Independent Reading List—Third Quarter

*A Brief History of Time* by Stephen Hawking

*A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* by Dave Eggers

*A Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson

*A Sting in the Tale: My Adventures with Bumblebees* by Dave Goulson

*A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

*Angela’s Ashes: A Memoir* by Frank McCourt

*Band of Brothers* by Stephen Ambrose

*Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell

*Bobos in Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There* by David Brooks

*Bonk: The Curious Coupling of Science and Sex* by Mary Roach

*Book of Rhymes: The Poetics of Hip Hop* by Adam Bradley

*Boredom: A Lively History* by Peter Toohey

*Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West* by Dee Brown

*Candide* by Voltaire

*Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two* by Joseph Bruchac

*Collapse* by Jared Diamond

*Critique of Pure Reason* by Immanuel Kant

*Dataclysm: Who We Are (When We Think No One’s Looking)* by Christian Rudder

*Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson

*Dictionary for Writers & Editors* by Bill Bryson

*Diplomacy* by Henry Kissinger

*Ego Trick: In Search of the Self* by Julian Baggini

*Escape from Camp 14: One Man’s Remarkable Odyssey from North Korea to Freedom in the West* by Blaine Harden

*Evocative Objects: Things We Think With* by Sherry Turkle

*Freakamoics* by Steven Levitt

*Gödel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid* by Douglas R. Hofstadter

*Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal* by Mary Roach

*Guns, Germs, and Steel* by Jared Diamond

*Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Sheryl WuDunn and Nicholas Kristof

*Hands*by John Russell Napier

*How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character* by Paul Tough

*How to Be Alone* by Sara Maitland

*Immortality: The Quest to Live Forever and How it Drives Civilization* by Stephen Cave

*In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote

*In Other Words* by C.J. Moore

*In Search of Time: The History, Physics, and Philosophy of Time* by Dan Falk

*Incognito: The Secret Lives of the Brain* by David Eagleman

*Is the Internet Changing the Way You Think?: The Net’s Impact on Our Minds and Future* by John Brockman

*Keywords: A Vocabulary of Culture and Society* by Raymond Williams

*Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead* by Sheryl Sandberg and Nell Scovell

*Letters of Note: An Eclectic Collection of Correspondence Deserving of a Wider Audience* by Shaun Usher

*Leviathan* by Thomas Hobbes

*Memories, Dreams, Reflections* by Carl Jung

*Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game* by Michael Lewis

*Monoculture: How One Story is Changing Everything* by F.S. Michaels

*Mortality* by Christopher Hitchens

*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass

*Notes From A Small Island* by Bill Bryson

*Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell

*Out of Character: Surprising Truths About the Liar, Cheat, Sinner (and Saint) Lurking in All of Us* by David DeSteno

*Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void* by Mary Roach

*Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science* by John Fleischman

*Poor Economics* by Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee

*Psychological Types* by Carl Jung

*Predictably Irrational: The Hidden Forces that Shape Our Decisions* by Dan Ariely

*Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can’t Stop Talking* by Susan Cain

*Shakespeare* by Bill Bryson

*Slouching Towards Bethlehem* by Joan Didion

*Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife* by Mary Roach

*Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers* by Mary Roach

*The Art of War* by Sun Tzu

*The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Malcolm X

*The Belief Instinct: The Psychology of Souls, Destiny, and the Meaning of Life* by Jesse Bering

*The Examined Life: How We Lose and Find Ourselves* by Stephen Grosz

*The Female Brain* by Louann Brizendine

*The Feminine Mystique* by Betty Friedan

*The Hero with a Thousand Faces* by Joseph Campbell

*The Histories of Herodotus* by Herodotus

*The (Honest) Truth About Dishonesty: How We Lie to Everyone—Especially Ourselves* by Dan Ariely

*The Human Age: The World Shaped By Us* by Diane Ackerman

*The Man Who Mistook His Wife Was a Hat* by Oliver Sacks

*The New Digital Age: Reshaping the Future of People, Nations and Business* by Eric Schmidt and Jared Cohen

*The Prince* by Machiavelli

*The Republic* by Plato

*The Secret Life of Pronouns: What Our Words Say About Us* by James W. Pennebaker

*The Selfish Gene* by Richard Dawkins

*The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement* by David Brooks

*The Social Contract* by Jean-Jacques Rousseau

*The Storytelling Animal: How Stories Make Us Human* by Jonathan Gottschall

*The Tell-Tale Brain: A Neuroscientist’s Quest for What Makes Us Human* by V.S. Ramachandran

*The Tipping Point* by Malcolm Gladwell

*The Wealth of Nations* by Adam Smith

*The Year of Living Biblically* by AJ Jacobs

*Thinking, Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman

*This Will Make You Smarter: New Scientific Concepts to Improve Your Thinking* by John Brockman

*Time Warped: Unlocking the Mysteries of Time Perception* by Claudia Hammond

*To Sell Is Human: The Surprising Truth About Moving Others* by Daniel H. Pink

*Trying Not to Try: The Art and Science of Spontaneity* by Edward Slingerland

*Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand

*Walden* by Henry David Thoreau

*What If?: Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions* by Randall Munroe

*What is the What* by Dave Eggers

*What It Means to Be Human: Historical Reflections from the 1800s to the Present* by Joanna Bourke

*Why Everyone (Else) is a Hypocrite* by Robert Kurzban

*Within the Context of No Context* by George W.S. Trow

*You Are Not Smart* by David McRaney