



2004

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Reading is the gateway to the future. It is the best activity one can do to help ensure success in school. Northstar asks that every student attending Northstar next fall read -- and complete book reports-- on at least two of the books on the following list.

*Cannibalism in the Cars: the Best of
Twain's Humorous Sketches* by Mark Twain

*One More River to Cross: an African
American Photograph Album* by Walter
Dean Myers

*An American Plague: the True and
Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever
Epidemic of 1793* by Jim Murphy

Alice, I think by Susan Juby

*Close to Short: the Terrifying Shark Attacks
of 1916* by Michael Capuzzo

Sweetblood by Pete Hautman

The Wolves in the Walls by Neil Gaiman

Double Helix by Nancy Werlin (This book is a mystery that addresses issues of gene engineering.)

My Life and Hard Times by James Thurber

Tithe by Holly Black

The Sky so Big and Black by John Barnes

The Year of the Hangman by Gary
Blackwood

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy
Farmer

Biography and Non-Fiction

Caroline Alexander: *The Endurance:
Shackleton's Legendary
Antarctic Expedition*

Maya Angelou: *I Know Why the Caged Bird
Sings*

Jill Ker Conway: *The Road from Coorain*

Eve Curie: *Madame Curie*

Annie Dillard: *An American Childhood*

Mary Crow Dog and Richard Erdoes:

Lakota Woman

Jesse Lee Kercheval: *Space*

Mary S. Lovell: *The Sound of Wings: The
Life of Amelia Earhart*

Rigoberto Menchu: *I, Rigoberta: An Indian
Woman in Guatemala*

Sara Suleri: *Meatless Days*

Rebecca Walker: *Black, White, and Jewish:
Autobiography of a Shifting Self*

Eudora Welty: *One Writer's Beginnings*

William Warner: *Beautiful Swimmers*

Tobias Wolff: *This Boy's Life: A Memoir*

Drama

Karel Copek: R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal
Robots)

Moliere: complete works (e.g. The Doctor
in Spite of Himself/Tartuffe)

George Bernard Shaw: *Pygmalion* | *Major
Barbara*

Richard Sheridan: *The Rivals* | *School for
Scandal*

Tennessee Williams: *The Glass Menagerie*

Novels

Chinua Achebe: *Things Fall Apart*
 Julia Alvarez: *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*
 Sherwood Anderson: *Winesburg, Ohio*
 Jane Austen: complete works (e.g. *Pride and Prejudice/Persuasion*)
 James Baldwin: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
 Marion Zimmer Bradley: *The Mists of Avalon*
 Charlotte Bronte: *Jane Eyre*
 Emily Bronte: *Wuthering Heights*
 Orson Scott Card: *Ender's Game/Ender's Shadow*
 Willa Cather: complete works
 Cervantes: *Don Quixote*
 Tracy Chevalier: *The Girl with a Pearl Earring*
 Sandra ' Cisneros: *The House on Mango Street*
 Arthur C. Clarke: *The 2001 Series*
 Breana Clarke: *River, Cross My Heart*
 Joseph Conrad: *Heart of Darkness/Lord Jim*
 Stephen Crane: *The Red Badge of Courage/Maggie: A Girl of the Streets*
 Margaret Craven: *I Heard the Owl Call My Name*
 Charles Dickens: *David Copperfield/Oliver Twist/other works*
 Bertie Doherty: *White Peak Farm*
 Michael Dorris: *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water*
 Sharon Draper: *Forged by Fire*
 David Anthony Durham: *Gabriel's Story*
 Umberto Eco: *The Name of the Rose*
 George Eliot: *Silas Marner*
 Ralph Ellison: *The Invisible Man*
 Leif Enger: *Peace Like a River*
 Laura Esquivel: *Like Water for Chocolate*
 E.M. Forster: *Passage to India/A Room With a View*
 Neil Gaiman: *Stardust*
 John Gilstrap: *At All Costs*
 Pete Hamill: *Snow in August*
 Thomas Hardy: *Return of the Native/Tess of the d'Urbrevilles*
 Ernest Hemingway: *A Farewell to Arms/The Old Man and the Sea*
 S.E. Hinton: *The Outsiders*
 Kimberly Willis Holt: *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*
 Zora Neale Hurston: *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
 Henry James: *Portrait of a Lady*
 Angela Johnson: *Heaven*
 Daniel Keyes: *Flowers for Algernon*
 Rudyard Kipling: *Kim/Captains Courageous*
 Ursula LeGuin: *The Earthsea Trilogy*
 Juliet Marillier: *Daughter of the Forest*
 Victor Martinez: *Parrot in the Oven*
 Toni Morrison: *Sula/Bluest Eye*
 Walter Dean Myers: *Hoops*
 Han Nolan: *Dancing on the Edge*
 Grace Paley: *Little Disturbances of Man*
 Alan Paton: *Cry, the Beloved Country*
 Edgar Allan Poe: *The Gold Bug/Narrative of A. Gordon Pym*
 Louis Sachar: *Holes*
 Mark Salzman: *Iron & Silk*
 Dorothy L. Sayers: any work (mysteries, but real novels in themselves)
 Michael Shaara: *The Killer Angels*
 Mary Shelley: *Frankenstein*
 Betty Smith: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
 Suzanne Staples: *Shabanu*
 John Steinbeck: *Grapes of Wrath/Travels with Charley/Of Mice and Men*
 James Stephens: *The Pot of Gold*
 Robert Louis Stevenson: *Kidnapped/Treasure Island*
 Amy Tan: *The Joy Luck Club*
 J.R.R. Tolkien: *Lord of the Rings* series
 Leo Tolstoy: *Anna Karenina*
 Mark Twain: *Huckleberry Finn/Tom Sawyer/A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*
 Vineeta Vijayaraghavan: *Motherland*
 H.G. Wells: *The War of the Worlds/The Time Machine*
 Edith Warton: *Ethan Frome*
 T.H. White: *The Once and Future King*
 Connie Willis: *To Say Nothing of the Dog*
 Virginia Woolf: *To the Lighthouse*

