

My Current Reading List
(Most recent entries in blue)

Genre	Title	Author	Rating/Comment
History	<i>Bootprints: An infantryman's walk through World War II</i>	Hobert Winebrenner	8/Recently written and published in Albion, IN. A local man who literally walked from Normandy, through France & Germany, into Czechoslovakia
History	<i>Night Trilogy</i>	Elie Weisel	10/Wow. We have no idea.
History	<i>Boom! Voices of the sixties</i> Personal reflections on the '60s and today; people who are influential today who lived through this era	Tom Brokaw	8/Very interesting and a recommended read. I learned a lot about this turbulent time, and how it affects us still today.
Non-Fiction	<i>Escape from Slavery</i>	Francis Bok	9/This is a true story of present-day slavery in Sudan. Terrible.
Non-Fiction	<i>The Hot Zone</i>	Richard Preston	6/The scariest thing about this book is that it is true. Ebola in the US in the late 80's.
Non-Fiction	<i>The Pact: Three young men make a promise and fulfill a dream</i>	Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt	10/Proof that you can rise above your circumstances and have positive peer pressure.
Non-Fiction	<i>Three Cups of Tea</i>	Greg Mortenson: failed an attempt on K2 and was saved by a small mountain village.	10/Another winner about a man who is fighting terror in Afghanistan by building schools.
Non-Fiction	<i>Beautiful Boy: A father's journey through his son's addiction</i>	David Sheff	9/One of the Noble County Reads books for this year. Everyone with kids, or who works with kids, must read this book.
Fiction	<i>Crank</i>	Ellen Hopkins	10/A novel based on a true story, written in poetry. Gripping. Scary. Raw.
Fiction	<i>Glass</i>	Ellen Hopkins	10/The sequel to Crank. You have to read this one too. Also goes well with Beautiful Boy.
Fiction	<i>The Appeal</i>	John Grisham	5/Is it really that easy to

			buy a seat on a state supreme court? Is the American public really this gullible?
Fiction	<i>Cold Sassy Tree</i>	Olive Ann Burns	8/A fun, turn of the century look at small town, southern America, where the civil war is not yet over.
Fiction	<i>Persepolis</i>	Marjane Satrapi	4/My first graphic novel. Good history of Iran and decent storyline.
Fiction	<i>Life of Pi</i>	Yann Martel	8/A great story of survival. He presents a unique view of God, religion, life on the Pacific, & raw animal instinct.
Fiction	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan	7/A perseverance story about a family fleeing from Mexico to California in the 1930's. I learned a lot about migrant culture.
Fiction	<i>The Razor's Edge</i>	W. Somerset Maugham	8/A very thought-provoking philosophical love story set between the two world wars.
Fiction	<i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i>	Khaled Hosseini (Author of <i>The Kite Runner</i>)	10/Another page-turning novel by Hosseini that gives a vivid, heart-rending picture of the history of Afghanistan.
Fiction	<i>The Kite Runner</i> -now a major motion picture "A heartbreaking tale of boyhood betrayal and redemption."	Khaled Hosseini A medical doctor out west somewhere	10/Probably the best novel I read last year. It modified my thinking on Muslim life in Afghanistan.
Classic	<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>	J. D. Salinger	3/A disturbing look inside the mind of an adolescent boy. Unless you really want to know, don't bother.
Classic	<i>The Little Prince</i>	Antoine de Saint-Exupery	6/An English translation of a French novel. A good perspective on life...what is important.
Classic	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	Ray Bradbury	7/An insightful look at a future without books

			and a remarkably accurate portrayal of our society
Inspirational	<i>The Last Lecture</i>	Randy Pausch	9/The amazing true story of a university professor who found out he was dying of cancer. This is his message to his small children.
Inspirational	<i>The Christmas Sweater</i>	Glenn Beck	6/A good read near Christmas. A little bit predictable.

Books on my list to read this year:

Blue Like Jazz

Angels and Demons by Dan Brown

Coloring outside the Lines

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime

The World is flat

Visioneering by Andy Stanley

The Best Question Ever

Ben Franklin

Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household

The Thirty-Nine Steps by John Buchan

Mr. Standfast by John Buchan

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Something by Isaac Asimov

The Island of Dr. Moreau by HG Wells

The Invisible Man by HG Wells

Three Men in a Boat by Jerome K. Jerome

Something by Nicholas Sparks

Something by Clive Cussler

Something by Richard Wright

For One More Day

The Crucible (Miller)

The Great Gatsby by Fitzgerald

A Raisin in the Sun by Hansberry

The House on Mango Street by Cisneros

Bridge to Terabithia by James Patterson

Beach Road by James Patterson

Watchers by Dean Koontz

The Privilege of Youth by Dave Pelzer

Robinson Crusoe by Defoe

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

White Fang by Jack London

Something by Toni Morrison

Tounge-Tied: The lives of multilingual children in public education edited by Otto Santa Ana Crank

The Pact by Sampson Davis

How Kids Learn by Susan Kovalak

Eleven People you Want in Your Life by Leaonard Sweet

The Epicenter by Roseburg

The Book Thief

Hot Zone

Old Man and the Sea

The Pearl

The Leadership Challenge

The Stranger

The Glass Castle

The Ragamuffin Gospel

The Eragon Series
Gone with the Wind
Halo Series
Alice in Wonderland
The yellow pages
Twilight, if it is the last thing on the planet...
I am America and so can you! By Stephen Colbert
The Red Tent
The Wicked Trilogy
The Pendragon Series
The Leadership Way by Poysner and Kuse