

SOME BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING

Wes Young, May, 2006

“AN ENGAGING PEEK”

Piano Lessons: Music, Love & True Adventures, Noah Adams
A Country Year: Living the Questions, Sue Hubbell
Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers, Mary Roach
House, Tracy Kidder
One L: the Turbulent, True Story of a First Year at Harvard Law School, Scott Turow

AN ENGAGING PEEK—INTO MEMORIES

A Dog Year: 12 Months, 4 Dogs, and Me, Jon Katz
Moving Violations, John Hockenberry
Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio: How My Mother Raised 10 Kids on 25 Words or Less, Terry Ryan
A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius, Dave Eggers
Wordstruck, Robert MacNeil
Wait Till Next Year: a Memoir, Doris Kearns Goodwin
Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim, David Sedaris
On Writing: a Memoir of the Craft, Stephen King
To Our Children’s Children: Preserving Family Histories for Generations to Come, Bob Greene

SOME GEMS I’VE READ IN THE PAST YEAR

Straight Man, Richard Russo
The Hours, Michael Cunningham
The Life of Pi, Yann Martel
Their Eyes Were Watching God, Zora Neale Hurston
Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith, Anne Lamott
Kite Runner, Khaled Housseini
Shadow of the Wind, Carlos Ruiz Zafron
The Center of Everything, Laura Moriarty
Full Cupboard of Life, Alexander McCall Smith

IF YOU DON’T HAVE MUCH TIME: SHORT STORIES

Smith and Other Events: Tales of the Chilcotin, Paul St. Pierre
Runaway: Stories, Alice Munro
Wedding Cake in the Middle of the Road: 23 Variations on a Theme, ed. by Susan Stamberg
In Brief: Short Takes on the Personal, ed. by Judith Kitchen
Sudden Fiction: American Short-Short Stories, ed. by Robert Shapard

BOOKS I’VE GIVEN AS GIFTS

The Material World: A Global Family Portrait, Peter Menzel
A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms, Paul Janeczko
God Went to Beauty School, Cynthia Rylant
Great Book of Optical Illusions, Al Seckel

SUMMER IS FOR SLOWING DOWN: SOME POEMS

A Glass Face in the Rain, William Stafford

An Invitation to Poetry: A New Favorite Poem Project Anthology, ed. by Robert Pinsky

WANDERLUST?

Oregon Trips and Trails, William Sullivan

Best Places to Kiss in the Northwest, Kate Chynoweth

CHILDREN'S BOOKS THAT ARE TOO GOOD FOR JUST CHILDREN

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy, Gary Schmidt

Walk Two Moons, Sharon Creech

Stuck in Neutral, Terry Trueman

The Rag and Bone Shop, Robert Cormier

Charlotte's Web, E.B. White

The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963, Christopher Paul Curtis

Children of Christmas, Cynthia Rylant

A Northern Light, Jennifer Donnelly

The Golden Compass, Philip Pullman

IF YOU CAN'T LET GO OF YOUR JOB—EVEN IN THE SUMMER...

Among Schoolchildren, Tracy Kidder

How to Get Your Child to Love Reading, Esme Raji Codell

Voices of Readers: How We Come to Love Books, G. Robert Carlsen

Teachers as Readers: Perspectives on the Importance of Reading in Teachers' Classrooms and Lives, Michelle Commeyras

GET OUT OF HERE!—BOOKS ABOUT THE OUTDOORS AND NATURE

A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail, Bill Bryson

Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster, Jon Krakauer

Wandering Home: a Long Walk Across America's Most Hopeful Landscape, Bill McKibben

Desert Solitaire: a Season in the Wilderness, Edward Abbey

A Sand County Almanac: and Sketches Here and There, Aldo Leopold

The Measure of a Mountain: Beauty and Terror on Mount Rainier, Bruce Barcott

Trout Bum: Fly Fishing as a Way of Life, John Gierach

SOME BOOKS I'M ALWAYS RE-READING.....

Lonesome Dove, Larry McMurtry

Cold Mountain, Charles Frazier

Brothers K, David James Duncan

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, Robert Pirsig

A River Runs Through It, Norman Maclean

Snow Leopard, Peter Matthiessen

The Magus, John Fowles

Catcher in the Rye, J.D. Salinger

To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee