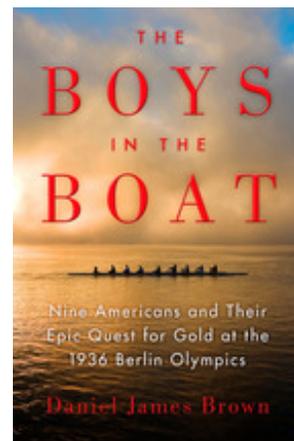


11/12 NON-FICTION - ORR 2016 Summer Reading List

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THE BOYS IN THE BOAT: NINE AMERICANS AND THEIR EPIC QUEST FOR THE GOLD AT THE 1936 OLYMPIC GAMES by JAMES DANIEL BROWN Ms. Wickman's pick HISTORY

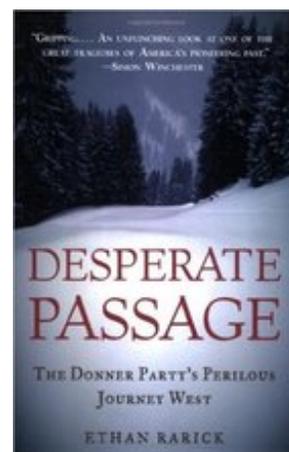
Building to the suspense of a race won by seconds, this tale follows the nine young men who traveled from Seattle to Berlin to compete in crew at the spectacular and infamous Nazi Olympics .



DESPERATE PASSAGE by ETHAN RARICK Ms. Wickman's pick

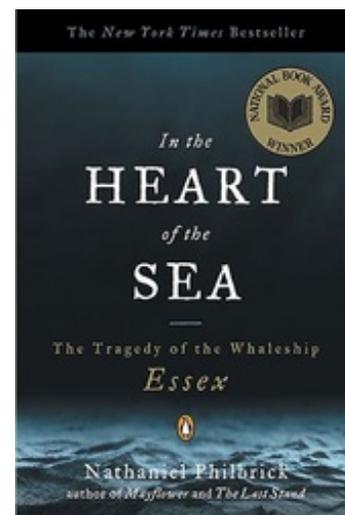
HISTORY

"The story of the ill-fated Donner Party's trek across the country is the reverse image of Lewis and Clark's: seemingly everything that could go wrong, did go wrong -- from bad leadership to disastrous choices, from fatal accidents to murderous fights, and finally a ghastly ordeal in the Sierra snows. It's a remarkable story for all generations, and with the advantage of updated research and a keen eye for detail, Ethan Rarick builds a quick-moving narrative."--Dayton Duncan, author of *Out West: An American Journey Along the Lewis and Clark Trail*



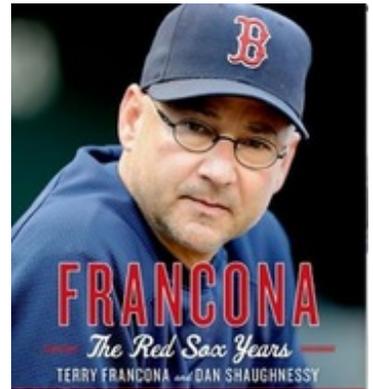
IN THE HEART OF THE SEA: THE TRAGEDY OF THE WHALESHIP ESSEX by NATHANIEL PHILBRICK (or any book by this author) HISTORY

The ordeal of the whaleship Essex was an event as mythic in the nineteenth century as the sinking of the Titanic was in the twentieth. In 1819, the Essex left Nantucket for the South Pacific with twenty crew members aboard. In the middle of the South Pacific the ship was rammed and sunk by an angry sperm whale. The crew drifted for more than ninety days in three tiny whaleboats, succumbing to weather, hunger, disease, and ultimately turning to drastic measures in the fight for survival.



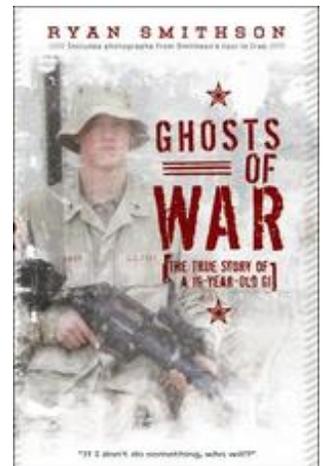
FRANCONA: THE RED SOX YEARS by TERRY FRANCONA and DAN SHAUGHNESSY
SPORTS MEMOIR

The former Red Sox coach discusses his eight-year tenure with the team, chronicling the challenges posed by managing difficult players, satisfying multiple owners with different expectations, and dealing with both championship and losing seasons.



