

REQUIRED READING LIST FOR BISHOP DUBOURG STUDENTS

Incoming Freshmen: *The Six Most Important Decisions You Will Make* by Sean Covey

This book is a companion book to Sean Covey's *Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens*. The book is broken into seven basic chapters. The first is a crash course on the seven habits. The following six deal with major life issues each teen will face during high school, including self-esteem and the relationship they build with their parents.

Incoming Sophomores: *Night* by Elie Wiesel

This memoir is written by a Nobel Peace Prize Winner. Elie Wiesel was the only member of his immediate family to survive the Holocaust. He tells the story of his survival beginning with the days before the Germans took over his hometown and ending with the liberation of his concentration camp.

Incoming Juniors: *Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case* by Chris Crowe

This is the true story of a young black man who was murdered in the South. His death was one of the catalysts for the Civil Rights Movement. This book will give students background for both their American History and American Literature classes.

Incoming Seniors: *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* by Immaculee Ilibagiza

The author of this book is a Tutsi woman who survived the genocide by hiding in a bathroom with six other women. During this time, she finds the true meaning of her Catholic faith and forgiveness. Her relationship with God enables her to survive physically, emotionally and mentally. It is simply written with a very powerful message.

All of these books are available at both city and county libraries. We have contacted local bookstores to let them know many students will be looking for these titles. All of the books are also available on www.amazon.com. The website offers used copies of the books at significantly reduced prices.

SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR BISHOP DUBOURG STUDENTS

FICTION:

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Arnold Spirit is struggling with his identity now that he is attending school off the Indian Reservation where he lives. He is an outsider when he leaves the reservation, but he is quickly becoming an outsider at home, too.

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

Ruth is a slave in 1776. Her owner is a fierce loyalist. Rebels ask Ruth to serve as a spy for the revolution and promise her freedom if she does. Ruth soon finds out she may not get what she bargained for.

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

Melinda is having a harder and harder time speaking out loud. Her friends have disowned her. Her parents barely notice her. Only when she finds her voice will she be able to tell them the horrifying truth behind her silence.

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

This is a series of vignettes that tells the story of Esperanza, a teenage girl growing up in the Hispanic quarter of Chicago.

The Skin I'm In by Sharon Flake

Maleeka is not very popular because of her dark skin and home made clothes. Just when she thought she had a plan to improve her standing, a new teacher comes in and disturbs the status quo.

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon

Late one night, Christopher finds his neighbor's dog stabbed with a garden fork. He is determined to find out who killed the dog and keeps a diary of his investigation.

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

There are two types of people in the world, greasers and socs. Ponyboy is a greaser and proud of it. He's willing to rumble with any soc at anytime, until the night when something goes terribly wrong.

Rumblefish by S.E. Hinton

Rusty is growing up in a tough neighborhood. He idolizes his brother and will do anything to be like him. What Rusty doesn't realize is that he really is nothing like his brother.

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

Amir and his friend Hassan are inseparable until the day Hassan is victim to a terrible crime. Amir turns his back on Hassan and spends the rest of the book searching for redemption.

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

Set in Afghanistan, this story tells the story of two women, a generation apart, forced together by fate. They both witness the fall of the communist regime and the rise of the Taliban.

The First Part Last by Angela Johnson

Bobby is a single, teenage father. His parents aren't cutting him any slack, so he must balance school, work and fatherhood.

Sold by Patricia McCormick

Thirteen-year-old Lakshmi is living an ordinary life in Nepal, until her father sells her to a brothel to help pay off his gambling debts. This story is written in free verse.

Monster by Walter Dean Myers

Sixteen-year-old Steve faces charges in the murder of a convenience store owner. But was he just in the wrong place at the wrong time? Only he knows for certain.

Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold

On a snowy day, Susie Salmon is raped and murdered by her neighbor. Her story unfolds from heaven, where she is watching over her friends and family.

Stuck in Neutral by Terry Truman

Shawn is a 14-year-old boy. Despite medical challenges, he loves his life. Everything is going great until he gets the sneaking suspicion that his father is trying to kill him.

SERIES:

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares

The lives of four teenage girls are bound together by friendship and a magical pair of pants.

Twilight Saga by Stephenie Meyer

Bella falls in love with Edward. There's only one problem. Edward is a vampire.

Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling

Orphaned Harry Potter finds out on his 13th birthday that he is a wizard.

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

In the future the United States has fallen, and the nation of Panem now rules North America. Each year 24 teenagers are picked to fight to the death on live television. This year, Katniss Everdeen is determined to be the one to come out alive.

Uglies by Scott Westerfield

Tally lives in the future where everyone is born ugly, but on their 16th birthday they get a massive operation to become pretty. She's not so sure she wants to be pretty, anymore.

NON FICTION:

Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man and Life's Greatest Lesson by Mitch Albom

This is the true story of the relationship between a student and his beloved professor. Mitch Albom chronicles the last days of his mentor Morrie and the important conversations he and Morrie have.

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah

A 12-year-old boy is swept up in the horrors of the Civil War in Sierra Leone. He eventually becomes part of the rebel army. At 15, he is brought to a UNICEF rehabilitation center. In the end, the man must flee to the United States. He now serves as a spokesperson for UNICEF's programs.

Lebron's Dream Team: How Five Friends Made History by Lebron James and Buzz Bissinger

This is the story of Lebron James' meteoric rise to fame in the NBA. It tells the story of James and his four best friends playing basketball in grade school and high school.

What Color Is Your Parachute for Teens: Discovering Yourself and Defining Your Future by Richard N. Bolles, Carol Christen and Jean M. Blomquist

This book teaches teenagers how to focus on their favorite skills and apply them to goal-setting and finding a dream job. This book includes many interactive worksheets and exercises.

Nickeled and Dimed to Death: On (Not) Getting by in America by Barbara Ehrenreich

A professional news reporter quits her job to start a journalistic experiment. Can a single woman support herself with a minimum wage job? The answer will surprise you.

Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of the American Dream by Barbara Ehrenreich

A professional news reporter poses as a person "in between" jobs. This chronicles her quest to get a salaried position with benefits inside a traditional company.

7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey

This book will help teens transition into the more academically and socially demanding world of high school. It teaches them how to prioritize, organize and focus.

Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog by Josh Grogan

Dog lovers will love this book. Marley is an incorrigible golden retriever adopted by a newlywed couple. This story details the hilarious situations this "bad dog" gets herself and her owners into.

I Am Scout: The Biography of Harper Lee by Henry Holt

Harper Lee is one of the most famous authors of our time. After publishing *To Kill A Mockingbird*, she never wrote another book. In fact, she became a recluse. This is her story.

What the World Eats by Peter Menzel and Faith D'Aluisio

This book shows the dinner meal of 25 families all over the world. These meals can tell us a lot about the family's culture and health.

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace....One School at a Time by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

The author finds himself lost in the mountains of Afghanistan where an isolated village takes him in and cares for him. Eventually, he repays the villagers kindness by building a school.

Far From Home: Latino Baseball Players in America by Tim Wendel and Jose Luis Villegas

A photographer and a sports writer set out to capture the glory and the heartbreak of young men struggling to make it into the major leagues.