**11TH /12TH Non-Fiction Suggested Reading**

***102 Minutes.* Jim Dwyer**  (974.7 DWY)

At 8:46 a.m. that morning, fourteen thousand people were inside the World Trade Center just starting their workdays, but over the next 102 minutes, each would become part of a drama for the ages.

***After Dolly.* Ian Wilmut**  (176 WIL)

Wilmut, who shocked the world in 1997 when his team unveiled Dolly--the sheep cloned from a mammary cell, explains why he believes that scientists should one day be allowed to combine the cloning of human embryos with genetic modification to free families from serious hereditary disease

***All but My Life.* Gerda Weissman Klein** (KLEIN)

The unforgettable story of Gerda Weissmann Klein's six-year ordeal as a victim of Nazi cruelty. From her comfortable home in Bielitz in Poland to her miraculous survival and her liberation by American troops in Volary, Czechoslovakia, in 1945, Gerda takes the reader on a terrifying journey.

***Always On.*  Brian Chen** (303.4 CHE)

*Always On* is the first book to look at the surprising and expansive significance of Apple's incredibly powerful vertical business model, and the future it portends.

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***Angela’s Ashes.* Frank McCourt** (MCCOURT)

Frank’s mother, Angela, has no money to feed the children since Frank’s father, Malachy, rarely works, and when he does he drinks his wages. Yet Malachy—exasperating, irresponsible, and beguiling—does nurture in Frank an appetite for the one thing he can provide: a story.

***Autobiography of a Face.* Lucy Grealy** (GREALY)

At age nine, Lucy Grealy was diagnosed with a potentially terminal cancer. When she returned to

school with a third of her jaw removed, she faced the cruel taunts of classmates.

***Beautiful Boy.* David Sheff** (HS SHEFF)

What had happened to my beautiful boy? To our family? What did I do wrong? Those are the wrenching questions that haunted every moment of David Sheff’s journey through his son Nic’s addiction to drugs and tentative steps toward recovery.

***Bootleg.* Karen Blumenthal.** (363.4 BLU) Describes Prohibition in America.

***Born On a Blue Day.* Daniel Tammet** (392.19 TAM)

A journey into one of the most fascinating minds alive today--guided by its owner. He has savant syndrome, a rare condition that gives him almost unimaginable mental powers. He is virtually unique among autistic people in that he is capable of living an independent life. He is even able to explain what is happening inside his head.

***Breaking Night.*  Liz Murray** (HS MURRAY)

Liz Murray, who was homeless at the age of fifteen and had drug-addicted parents, reflects on how she overcame obstacles and eventually attended Harvard University.

***Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World.* Mark Kurlansky**(333.95 KUR) As we make our way through the centuries of cod history, we also find a delicious legacy of recipes, and the tragic story of environmental failure, of depleted fishing stocks where once their numbers were legendary.

***Collapse:How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed.***Jared Diamond (303.4 DIA) Uses geographic and environmental reasons to extrapolate why ancient and modern societies, the undermine their foundations.

***Devil at My Heels.* Louis Zamperini** (940.54 ZAM)

Devil at My Heels is the riveting, astonishing, and inspirational memoir of one of the greatest of the Greatest Generation: U.S. Olympian, World War II bombardier, Japanese POW, and survivor Louis Zamperini.

***Devil in the White City.* Erik Larson** (364.15 LAR) Tells the parallel stories of Daniel Burnham, the main architect of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, and serial killer Henry H. Holmes, discussing the challenges Burnham faced in creating the hugely successful White City, and looking at how Holmes used the opportunities afforded by the fair to lure victims to their deaths.

***Eighty Days.* Matthew goodman** (910.4 GOO)

Nellie Bly and elizabeth Bisland’s history-making race around the world.

***Factory Girls.* Leslie Chang.** (331.4 CHA)

To American girls, the term going out means dating; to their Chinese counterparts, however, it means leaving their remote villages and migrating hundreds of miles to industrial cities to find work within the closed societies of assembly-line factories.

***The Finest Hours,* Michael Tougias** (910 TOU)

Tells the true story of the heroic rescue at sea by the U.S. Coast Guard off Cape Cod during the winter 1952 when two oil tankers split in two during a storm.

***Founding Brothers.* Joseph Ellis** (973.4 ELL)

Explores how a group of greatly gifted but deeply flawed individuals-Hamilton, Burr, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, Adams, and Madison-confronted the overwhelming challenges before them to set the course for our nation.

***Friday Night Lights.* H.G. Bissinger** (HS 796.332 BIS)

Explores the culture of high school football by focusing on the town of Odessa, Texas.

***Gettysburg.* Iain Martin** (973.7 MAR) The true account of two young heroes in the greatest battle of the Civil War.

***Glass Castle.* Jeannette Walls** (362.82 WAL)

The child of an alcoholic father and an eccentric artist mother discusses her family's nomadic upbringing, during which she and her siblings fended for themselves while their parents outmaneuvered bill collectors and the authorities.

***Good Brother, Bad Brother.* James Giblin** (792.02 GIB)

An award-winning author draws on firsthand accounts of family members, friends, and colleagues to create vivid images of famous 19th-century actor Edwin Booth and his brother John Wilkes, who shot President Lincoln.

***The Guns of August.* Barbara Tuchman** (940.42 TUC)

The turning point of the year 1914--the month leading up to WWI and the first month of the war.

***Half Broke Horses,* Jeannette Walls** (813 WAL)

Lily Casey Smith helps her father "break" horses at age six. At age fifteen she begins to teach in a frontier town and later on learns to drive a car. She copes with tornadoes, floods, and the Great Depression, and fought off prejudice against women, Native-Americans, and other people who were different.

***Hoodwinking the Nation.* Julian Simon** (363.7 SIM)

Most people in the United States believe that our environment is getting dirtier, we are running out of natural resources, and population growth is a burden and a threat. These beliefs according to Simon, are entirely wrong.

***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.* Rebecca Skloot** (616 SKL) The story of Henrietta Lacks--a woman whose cells have been unwittingly used for scientific research since the 1950s.

***I Never Had it Made.* Jackie Robinson** (ROBINSON)

Before Ken Griffey Jr., before Reggie Jackson, before Hank Aaron, baseball's celebrated stars had one undeniable trait in common: they were all white. In 1947, Jackie Robinson broke that barrier, changing the world of sports forever.

***An Invisible Thread.* Laura Schroff** (974.7 SCH)

She was a successful ad sales rep in Manhattan. He was a homeless, eleven-year-old panhandler on the street. He asked for spare change; she kept walking. But then something stopped her in her tracks, and she went back.

***Killing Kennedy.* Bill O’Reilly** (973.92 ORE)

In January 1961, John F. Kennedy struggles to contain the growth of Communism. Along the way he acquires a number of formidable enemies, among them Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, Cuban dictator Fidel Castro, and Alan Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency. In addition, powerful elements of organized crime have begun to talk about targeting the president and his brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

***Killing Patton.* Bill O’Reilly** (355 ORE)

General George S. Patton, Jr. died under mysterious circumstances in the months following the end of World War II. For almost seventy years, there has been suspicion that his death was not an accident--and may very well have been an act of assassination.

***Legacy of Luna.* Julia Hill** (333.75 HIL)

The author recounts her experiences while living for two years on a small platform, 180 feet up in a thousand-year-old redwood tree in an effort to save it and other old growth trees from the clear-cutting destruction of the Pacific Lumber Company of California.

***A Lucky Child.* Thomas Buergenthal** (Buergenthal)

Thomas Buergenthal arrived at Auschwitz at age 10 after surviving two ghettos and a labor camp. Separated first from his mother and then his father he managed by his wits and some remarkable strokes of luck to survive on his own. Almost two years after his liberation, he was miraculously reunited with his mother and in 1951 arrived in the U.S. to start a new life.

***The Monuments Men.* Robert Edsel** (940.53 EDS)

In a race against time, behind enemy lines, often unarmed, a special force of American and British museum directors, curators, art historians, and others, called the Momuments Men, risked their lives scouring Europe to save the world's great art from the Nazis.

***More than Genes.* D.P. Agin** (618.2 AGI) Argues that the fetal environment can be just as crucial as genetic hard-wiring or even later environment in determining our intelligence and behavior.

***Most Dangerous,* Steve Sheinkin** (959.7 SHE)

The story of Daniel Ellsberg and his decision to steal and publish secret documents about America’s involvement in the Vietnam War.

***Mountains Beyond Mountains.* Tracy Kidder** (610.9 KID) This magnificent, inspiring account of Dr. Paul Farmer shows how radical change can be fostered in situations that seem insurmountable, and how one person can make a difference in solving global health problems.

***Nickel and Dimed.* Barbara Ehrenreich** (305.5 EHR)

Millions of Americans work full-time, year-round, for poverty-level wages. In 1998, Barbara Ehrenreich decided to join them.