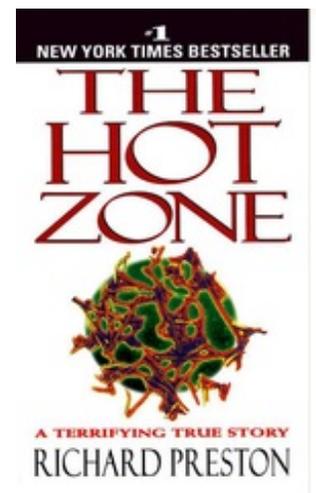
GHOSTS OF WAR by RYAN SMITHSON MEMOIR

Ryan Smithson joined the Army Reserve when he was seventeen. Two years later, he was deployed to Iraq as an Army engineer. In this extraordinary and harrowing memoir, readers march along one GI's tour of duty. It will change the way you feel about what it means to be an American.



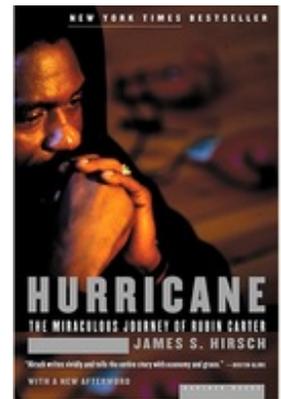
THE HOT ZONE: A TERRIFYING TRUE STORY by RICHARD PRESTON **Ms. Wickman's pick**

The dramatic and chilling story of an Ebola virus outbreak in a suburban Washington, D.C. laboratory, with descriptions of frightening historical epidemics of rare and lethal viruses. More hair-raising than anything Hollywood could think of, because it's all **true**.



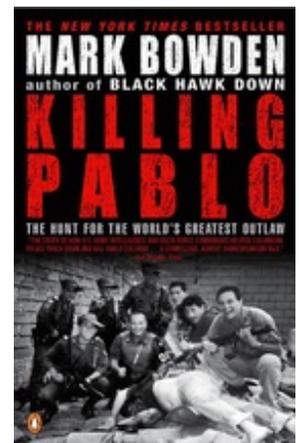
HURRICANE: THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF RUBIN CARTER by JAMES S. HIRSCH BIOGRAPHY

Chronicles Rubin Carter's twenty-year imprisonment, discussing why he was accused of three murders he did not commit, how racial issues affected the outcome of his trial, how he earned the support of celebrities, and why a group of Canadians decided to help him prove his innocence.

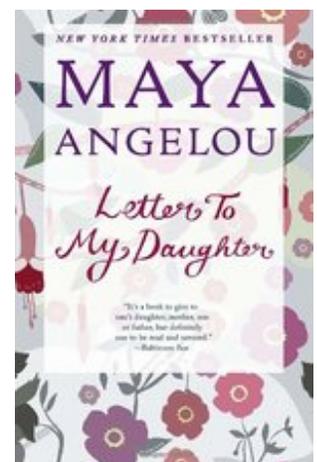


KILLING PABLO: THE HUNT FOR THE WORLD'S GREATEST OUTLAW by MARK BOWDEN TRUE CRIME

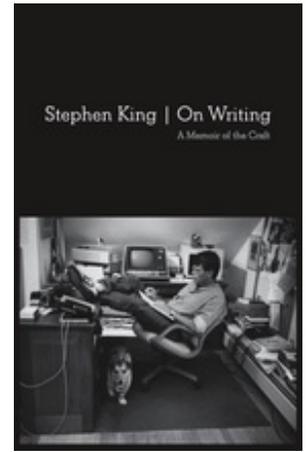
The story of the violent rise and fall of Pablo Escobar, the head of the Colombian Medellin cocaine cartel. Escobar's criminal empire held a nation of thirty million hostage in a reign of terror that would only end with his death. Bowden has produced a gripping narrative that is a stark portrayal of rough justice in the real world.



LETTER TO MY DAUGHTER by MAYA ANGELOU Ms. Wickman's pick MEMOIR
Dedicated to the daughter she never had but sees all around her, *Letter to My Daughter* reveals Maya Angelou's path to living well and living a life with meaning. Here in short spellbinding essays are glimpses of the tumultuous life that taught Angelou lessons in compassion and fortitude: how she was brought up by her indomitable grandmother in segregated Arkansas, taken in at thirteen by her more worldly and less religious mother, and grew to be an awkward six-foot-tall teenager whose first experience of loveless sex paradoxically left her with her greatest gift, a son.

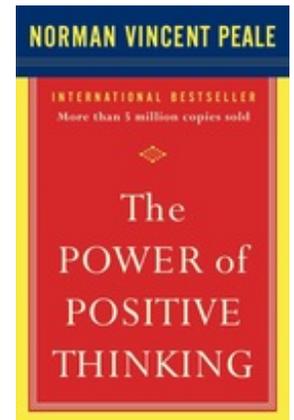


ON WRITING: A MEMOIR OF THE CRAFT by STEPHEN KING - Ms. Brunelle's pick
Part memoir, part master class by one of the bestselling authors of all time, this superb volume is a revealing and practical view of the writer's craft, comprising the basic tools of the trade every writer must have. King's advice is grounded in his vivid memories from childhood through his emergence as a writer, from his struggling early career to his widely reported, near-fatal accident in 1999—and how the inextricable link between writing and living spurred his recovery. Brilliantly structured, friendly and inspiring, *On Writing* will empower and entertain everyone who reads it—fans, writers, and anyone who loves a great story well told.

