

LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER READING 2006

Along Came a Spider, James Patterson,
Washington, D.C., police detective Alex Cross becomes caught up in a kidnapping case that may involve a teacher at an elite private school, a schizophrenic psychopath and serial murderer.

Anne of Avonlea, L.M. Montgomery
Anne returns to Avonlea to teach in her former school and discovers the pleasures and puzzles of growing up.

Anne of Green Gables, L.M. Montgomery
Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm.

Anne of Ingleside, L.M. Montgomery
Anne, now a joyful wife and mother, returns to visit the fishing village of Avonlea in this portrayal of family life on picturesque Prince Edward Island.

Are We There Yet? David Levithan
Tricked by their parents into taking a trip to Italy together, two brothers--one in high school and the other recently graduated from college--reflect on the directions of their own lives and on the distance that has grown between them.

Awakening and Other Stories, Kate Chopin
1899 novel about an unhappy wife and mother who embarks on an affair with a younger man and eventually commits suicide, Includes twelve short stories of Creole Louisiana.

Basher Five-two, Scott O'Grady
U.S. Air Force pilot Scott O'Grady tells how he evaded capture and stayed alive with little water and no food in enemy territory after the F-16 he was flying on a peace-keeping mission in Bosnia was shot down.

Beach House, James Patterson
Law student Jack Mullen puts his own life, and those of his friends on the line when he enlists their help in going up against the local East Hamptom authorities, as well as some of the wealthiest people in the country, in an effort to prove that his younger brother Peter was murdered

Best Science Fiction Stories, H.G. Wells
A collection of science fiction stories by H. G. Wells, featuring "The Invisible Man," the story of a scientist who discovers how to make his body invisible, but becomes violently insane when he is unable to make himself visible again; and including seventeen additional selections.

Best Short Works of Mark Twain
Presents a collection of short stories by Mark Twain along with background information, chronology of Twain's life and work, timeline of significant events.

Black Juice, Margo Lanagan
Provides glimpses of the dark side of civilization and the beauty of the human spirit through ten short stories that explore significant moments in people's lives.

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Bluebeard, Kurt Vonnegut

An autobiography of Rabo Karabekian, an abstract expressionist artist, who acquired the largest collection of abstract expressionist paintings in private hands.

Bone Detectives, Donna Jackson

Explores the world of forensic anthropology and its applications in solving crimes.

Breakfast at Tiffanys, Truman Capote

Contains the title work about Holly Golightly, a Manhattan playgirl whose antics mask a pain-filled past; and includes three additional stories, "House of Flowers," "A Diamond Guitar," and "A Christmas Memory."

Breakfast of Champions, Kurt Vonnegut;

Dwayne Hoover, a successful automobile dealer in Midland City, suddenly decides that he is a machine and begins to act accordingly. Science fiction writer Kilgore Trout is on his way to the Midland City Festival of the Arts. When they meet, the result is catastrophe.

Candy, Kevin Brooks;

Joe, an English boy from the right side of the tracks, is poised to get everything he has ever wanted, but he risks it all when he falls for Candy, and is drawn into her seedy, dangerous world.

Confessions of a Shopaholic, Sophie Kinsella;

Young Rebecca Bloomwood, a financial magazine writer whose perpetual shopping has dug her into a huge debt hole, tries to turn her life around when she meets the desirable Luke Brandon.

Convicts, Iain Lawrence;

His efforts to avenge his father's unjust imprisonment force fourteen-year-old Tom Tin into the streets of nineteenth-century London, but after he is convicted of murder, Tom is eventually sent to Australia where he has a surprise reunion.

Crackback, John Coy;

Miles barely recalls when football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, constantly criticized by his father, and pressured by his best friend to take performance-enhancing drugs.

Cubanita, Gaby Triana;

Seventeen-year-old Isabel, eager to leave Miami to attend the University of Michigan and escape her overprotective Cuban mother, learns some truths about her family's past and makes important decisions about the type of person she wants to be.

