+By+Robert+M.+Pirsig)

#### **16. The Zookeeper's Wife By Diane Ackerman**

After their zoo was bombed, Polish zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski managed to save over three hundred people from the Nazis by hiding refugees in the empty animal cages. With animal names for these "guests," and human names for the animals, it's no wonder that the zoo's code name became "The House Under a Crazy Star." Best-selling naturalist and acclaimed storyteller Diane Ackerman combines extensive research and an exuberant writing style to re-create this fascinating, true-life story--sharing Antonina's life as "the zookeeper's wife," while examining the disturbing obsessions at the core of Nazism.

[https://www.amazon.com/Zookeepers-Wife-War-Story/dp/039333306X/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667792&sr=1-1&keywords=The+Zookeeper%27s+Wife+By+Diane+Ackerman](https://www.amazon.com/Zookeepers-Wife-War-Story/dp/039333306X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493667792&sr=1-1&keywords=The+Zookeeper%27s+Wife+By+Diane+Ackerman)

#### **17. Thirteen Days By Robert F. Kennedy**

During the thirteen days in October 1962 when the United States confronted the Soviet Union over its installation of missiles in Cuba, few people shared the behind-the-scenes story as it is told here by the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In this unique account, he describes each of the participants during the sometimes hour-to-hour negotiations, with particular attention to the actions and views of his brother, President John F. Kennedy. In a new foreword, the distinguished historian and Kennedy adviser Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., discusses the book's enduring importance and the significance of new information about the crisis that has come to light, especially from the Soviet Union.

<https://www.amazon.com/Thirteen-Days-Memoir-Missile-Crisis/dp/0393318346>

### **18. Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism By Ron Suskind**

*Imagine being trapped inside a Disney movie and having to learn about life mostly from animated characters dancing across a screen of color. A fantasy? A nightmare? This is the real-life story of Owen Suskind, the son of the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Ron Suskind and his wife, Cornelia. An autistic boy who couldn't speak for years, Owen memorized dozens of Disney movies, turned them into a language to express love and loss, kinship, brotherhood. The family was forced to become animated characters, communicating with him in Disney dialogue and song; until they all emerge, together, revealing how, in darkness, we all literally need stories to survive.*

[https://www.amazon.com/Life-Animated-Sidekicks-Heroes-Autism/dp/1484741234/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1493750379&sr=8-1&keywords=Life%2C+Animated%3A+A+Story+of+Sidekicks%2C+Heroes%2C+and+Autism+By+Ron+Suskind](https://www.amazon.com/Life-Animated-Sidekicks-Heroes-Autism/dp/1484741234/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1493750379&sr=8-1&keywords=Life%2C+Animated%3A+A+Story+of+Sidekicks%2C+Heroes%2C+and+Autism+By+Ron+Suskind)

### **19. The Second Machine Age: Work, Progress, and Prosperity in a Time of Brilliant Technologies By Erik Brynjolfsson and Andrew McAfee**

*In recent years, Google's autonomous cars have logged thousands of miles on American highways and IBM's Watson trounced the best human Jeopardy! players. Digital technologies—with hardware, software, and networks at their core—will in the near future diagnose diseases more accurately than doctors can, apply enormous data sets to transform retailing, and accomplish many tasks once considered uniquely human.*

*In The Second Machine Age MIT's Erik Brynjolfsson and Andrew McAfee—two thinkers at the forefront of their field—reveal the forces driving the reinvention of our lives and our economy. As the full impact of digital technologies is felt, we will realize immense bounty in the form of dazzling personal technology, advanced infrastructure, and near-boundless access to the cultural items that enrich our lives.*

*Amid this bounty will also be wrenching change. Professions of all kinds—from lawyers to truck drivers—will be forever upended. Companies will be forced to transform or die. Recent economic indicators reflect this shift: fewer people are working, and wages are falling even as productivity and profits soar.*

*Drawing on years of research and up-to-the-minute trends, Brynjolfsson and McAfee identify the best strategies for survival and offer a new path to prosperity. These include revamping education so that it prepares people for the next economy instead of the last one, designing new collaborations that pair brute processing power with human ingenuity, and embracing policies that make sense in a radically transformed landscape.*

<https://www.amazon.com/Second-Machine-Age-Prosperity-Technologies/dp/0393350649>

