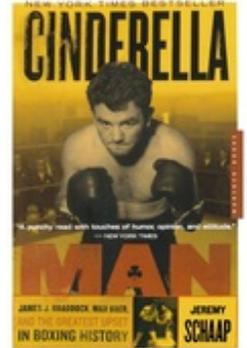


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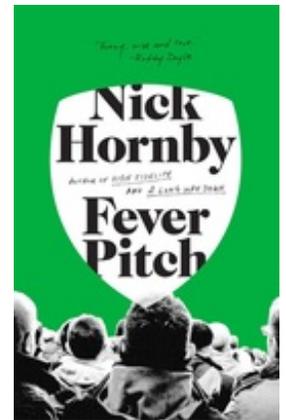
CINDERELLA MAN : JAMES J. BRADDOCK, MAX BAER, and the GREATEST UPSET IN BOXING HISTORY by JEREMY SCHAAP - Mr. Beson pick

A riveting tale of perseverance in the face of hardship, *Cinderella Man* is the chronicle of the boxer James J. Braddock, whose exceptional story of achievement against all odds was the subject of a major motion picture. Braddock, dubbed the Cinderella Man, staged the greatest comeback in fighting history, rising in the span of twelve months from the relief rolls to a face-off against the heavyweight champion, Max Baer.



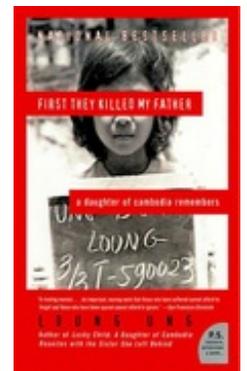
FEVER PITCH by NICK HORNBY - Mr. Beson pick

Nick Hornby has been a football fan since the moment he was conceived. Call it predestiny. Or call it preschool. *Fever Pitch* is his tribute to a lifelong obsession. Part autobiography, part comedy, part incisive analysis of insanity, Hornby's award-winning memoir captures the fever pitch of fandom—its agony and ecstasy, its community, its defining role in thousands of young men's coming-of-age stories. *Fever Pitch* is one for the home team. But above all, it is one for everyone who knows what it *really* means to have a losing season.



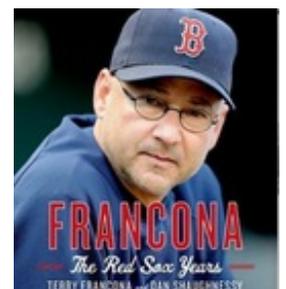
FIRST THEY KILLED MY FATHER by LOUNG UNG

Loung Ung, one of seven children of a high-ranking government official in Phnom Penh, tells of her experiences after her family was forced to flee from Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge army, discussing her training as a child soldier in a work camp for orphans, and telling of how her surviving siblings were eventually reunited.



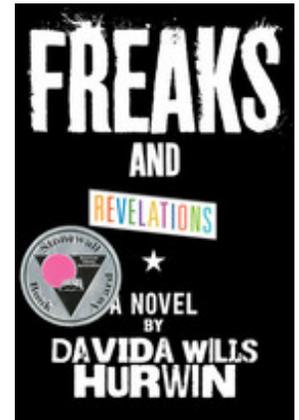
FRANCONA: THE RED SOX YEARS by TERRY FRANCONA and DAN SHAUGHNESSY

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.



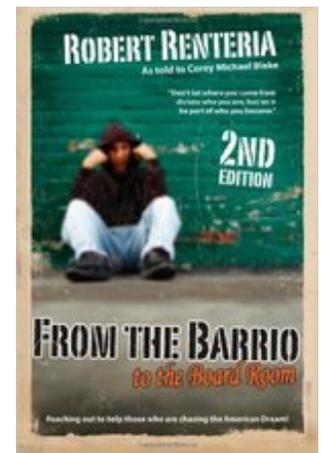
FREAKS AND REVELATIONS by Davida Wills Hurwin

This raw, moving novel follows two teenagers—one, a Mohawk-wearing 17-year-old violent misfit; the other, a gay 13-year-old cast out by his family, hustling on the streets and trying to survive. Acclaimed author Davida Wills Hurwin creates a riveting narrative told in alternating perspectives of their lives before and after the violent hate crime that changed both their futures. This tragic but ultimately inspirational journey of two polarized teens, their violent first meeting, and their peaceful reunion years later is an unforgettable story of survival and forgiveness.