Doomsday Conspiracy, Sidney Sheldon;

Navy Commander Robert Bellamy, assigned to investigate the crash of a weather balloon in the Swiss Alps, sets out to interview witnesses to the event, but when he discovers they each have been killed just after speaking with him, he finds himself in the middle of a global conspiracy with the fate of Earth in the balance.

Dragons in the Waters, Madeleine L'Engle;

A thirteen-year-old boy's trip to Venezuela with his cousin culminates in murder and the discovery of an unexpected bond with an Indian tribe, dating from the days of Simon Bolivar.

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Elegance, Kathleen Tessaro;

Louise Canova feels the uncertainty and insecurity of her youth coming back to haunt her when her actor husband becomes more distant, until she finds a faded book entitled "Elegance", which seems to hold the answer to all her problems.

Fake ID: a novel, Walter Sorrells;

After a lifetime of moving and assuming new identities, sixteen-year-old Chass begins to piece together the past that haunts her and her mother which involves a mysterious tape, a deceased popular singer, and the secrets of several people in a small Alabama town.

Four Blind Mice, James Patterson;

Detective Alex Cross, intending to resign from the Washington D.C. Police Force, agrees to take on one more case when his friend asks for his help in clearing an old Vietnam buddy who has been framed for the murders of three women.

From Earth to the Moon, Jules Verne;

Impey Barbicane, president of a gun club in the 19th century, suggests the members build a gun big enough to launch a rocket to the moon, but things get out of control when an adversary wagers against the project, and a volunteer lobbies to make the mission a manned flight.

Girls in Pants- The Third Summer of the Sisterhood, Ann Brashares;

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants graduates from high school and spends their last summer before college learning about life and themselves.

Godless, Pete Hautman;

When sixteen-year-old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a power of its own.

Haunting of Alaizabel Cray, Chris Wooding;

As Thaniel, a witch-hunter, and Cathaline, his friend and mentor, try to destroy the terrible creatures that infest the alleys of London's Old Quarter, their lives become entwined with that of Alaizabel Cray, a woman who may be either mad or possessed.

Hunter's Moon, O.R. Melling;

Two teenage cousins, one Irish, the other from the United States, set out to find a magic doorway to the Faraway Country, where humans must bow to the little people.

Kipling's Choice, Gert Spillebeen;

In 1915, mortally wounded in Loos, France, eighteen-year-old John Kipling, son of writer Rudyard Kipling, remembers his boyhood and the events leading to what is to be his first and last World War I battle.

Kiss the Girls, James Patterson;

Detective Alex Cross is called away from kids and his jazz piano when two murderers, operating on opposite sides of the country, strike at the same time, and one of them has abducted his niece, Naomi.

Last Dance on Holladay Street, Elisa Carbone;

Thirteen-year-old Eva, left alone in the world after the death of her adoptive parents, goes to Denver, Colorado, in search of her birth mother in 1878.

Looking for Alaska, John Green;

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

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Master of the Game, Sidney Sheldon;

Power and success in a man's world have become a deadly and all-consuming game for Kate Blackwell, the head of a great international conglomerate.

Minister's Daughter, Julie Hearn;

In 1645 in England, the daughters of the town minister successfully accuse a local healer and her granddaughter of witchcraft to conceal an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, but years later during the 1692 Salem trials their lie has unexpected repercussions.

Mother Night, Kurt Vonnegut;

Novel in the form of a diary written by an American who lived in Germany during World War II, relating his experience of being recruited by Allied intelligence to act as a spy but is later arrested and tried in Israel on war crimes.

Mysterious Stranger & Other Stories, Mark Twain;

United States Social life and customs.

One Hundred Years of Solitude, Gabriel Garcia Marquez;

Translation of the Spanish novel which traces the rise and fall, birth and death of the mythical town of Macondo, through the history of the Buendia family.