Parkplace Books Presents Great Summer Reads for Young Adults

The City of Beasts & The Kingdom of The Golden Dragon by Isabelle Allende - Fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his fearless grandmother, a magazine reporter for International Geographic, on an expedition to the dangerous, remote world of the Amazon to document the legendary Yeti known as The Beast.

The Fire-Eaters by David Almond - Bobby Burns knows he's a lucky lad. Growing up in sleepy Keely Bay, Bobby is exposed to all manner of wondrous things: stars reflecting off the icy sea, a friend that can heal injured fawns with her dreams, a man who can eat fire. But darkness seems to be approaching Bobby's life from all sides.

The Sign of The Qin by L.G. Bass - This first novel in a new trilogy draws upon Chinese myth and legend for an epic kung-fu, sword-and-sorcery fantasy is a tour de force of classic storytelling.

Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale by Holly Black - Briskly paced and teeming with angst-ridden teens and capricious fairy folk, this intricate and chilling modern-day fantasy--complete with peer rivalries, sinister seductions, dashing dark heroes, and romance--will keep readers enthralled until the very last page.

Hanging on to Max by Margaret Bechard - It's Sam Pettigrew's last year of high school. And he's spending it figuring out how, at age seventeen, he is supposed to care for his baby son, Max. Trading footballs for diaper bags and college brochures for feeding schedules,

Sam gives fatherhood his best shot.

The Prophecy of The Stones by Flavia Bujor - Translated from the original French, this moving and spellbinding first novel from teenage literary sensation Flavia Bujor tells the tale of three teenage girls living in a magical realm who are chosen to fulfill an ancient prophecy.

Summerland by Michael Chabon - Written by a Pulitzer Prize winning author and set in the Pacific Northwest. Summerland is a magical place, where the local Little League gathers to play baseball on a perfectly manicured lawn, and the sun is always shining in a flawless blue sky. However, the small beings known as ferishers, who ensure this perfect weather, are threatened by an ancient enemy and need a hero - a baseball star, in fact - to vanquish their foe.

The Supernaturalist by Eoin Colfer - From the bestselling author of the Artemis Fowl series comes this new, thrilling adventure set in an eerie and captivating world--part futuristic Dickens, part "Blade Runner" and filled with Colfer's high-tech action and humor.

Lion Boy by Zizou Corder - What do you do when you come home one day and discover that your parents have been kidnapped? Well, if you're a brave young guy named Charlie Ashanti, you go off in search of them. And since you speak Cat, your feline friends rally around you, bringing help, advice, and occasional special deliveries.

The Green Man by Ellen Datlow - One of our most enduring, universal myths is that of the Green Man - the spirit who stands for nature in its most wild and untamed form, a man with leaves for hair who dwells deep within the mythic forest.

In this collection of stories, poems, and pictures, we have an excellent view into the world of nature, myth and wonder.

This Lullaby by Sarah Dessen - In this entrancing new novel, the author of ***Dreamland*** and ***Keeping the Moon*** introduces a girl who believes her heart is made of stone--and the boy who proves her wrong.

The Truth About Forever by Sarah Dessen - A long dull summer stretches ahead of Macy while her boyfriend Jason is away at Brain Camp. But sometimes unexpected things can happen - things like the catering job at Wish, with its fun-loving, chaotic crew. As time passes, and Macy ventures out of her shell, she begins to wonder if it is really better to be safe than sorry.