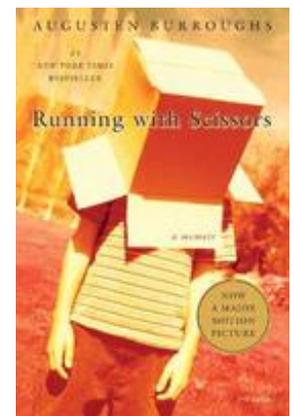


THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING by NORMAN VINCENT PEALE Ms. Brunelle's pick SELF-HELP

In this phenomenal bestseller, “written with the sole objective of helping the reader achieve a happy, satisfying, and worthwhile life,” Dr. Peale demonstrates the power of faith in action. With the practical techniques outlined in this book, you can energize your life-and give yourself the initiative needed to carry out your ambitions and hopes.

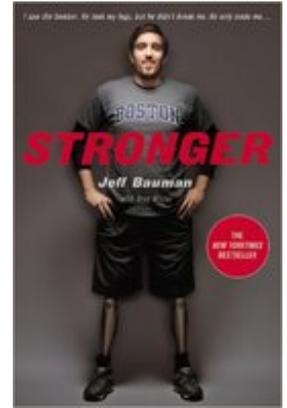


RUNNING WITH SCISSORS by AUGUSTEN BURROUGH Ms. Hall's pick MEMOIR
The true story of a boy whose mother (a poet with delusions of Anne Sexton) gave him away to be raised by her unorthodox psychiatrist who bore a striking resemblance to Santa Claus. So at the age of twelve, Burroughs found himself amidst Victorian squalor living with the doctor's bizarre family, and befriending a pedophile who resided in the backyard shed. The story of an outlaw childhood where rules were unheard of, and the Christmas tree stayed up all year round, where Valium was consumed like candy, and if things got dull an electroshock- therapy machine could provide entertainment. The funny, harrowing and bestselling account of an ordinary boy's survival under the most extraordinary circumstances.



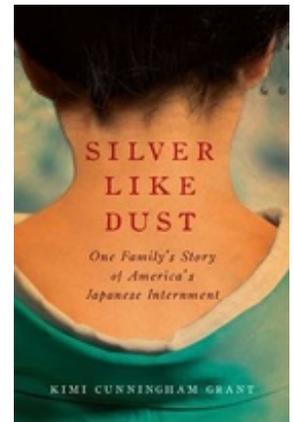
STRONGER by JEFF BAUMAN AND BRET WHITTER BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING

When Jeff Bauman woke up on Tuesday, April 16th, 2013 in the Boston Medical Center, groggy from a series of lifesaving surgeries and missing his legs, the first thing he did was try to speak. When he realized he couldn't, he asked for a pad and paper and wrote down seven words: "Saw the guy. Looked right at me," setting off one of the biggest manhunts in the country's history.



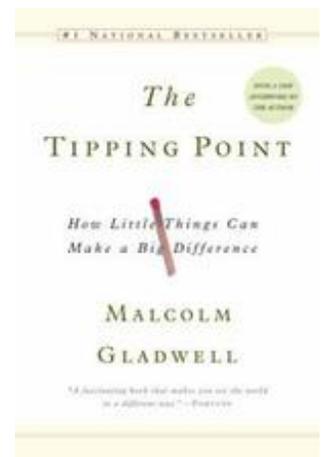
SILVER LIKE DUST: ONE FAMILY'S STORY OF AMERICA'S JAPANESE INTERNMENT by KIMI CUNNINGHAM GRANT

The author relates the story of her grandmother's years in a Japanese internment camp, like 112,000 other Japanese Americans, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and the shame that she experienced as a result.



THE TIPPING POINT by MALCOLM GLADWELL Ms. Hall's pick SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

This genial book by New Yorker contributor Gladwell considers the elements needed to make a particular idea take hold. The "tipping point" (not a new phrase) occurs when something that began small (e.g., a few funky kids in New York's East Village wearing Hush Puppies) turns into something very large indeed (millions of Hush Puppies are sold). It depends on three rules: the Law of the Few, the Stickiness Factor, and the Power of Context. Episodes subjected to this paradigm here include Paul Revere's ride, the creation of the children's TV program Sesame Street, and the influence of subway shooter Bernie Goetz.



WHERE MEN WIN GLORY: THE ODYSSEY OF PAT TILLMAN by JON KRAKAUER (or any book by this author) WAR AND FOOTBALL

Pat Tillman walked away from a multimillion-dollar NFL contract to join the Army and became an icon of post-9/11 patriotism. When he was killed in Afghanistan two years later, a legend was born. But the real Pat Tillman was much more remarkable, and considerably more complicated than the public knew...

A stunning account of a remarkable young man's heroic life and death, from the bestselling author of *Into the Wild*, *Into Thin Air*, and *Under the Banner of Heaven*.

