

PLEASURABLE READING LIST – May 2005

**"The Almighty will say...when he sees us coming with our books under our arms,
'Look, these have no need of reward.... They have loved reading'."
Virginia Woolf**

"Pleasure" is a word not used often enough when connected to reading. During the frenzied pace of the academic year, there is barely enough time for required assignments and sleep. The teachers and librarians at Pinkerton have assembled a collection of titles for pleasurable, leisure reading. Nothing is required. There are no tests, no responses, no essays lurking in the future. We have categorized titles into broad categories to further guide your interests. Love history? Look at that section first. Love science? Look there. But mostly, just read. Read for knowledge. Read for pleasure. Read for relaxation. Like traveling, the books you read become a part of who you are. Happy traveling through books.

TITLE

Science Fiction/Fantasy

The Dune Series
The Left Hand of Darkness and others
Ringworld
The Forever War
Ender's Game
The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring,
The Two Towers, The Return of the King
Harry Potter Series
Where Late the Sweet Birds Sang
Stranger in a Strange Land
The Foundation Trilogy and others
The Stainless Steel Rat
The Handmaid's Tale
Frankenstein
The Outlander Series
Green Angel
Sabriel, Lirael, Abhorsen
Golden Compass, The Subtle Knife, Amber Spyglass
The Andromeda Strain, Timeline
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
The Giver

Dystopia

The Handmaid's Tale, Oryx and Crake
The Giver
Anthem
A Clockwork Orange
The Dispossessed

Science

A Short History of Nearly Everything
Into Thin Air
Walden
Gorillas in the Mist
October Sky
The Space Shuttle Operator's Manual
Last Chance to See
Streams to the River, River to the Sea
Brian's Winter
The Hot Zone
Genome
Real Science behind the X-Files
Island of Dr. Moreau
Toxin
The Barmaid's Brain: and Other Strange Tales from Science
The Sand-Reckoner

AUTHOR

Frank Herbert
Ursula Le Guin
Larry Niven
Joe Haldeman
Orson Scott Card
J.R.R. Tolkien

J.K. Rowling
Kate Wilhelm
Robert Heinlein
Isaac Asimov
Harry Harrison
Margaret Atwood
Mary Shelley
Diana Gabaldon
Alice Hoffman
Garth Nix
Phillip Pullman
Michael Crichton
C. S. Lewis
Lois Lowry

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Ayn Rand
Anthony Burgess
Ursula Le Guin

Bill Bryson
Jon Krakauer
Henry D. Thoreau
Dian Fossey
Homer Hickam
Kerry Joels
Douglas Adams & Mark Carwardine
Scott O'Dell
Gary Paulsen
Richard Preston
Matt Ridley
Anne Simon
H.G. Wells
Robin Cook
Jay Ingram
Gillian Bradshaw

TITLE**Science (cont.)**

Parasite Rex: Inside the Bizarre World of Nature's Most Dangerous Creatures
What Do You Care What People Think: Further Adventures of a Curious Character
In Code: A Mathematical Journey
The Golden Ratio: The Story of Phi, the World's Most Astonishing Number
Madness: A Brief History
Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers
Last Breath: Cautionary Tales from the Limits of Human Endurance
A Walk in the Woods

Sports

Night Hoops
Three Clams and an Oyster
Go For the Goal
In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle
Venus to the Hoop
Faithful: Two Diehard Boston Red Sox Fans Chronicle the 2004 Season
The Last Season
Let Me Tell You a Story: A Lifetime in the Game Between a Rock and A Hard Place
The Games Do Count: America's Best and Brightest on the Power of Sports
It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life
Season of Life: A Football Star, A Boy, A Journey to Manhood
Touching the Void: The True Story of One Man's Miraculous Survival
When Nothing Else Matters: Michael Jordan's Last Comeback
Curse of the Bambino
Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game
Hoops