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen - Unfortunately, Roy's first acquaintance in Florida is Dana Matherson, a well-known bully. Then again, if Dana hadn't been sinking his thumbs into Roy's temples and mashing his face against the school-bus window, Roy might never have spotted the running boy. And the running boy is intriguing: he was running away from the school bus, carried no books, and--here's the odd part--wore no shoes. Sensing a mystery, Roy sets himself on the boy's trail. The chase introduces him to potty-trained alligators, a fake-fart champion, some burrowing owls, a renegade eco-avenger, and several extremely poisonous snakes with unnaturally sparkling tails.

Leaving Protection by Will Hobbs - From the author of ***Far North*** comes this adrenaline-pumping story about a 16-year-old boy whose dream of working on a

salmon boat on Alaska's outside waters turns into a nightmare.

Eagle Strike & Skeleton Key by Anthony Horowitz - Teen spy Alex Rider faces new challenges and dangers in these two new adventures.

The Merlin Conspiracy by Diana Wynne Jones - Three young people from different worlds meet in one and travel to a myriad of others in an attempt to unseat the false Merlin of Blest and unravel a conspiracy that threatens all of the magic in the multiverse.

The Life of Pi by Yann Martel - Pi, the son of a zookeeper, is marooned aboard a lifeboat with four wild animals. His knowledge and cunning allow him to coexist for 227 days with Richard Parker, a 450-pound Bengal tiger.

Zazoo by Richard Mosher - Zazoo is Vietnamese by birth but has lived with her adoptive Grand-Pierre in France in an old stone mill since she was two. Then one morning, a young man on a bicycle rides into Zazoo's small village and asks a question from which many stories begin to unfold.

Shooter by Walter Dean Myers - Written as a series of dialogues, reports and journal entries, ***Shooter*** tells the story of the aftermath of a shooting incident at fictitious Madison High School in Harrison County.

The Song of The Magdalene by Donna Jo Napoli - Part history, part love story, part epic, this riveting novel explores the childhood and young womanhood of Mary Magdalene, friend of Jesus.

Blizzard's Wake Phyllis Reynolds Naylor - From the Newbery Medalist comes this thought-provoking, gripping story about grief, determination, and healing, set amidst actual

events that took place during the Red River Valley blizzard of 1941.

The Shell House by Linda Newbery - Greg's casual interest in the history of a ruined mansion becomes more personal as he slowly discovers the tragic events that overwhelmed its last inhabitants. Set against a background of the modern day and the First World War, Greg's contemporary beliefs become intertwined with those of Edmund, a foot soldier whose confusion about his sexuality and identity mirrors Greg's own feelings of insecurity.

Airborn by Kenneth Oppel - The author of the Silverwing trilogy creates a new fantasy in which humans fly but the airplane has never been invented. In the early 20th century, a young orphan serves as a cabin boy aboard an airship and is witness to life-and-death battles in the sea and above land.

Brian's Hunt by Gary Paulsen - When Brian finds a dog one night, a dog that is wounded and whimpering, he senses danger. The dog is badly hurt, and as Brian cares for it, he worries about his Cree friends who live north of his camp. His instincts tell him to head north, quickly. With his new companion at his side, and with a terrible, growing sense of unease, he sets out to learn what happened. He sets out on the hunt.

The House on Hound Hill by Maggie Prince - Something is not right in Emily's new house in the historic London neighborhood of Hound Hill. And something is not quite right with Emily. Encountering hints to her home's haunted past, she begins to

experience distressing symptoms: a headache, a fever, extreme thirst, hallucinations, and, then, a doorway to an earlier period of great distress.

Shadowmancer by G.P. Taylor - Accidentally drawn into a war between good and evil, three young people are brought face to face with the powers of darkness in an epic battle.

Voyage of Ice by Michele Torrey - All Nick ever wanted to be was a whaling captain, like his father before him. What could be more glorious than the life of a whaleman, battling mighty sperm whales and returning home rich as Midas? So when his older brother Dexter signs aboard the *Sea Hawk*, Nick won't stand to be left behind. But life at sea is very different from what either Dexter or Nick expected. They are mercilessly overworked by a cruel and dangerous captain. The officers think nothing of beating the crewmen within an inch of their lives.

Dragon's Blood, Heart's Blood, & A Sending of Dragons by Jane Yolen - Best-selling fantasy author Jane Yolen has done it again with the Pit Dragon Trilogy. Jakkin Stewart is fifteen and a bond servant, which is little better than a slave. His adventure begins when he steals a hatchling and begins to train it to fight for him in the dragon pits.

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