***No Summit Out of Sight.* Jordan Romero** (ROMERO) The story of Jordan Romero, who at the age of 13 became the youngest person ever to reach the summit of Mount Everest. At age 15, he reached the summits of the world's 7 highest mountains.

***Not Without My Daughter.* Betty Mahmoody** (MAHMOODY) The true story of Betty Mahmoody's escape from Iran with her daughter after her Iranian husband attempted to turn a two-week vacation into a permanent relocation and a life of subservience for Betty and her daughter.

***Ocean’s End.* Colin Woodard** (363.73 WOO)

The Black Sea is already dead. Because of sea-level rise, an entire nation in the South Pacific is being washed away. Throughout the Caribbean Sea, vast stretches of coral reef are dying at increasingly rapid rates.

***The Perfect Storm.* Sebastian Junger** (974.45 JUN)

The incredible true story of a tempest born from so rare a combination of factors it was deemed "perfect" and of the doomed Boston boat with her crew of six fishermen that was helpless in the midst of a force beyond comprehension.

***The Radioactive Boy Scout.* Ken Silverstein**

(621.48 SIL) What would you do if you came home to find your neighborhood quarantined? Learn the true story of how

***The Race to Save the Lord God Bird.* Phillip Hoose** (598.7 HOO) This is the suspenseful story of America's first endangered species, the Ivory-billed woodpecker, and of the world's awakening to our power to destroy life.

***Silent Spring.* Rachel Carson** (363.7 CAR) Identifiesd the dangers of indiscriminate pesticide use.

***The Silver Star,* Jeannette Walls** (813 WAL)

"Bean" Holladay is twelve and her sister Liz is fifteen when their artistic mother Charlotte, takes off to "find herself." She leaves her girls enough money for food to last a month or two. But when Bean gets home from school one day and sees a police car outside the house, she and Liz board a bus from California to Virginia.

***Smile for the Camera.*  Kelle James** (HS JAMES)

The author relates her experiences after she left an abusive home at sixteen and traveled to New York City to pursue a career as a model.

***Son of the Morning Star.* Evan Connell** (973.8 CON)

Discusses the Battle of the Little Big Horn, the federal and Indian antagonists, and of the battle's place in the context of the Plains Indian Wars.

***The Story of My Life.* Helen Keller** (KELLER)

Helen Keller's triumph over her blindness and deafness has become one of the most inspiring and well-known stories of our time, as well as the subject of movies and plays such as The Miracle Worker.

***Teacher Man.* Frank McCourt** (HS MCCOURT)

McCourt records the trials, triumphs and surprises of teaching in public high schools.

***The Tipping Point.* Malcolm Gladwell** (302.6 GLA)

The tipping point is that magic moment when an idea, trend, or social behavior crosses a threshold, tips, and spreads like wildfire. Just as a single sick person can start an epidemic of the flu, so too can a small but precisely targeted push cause a fashion trend, the popularity of a new product, or a drop in the crime rate.

***Too Far From Home.* Chris Jones** (629.45 JON)

On February 1, 2003, the nation was stunned to watch the shuttle "Columbia" disintegrate into a blue-green sky. Despite the numerous new reports surrounding the tragedy, the public remained largely unaware that three men, U.S. astronauts Donald Pettit and Kenneth Bowersox, and Russian flight engineer Nikolai Budarin, remained orbiting Earth.

***Tweak.* Nic Sheff** (HS SHEFF) Nic Sheff’s true account of his life in and out of rehab for a methamphetamine addiction.

***The Underground Girls of Kabul.* Jenny Nordberg** (305.3 NOR) The girls portrayed in this book are not resisting with weapons or spying: they are simply living their lives as boys. The reasons are varied. The family needs help in a store. Women need a "male" relative to walk them on errands.

***The Waters Turned to Blood.* Rodney Barker** (615.9 BAR) Details the latest plague to visit our shores: Pfiesteria piscicida, an aquatic microorganism that causes sufferers to exhibit symptoms similar to Alzheimers or multiple sclerosis.

***The Worst Hard Time.* Timothy Egan** (978 EGA)

Recounts the experiences of six families and they communities as they struggle to survive the dust storms that terrorized America's High Plains during the Great Depression.

***Young Men and Fire.* Norman Maclean** (634.9 MAC)

The NYT A River Runs Through It. In 1949, a crew of U.S. Forest Service Smokejumpers parachuted into a Montana forest fire. In less than an hour, all but three were dead or mortally burned.

***The Zookeeper’s Wife.* Diane Ackerman.** (940.53 ACK)

A true story--as powerful as "Schindler's List"--in which the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo saved hundreds of people from Nazi hands.