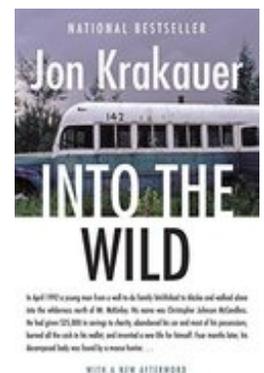
FROM THE BARRIO TO THE BOARDROOM by ROBERT RENTERIA Ms. Ribeiro's pick MEMOIR

"Don't let where you came from dictate who you are, but let it be part of who you become." These are the words of successful entrepreneur Robert Renteria, who today is Executive Vice President/Co-Founder of WashPro USA, but who grew up as an infant sleeping in a dresser drawer. This poignant and often hard-hitting memoir traces Robert's life from a childhood of poverty and abuse in one of the poorest areas of East Los Angeles, to his proud emergence as a business owner today.

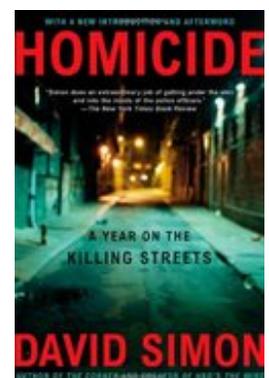


INTO THE WILD by JON KRAKAUER Ms. Wickman's pick

In April 1992 a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. His name was Christopher Johnson McCandless. He had given \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself. Four months later, his decomposed body was found by a moose hunter. How McCandless came to die is the unforgettable story of *Into the Wild*.

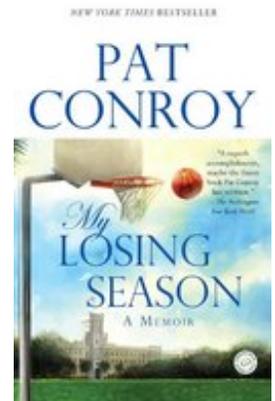


HOMICIDE : A YEAR ON THE KILLING STREETS by DAVID SIMON - Mr. Beson's pick David Simon was the first reporter ever to gain unlimited access to a homicide unit, and this electrifying book tells the true story of a year on the violent streets of an American city. The narrative follows Donald Worden, a veteran investigator; Harry Edgerton, a black detective in a mostly white unit; and Tom Pellegrini, an earnest rookie who takes on the year's most difficult case, the brutal rape and murder of an eleven-year-old girl.



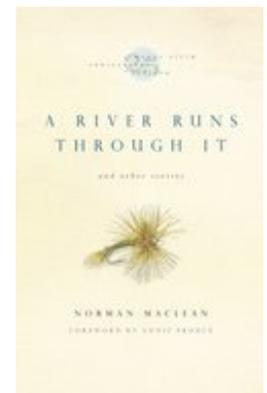
MY LOSING SEASON : A MEMOIR by PAT CONROY - Mr. Beson's pick

With all the drama and incandescence of his bestselling fiction, Conroy re-creates his pivotal senior year as captain of the Citadel Bulldogs. He chronicles the highs and lows of that fateful 1966–67 season, his tough disciplinarian coach, the joys of winning, and the hard-won lessons of losing. Most of all, he recounts how a group of boys came together as a team, playing a sport that would become a metaphor for a man whose spirit could never be defeated.



