

The College Preparatory School
All-School Book Committee
Books read by current members between Spring 2005 and Spring 2008

I. CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA and CARRIBEAN:

- Bolivia—*The Matter of Desire*, Edmundo Paz Soldan
- Colombia—*Angel of Galilea*, Laura Restrepo *
A Tale of the Dispossessed, Laura Restrepo
Leopard in the Sun, Laura Restrepo
Strange Pilgrims, stories by Gabriel Garcia Marquez *
- Dominican Republic—*Feast of the Goat*, Mario Vargas Llosa (Peruvian novelist)
- Ecuador—*The Old Man Who Read Love Stories*, Luis Sepulveda ***
- Haiti—*Mountains Beyond Mountains*, Tracy Kidder (U.S. nonfiction writer)
- Mexico—*Isle of Passion*, Laura Restrepo (Colombian writer)
- Mexico/Honduras—*Enrique's Journey*, Sonia Nazario

II. AFRICA:

- Botswana-- *When Rain Clouds Gather*, Bessie Head
Maru, Bessie Head
The Collector of Treasures and other Botswana Tales, Bessie Head
Tales of Tenderness and Power, Bessie Head
- Egypt— *Woman at Point Zero*, Nawal El Saadawi
The Yacoubian Room, Alaa Al-Aswany
I Think of You, Ahdaf Soueif
The Day the Leader was Killed, Naghib Mahfouz (Nobel Prize, 1988)
The Time and the Place, stories by Naghib Mafouz
- Libya-- *The Country of Men*, Hisham Matar
- Morocco—*Dreams of Trespass, Tales of a Harem Girlhood*, Mernissa Fatima
Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits, Laila Lalami
The Director and Other Stories from Morocco, Leila Abouzeid
- Nigeria—*Purple Hibiscus*, Chimamandu Ngozi Adichie
Everything Good will Come, Sefi Atta
The Voice, Gabriel Okara
Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe
Home and Exile, Chinua Achebe
Girls at War, Chinua Achebe
A Man of the People, Chinua Achebe
- Sierra Leone—*The Long Way Home*, Ismail Beah
- Somalia—*From a Crooked Rib*, Nuruddin Farah
Gifts, Nuruddin Farah
- South Africa-- *Ways of Dying*, Zakes Mda
The Ochre People—Noni Jabavu

Sudan— *Minaret*, Leila Aboulela
They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky, Deng, Deng, Ajak

Zimbabwe—*Dew in the Morning*, Shimmer Chinodya
Harvest of Thorns, Shimmer Chinodya

III. ASIA:

INDIA— *Sister of my Heart*, Diva Karini
The Namesake, Jhumpa Lahiri
A Fine Balance, Rohinton Mistry
The Death of Vishnu, Manil Suri
The Inheritance of Loss, Kiran Desai (Booker Prize, 2007)
Fasting/Feasting, Anita Desai
The Sari Shop, Rupa Bajwa
Brick Lane, Monica Ali
The Interpreter of Maladies, Jhumpa Lahiri **
The Hungry Tide, Amitav Ghosh
The Tiger Ladies, Sudha Koul
Life of Pi, Yann Martel (Canadian Writer)

PAKISTAN—*The Reluctant Fundamentalist*, Mohsin Hamid
Three Cups of Tea, Greg Mortenson and David Relin (U.S. non-fiction writers)

SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC—

Vietnam—*The Paradise of the Blind*, Duong Thu Huong

Cambodia—*First They Killed My Father*, Loung Ung
Lucky Child, Loung Ung

Philippines—*When the Elephants Dance*, Tess Uriza Holthe

Laos (Hmong people)—*The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* (Anne Fadiman, U.S. nonfiction writer)

IV. THE MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL ASIA—

Iraq—*I'jaam*, Sinan Antoon

Afghanistan—*The Bookseller of Khabul*, Asne Seierstad
The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini
A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini

Iran—*Persepolis*, Marjane Satrapi
Funny in Farsi, Firoozeh Dumas

Israel—*A Pigeon and a Boy*, Meir Shalev

CHINA, JAPAN, and KOREA—

China—*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, Lisa See
Korea—*A Gesture Life*, Chang-Rae Lee
Japan—*When the Emperor was Divine*, Julie Otsuka
After the Quake, Haruki Murakami
Obasan, Joy Kogawa (Canadian writer)

V. EASTERN EUROPE—

Albania—*Chronicle of Stone*, Ismail Kadare (Booker International Prize)

Turkey—*Snow*, Orhan Pamuk

Bright Sun, Strong Tea, Tom Brasnahan (American Peace Corps volunteer)

VI. NORTH AMERICA

Hawaii—*Molokai* (Leper Colony), Alan Brennert

Native American—*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian*, Sherman Alexie

Ten Little Indians, Sherman Alexie

Reservation Blues, Sherman Alexie

* Added to Falling From Grace Seminar, Fall, 2007

** Used in Literary Loves Seminar. 2006, 2008

*** Added to English I Curriculum, Spring 2007