Peeps: A Novel, Scott Westerfeld;

Cal Thompson is a carrier of a parasite that causes vampirism, and must hunt down all of the girlfriends he has unknowingly infected.

Perfect Shot, Elaine Alphin;

Brian uses basketball to block out memories of his girlfriend and her family who were murdered; however, the upcoming trial and a high school history assignment force him to face the past.

Poisonwood Bible: a novel, Barbara Kingslover;

Story of a family that moves to the Belgian Congo in 1959.

Possessing the Secret of Joy, Alice Walker;

Story of Tashi, a tribal African woman who lives much of her adult life in North America struggling to recognize her own reality.

Prom, Laurie Anderson;

Eighteen-year-old Ash wants nothing to do with senior prom, but when disaster strikes and her desperate friend, Nat, needs her help to get it back on track, Ash's involvement transforms her life.

Ready Or Not An All American Girl, Meg Cabot;

Now a high school junior, Samantha tries to decide whether to continue dating David, the Presidents son, as she juggles a real job, art lessons, and a trip to Camp David for Thanksgiving.

Shadow of a Dark Queen, Raymond Feist;

Erik, an heir denied his birthright, and his thieving friend Roo must battle the reptile army of the Emerald Queen, monsters who are threatening the land of Midkemia.

Shopaholic Ties the Knot, Sophie Kinsella;

Personal shopper Becky Bloomwood's life reaches the peak of perfection when her entrepreneurial boyfriend Luke proposes, but the couple sees trouble looming on the horizon when both their mothers try to seize control of the wedding plans.

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Shrimp, Rachel Cohn;

Back in San Francisco for her senior year in high school, seventeen-year-old Cyd attempts to reconcile with her boyfriend, Shrimp, making some girlfriends and beginning to feel more a part of her family in the process.

Sweet Thursday, John Steinbeck;

Sequel to: Cannery row. After World War II the "Palace Flophouse" passed into new hands. Suzy faces the challenge of bringing Doc back to his prewar contentment.

Thief in the House of Memory, Tim Wynne-Jones;

The death of an apparent stranger in the Steeple family's old home triggers troubling questions for sixteen-year-old Declan as he tries to make sense of his fragmented dreams, random memories, and unexplained coincidences, hoping to learn the truth about the mother who suddenly left when he was ten.

Three Prophetic Novels, H.G. Wells;

Contains the unabridged texts of three of H.G. Wells's science fiction novels, "When the Sleeper Wakes," "A Story of the Days to Come," and "The Time Machine," in which he predicted the path of human history in three futuristic settings.

Tom Sawyer Abroad, Mark Twain;

While attending the unveiling of an experimental airship, Tom Sawyer and his friend Huckleberry Finn are kidnapped and find themselves on a balloon trip to Egypt.

Troubling a Star, Madeleine L'Engle;

As she tries to stay alive after being left on an iceberg in the Antarctic, sixteen-year-old Vicky recalls the series of events that brought her to the bottom of the world and involved her in a dangerous mystery.

Twilight, Stephanie Meyer;

When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.

Warriors Don't Cry, Melba Beals;

Beals chronicles her harrowing junior year at Central High where she underwent the segregationists' brutal organized campaign of terrorism which included telephone threats, vigilante stalkers, economic blackmailers, rogue police, and much more.

Wind in the Door, Madeleine L'Engle;

With Meg Murry's help, the dragons her six-year-old brother saw in the vegetable garden play an important part in his struggle between life and death.

Windmills of the Gods, Sidney Sheldon;

The tale of a woman's heroism against an unknown terror spanning the whole arena of international intrigue.

Woman in White, Wilkie Collins;

Young Walter Hartright meets the mysterious woman in white who bears a mysterious resemblance to the heroine. An attempt to obtain the heroine's money is involved.

Wrecked, E.R. Frank;

After a car accident seriously injures her best friend and kills her brother's girlfriend, sixteen-year-old Anna tries to cope with her guilt and grief, while learning some truths about her family and herself.