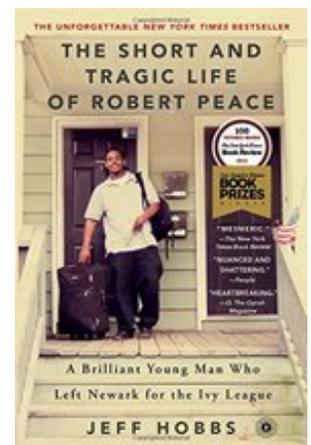
A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT by Norman Maclean - Mr. Beson's pick

Maclean grew up in the western Rocky Mountains in the first decades of the twentieth century. As a young man he worked many summers in logging camps and for the United States Forest Service. The two novellas and short story in this collection are based on his own experiences—the experiences of a young man who found that life was only a step from art in its structures and beauty.



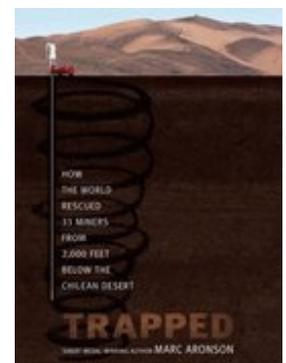
THE SHORT AND TRAGIC LIFE OF ROBERT PEACE by Jeff Hobbs - Mr. Beson's pick

The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace encompasses the most enduring conflicts in America: race, class, drugs, community, imprisonment, education, family, friendship, and love. It's about the collision of two fiercely insular worlds—the ivy-covered campus of Yale University and the slums of Newark, New Jersey, and the difficulty of going from one to the other and then back again. It's about trying to live a decent life in America. But most all this “fresh, compelling” (*The Washington Post*) story is about the tragic life of one singular brilliant young man. His end, a violent one, is heartbreaking and powerful and “a haunting American tragedy for our times” (*Entertainment Weekly*).



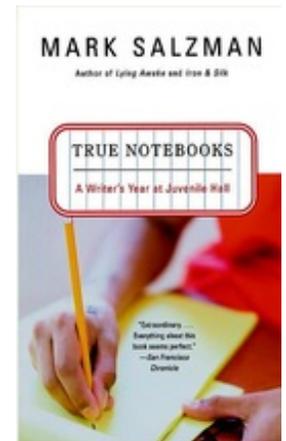
TRAPPED by MARC ARONSON

In early August 2010, the unthinkable happened when a mine collapsed in Copiapó, Chile, and 33 miners were trapped 2,000 feet below the surface. For sixty-nine days they lived on meager resources and increasingly poor air quality. When they were finally rescued, the world watched with rapt attention and rejoiced in the amazing spirit and determination of the miners.



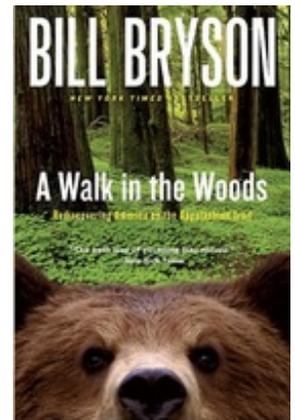
TRUE NOTEBOOKS: A WRITER'S YEAR AT JUVENILE HALL by MARK SALZMAN

Mark Salzman chronicles his first years teaching at Central Juvenile Hall, a lockup for Los Angeles's most violent teenage offenders, discussing what his students taught him about life.



A WALK IN THE WOODS : REDISCOVERING AMERICA ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL by BILL BRYSON (or any book by this author)

Returning to the U.S. after 20 years in England, Iowa native Bryson decided to reconnect with his mother country by hiking the length of the 2100-mile Appalachian Trail. Awed by merely the camping section of his local sporting goods store, he nevertheless plunges into the wilderness and emerges with a consistently comical account of learning hard lessons about self-reliance.



WHAT IS THE WHAT by Dave Eggers - Mr. Beson's pick

The epic novel based on the life of Valentino Achak Deng who, along with thousands of other children —the so-called Lost Boys—was forced to leave his village in Sudan at the age of seven and trek hundreds of miles by foot, pursued by militias, government bombers, and wild animals, crossing the deserts of three countries to find freedom. When he finally is resettled in the United States, he finds a life full of promise, but also heartache and myriad new challenges. Moving, suspenseful, and unexpectedly funny, **What Is the What** is an astonishing novel that illuminates the lives of millions through one extraordinary man.