Women's Studies

The Color Purple
The Bluest Eye
Little Women
The Handmaid's Tale
The Red Tent
A Girls' Guide to Hunting and Fishing
I Never Promised You a Rose Garden
Girl, Interrupted
The Awakening
Zelda: a Biography
Wait Till Next Year
Their Eyes Were Watching God
Nine Parts of Desire
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter
Summer
Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood among Ghosts
The Kitchen God's Wife
The Bell Jar
Women of Brewster Place; Bailey's Cafe
The Secret Life of Bees
Mrs. Stevens Hears the Mermaids Singing
Sometimes Madness Is Wisdom

AUTHOR

Carl Zimmer
Richard Feynman
Sarah Flannery
Mario Livio
Roy Porter
Mary Roach
Peter Stark
Bill Bryson
Carl Deuker
Randy Powell
Mia Hamm
Madeline Blais
Sara Corbett
Stewart O'Nan, Stephen King
Phil Jackson
Red Auerbach
Aron Ralston
Brian Kilmeade
Lance Armstrong
Jeffrey Marx
Joe Simpson
Michael Leahy
Dan Shaughnessy
Michael Lewis
Walter Dean Myers
Alice Walker
Toni Morrison
Louisa May Alcott
Margaret Atwood
Anita Diamant
Melissa Bank
Hannah Green (Joanne Greenberg)
Susanna Kaysen
Kate Chopin
Nancy Milford
Doris Kearns Goodwin
Zora Neale Hurston
Geraldine Brooks
Carson McCullers
Edith Wharton
Maxine Hong Kingston
Amy Tan
Sylvia Plath
Gloria Naylor
Sue Monk Kidd
May Sarton
Kendall Taylor

TITLE

Mysteries

The Cater Street Hangman and others
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
Mary Russell novels
The Dante Club
The Da Vinci Code; Angels and Demons; Deception Point
The Emperor of Ocean Park
The Maltese Falcon
Stephanie Plum novels
Beekeeper's apprentice, Monstrous Regiment of Women,
O Jerusalem, Justice Hall, Letter to Mary, The Game
Quieter than Sleep, The Raven and the Nightingale,
The Northbury Papers
Portrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper, Case Closed

Poetry

The Complete Poems of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
The Poetry of Robert Frost
The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson
Complete Poems
Sailing Alone around the Room
Landscape at the End of the Century
American Primitive
The Rose that Grew in Concrete
Best Loved Poems of the American People
Reflections on a Gift of Watermelon Pickle
Our Ground Time Here Will Be Brief
Americans' Favorite Poems

Humor

Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging, and others
Stephanie Plum novels
Bridget Jones's Diary

Fine Arts

A World Lit Only by Fire
Michelangelo: The Frescoes of Sistine Chapel
Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling
American Dances
No Fixed Points
Stomping the Blues
Say It Loud! The Story of Rap Music
Escaping the Delta: Robert Johnson and the Invention of the Blues
Brunelleschi's Dome: How a Renaissance Genius Reinvented
Architecture
The Passion of Artemisia
Brassai: Letters to My Parents
American Indian Ballerinas
Exploring World Art
Our Movie Heritage
Black Chord
Photography: An Illustrated History (Oxford Illustrated Histories)
The Unknown Matisse: a Life of Henri Matisse: the Early Years
1869-1908
Galileo's Daughter

Classics

The Accidental Tourist
The Poisonwood Bible
Catch-22

AUTHOR

Anne Perry
Arthur Conan Doyle
Laurie King
Matthew Pearl
Dan Brown
Stephen Carter
Dashiell Hammett
Janet Evanovich
Laurie King

Joanne Dobson

Patricia Cornwell

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Robert Frost
Emily Dickinson
e.e. cummings
Billy Collins
Stephen Dunn
Mary Oliver
Tupac Shakur

Stephen Dunning
Maxine Kumin
Robert Pinsky

Louise Rennison
Janet Evanovich
Helen Fielding

William Manchester
Marcia Hall
Ross King
Agnes DeMille
Nancy Reynolds, Malcolm McCormick
Albert Murray
K. Maurice Jones
Elijah Wald

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Martin W. Sandler
Hilary Spurling