### **20. Le Petit Prince By Antoine de Saint-Exupéry**

*Few stories are as widely read and as universally cherished by children and adults alike as The Little Prince. Richard Howard's translation of the beloved classic beautifully reflects Saint-Exupéry's unique and gifted style. Howard, an acclaimed poet and one of the preeminent translators of our time, has excelled in bringing the English text as close as possible to the French, in language, style, and most important, spirit. The artwork in this edition has been restored to match in detail and in color Saint-Exupéry's original artwork. Combining Richard Howard's translation with restored original art, this definitive English-language edition of The Little Prince will capture the hearts of readers of all ages.*

[https://www.amazon.com/Little-Prince-Antoine-Saint-Exup%C3%A9ry/dp/0156012197/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1493844346&sr=8-1&keywords=Le+Petit+Prince+By+Antoine+de+Saint-Exup%C3%A9ry](https://www.amazon.com/Little-Prince-Antoine-Saint-Exup%C3%A9ry/dp/0156012197/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1493844346&sr=8-1&keywords=Le+Petit+Prince+By+Antoine+de+Saint-Exup%C3%A9ry)

### **21. Unwind by Neal Shusterman**

*In America after the Second Civil War, the Pro-Choice and Pro-Life armies came to an agreement: The Bill of Life states that human life may not be touched from the moment of conception until a child reaches the age of thirteen. Between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, however, a parent may choose to retroactively get rid of a child through a process called "unwinding." Unwinding ensures that the child's life doesn't "technically" end by transplanting all the organs in the child's body to various recipients. Now a common and accepted practice in society, troublesome or unwanted teens are able to easily be unwound.*

*With breathtaking suspense, this book follows three teens who all become runaway Unwinds: Connor, a rebel whose parents have ordered his unwinding; Risa, a ward of the state who is to be unwound due to cost-cutting; and*

*Lev, his parents' tenth child whose unwinding has been planned since birth as a religious tithing. As their paths intersect and lives hang in the balance, Shusterman examines complex moral issues that will keep readers turning the pages until the very end.*

[https://www.amazon.com/Unwind-Dystology-Neal-Shusterman/dp/1416912053/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1493916527&sr=8-1&keywords=Unwind+by+Neal+Shusterman](https://www.amazon.com/Unwind-Dystology-Neal-Shusterman/dp/1416912053/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1493916527&sr=8-1&keywords=Unwind+by+Neal+Shusterman)

## **22. The Silmarillion by JRR Tolkien**

*The Silmarillion is J.R.R. Tolkien's tragic, operatic history of the First Age of Middle-Earth, essential background material for serious readers of the classic Lord of the Rings saga. Tolkien's work sets the standard for fantasy, and this audio version of the "Bible of Middle-Earth" does The Silmarillion justice. Martin Shaw's reading is grave and resonant, conveying all the powerful events and emotions that shaped elven and human history long before Bilbo, Frodo, Gandalf and all the rest embarked on their quests. Beginning with the Music of the Ainur, The Silmarillion tells a tale of the Elder Days, when Elves and Men became estranged by the Dark Lord Morgoth's lust for the Silmarils, pure and powerful magic jewels. Even the love between a human warrior and the daughter of the Elven king cannot defeat Morgoth, but the War of Wrath finally brings down the Dark Lord. Peace reigns until the evil Sauron recovers the Rings of Power and sets the stage for the events told in the Lord of the Rings.*

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## **23. A Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty**

*Imagine that your husband wrote you a letter, to be opened after his death. Imagine, too, that the letter contains his deepest, darkest secret—something with the potential to destroy not just the life you built together, but the lives of others as well. Imagine, then, that you stumble across that letter while your husband is still very much alive...*

*Cecilia Fitzpatrick has achieved it all—she's an incredibly successful businesswoman, a pillar of her small community, and a devoted wife and mother. Her life is as orderly and spotless as her home. But that letter is about to change everything, and not just for her: Rachel and Tess barely know Cecilia—or each other—but they too are about to feel the earth-shattering repercussions of her husband's secret.*

<https://www.amazon.com/Husbands-Secret-Liane-Moriarty/dp/0399159347>

## **24. The Nightingale By Kristin Hannah**

*In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France ... but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive.*

*Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious eighteen-year-old girl, searching for purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets G etan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France, and she falls in love as only the young can ... completely. But when he betrays her, Isabelle joins the Resistance and never looks back, risking her life time and again to save others.*

<https://www.amazon.com/Nightingale-Novel-Kristin-Hannah/dp/0312577222>

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4. Business
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6. Health
7. Sports
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