Dava Sobel

Ann Tyler
Barbara Kingsolver
Joseph Heller

TITLE**Classics (cont.)**

The Fountainhead
Walden
House of the Seven Gables
Catcher in the Rye
Pride and Prejudice, Emma
Jane Eyre
Return of the Native
The Black Arrow, Kidnapped
Mrs. Mike
Siddhartha
Alice in Wonderland
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz
Wuthering Heights
Robinson Crusoe
Crime and Punishment
Tales
The Chosen
Frankenstein
The Little Prince
Of Mice and Men
Gulliver's Travels
Life on the Mississippi
One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest
Little Women
Grimm's Fairy Tales

Multi-Cultural

The Life of Pi
Memoirs of a Geisha
The Joy Luck Club
Anna Karenina
The Red Tent
Galileo's Daughter
Girl with a Pearl Earring
Angela's Ashes, 'Tis
Things Fall Apart
I, Claudius
Roots
Kim
One Hundred Years of Solitude
Cry, the Beloved Country
The Wide Sargasso Sea
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich
In the Name of Salome
A Yellow Raft in Blue Water
House on Mango Street
*Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World
of Islamic Women*
Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China
Red Scarf Girl
The Lily Theater: A Novel of Modern China
To Live: a Novel
Sister of My Heart
*My Forbidden Face: Growing up under the Taliban: A Young
Woman's Story*
I Heard the Owl Call My Name

AUTHOR

Ayn Rand
Henry David Thoreau
Nathaniel Hawthorne
J.D. Salinger
Jane Austen
Charlotte Bronte
Thomas Hardy
Robert Louis Stevenson
Benedict Freedman
Hermann Hesse
Lewis Carroll
Frank Baum
Emily Bronte
Daniel Defoe
Fyodor Dostoevsky
Edgar Allan Poe
Chaim Potok
Mary Shelley
Antoine de St. Exupery
John Steinbeck
Jonathan Swift
Mark Twain
Ken Kesey
Louisa May Alcott
Brothers Grimm

Yann Martel
Arthur Golden
Amy Tan
Leo Tolstoy
Anita Diamant
Dava Sobel
Tracy Chevalier
Frank McCourt
Chinua Achebe
Robert Graves
Alex Haley
Rudyard Kipling
Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Alan Paton
Jean Rhys
Alexander Solzhenitsyn
Julia Alvarez
Michael Dorris
Sandra Cisneros
Geraldine Brooks

Jung Chang
Ji-li Jiang
LuLu Wang
Yu Hua
Chitra B. Divakaruni
Latifa

Margaret Craven

TITLE

Social Issues

Wasted: a Memoir of Anorexia and Bulimia
Kissing Kate
Cut
Speak
My Heartbeat
Girl, Interrupted
Fat Kid Rules the World
Katie.com: My Story
You Remind Me of You: A Poetry Memoir
Please Stop Laughing at Me
Lovely Bones
Aimee: a Novel
Kissing Doorknobs
Breathing Underwater
Amazing True Story of a Teenage Single Mom (graphic novel)
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
And Still We Rise: the Trials and Triumphs of Twelve Gifted Inner-City High School Students
True Notebooks
Go Ask Alice

Diversity

Sacajawea
The Pianist
Plain Truth
White Oleander
Jazz
Jewel
Hard Love
Life is Funny
The Demon in the Teahouse
The Darkest Corner
Witch Child
Anne Frank and Me
Barefoot Heart: Stories of a Migrant Child

Military

Band of Brothers
An Army at Dawn: the War in North Africa, 1942-1943
Flyboys: A True Story of Courage
The Greatest Generation
America's First Battles 1776-1965
Prodigal Soldiers: How a Generation of Officers Born of Vietnam Revolutionized the American Style of War
The Things They Carried
Fields of Fire
My Brave Boys
The Right Stuff
Catch-22
Black Hawk Down: a Story of Modern War

History

Close to Shore: the Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916
I Will Bear Witness: a Diary of the Nazi Years
The Making of the President
All the President's Men
Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson and the Opening of the American West
Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation

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TITLE

History (cont.)

*A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on
Her Diary: 1785-1812*

Seabiscuit: an American Legend

A Beautiful Mind

Dreams from My Father

Shadow Divers

The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition

Mary Chesnut's Civil War

*Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History
Textbook Got Wrong*

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