

***A Smile as Big as the Moon* by Mike Kersjes**

Mike Kersjes chronicles his efforts to take the students in his special education class to NASA's Space Camp and discusses what he, and his students, learned from the experience. (non-fic / personal change / Mrs. Sanborn)

***Ten Degrees of Reckoning* by Hester Rumberg**

Details the tragedy in which a family collided with a freight carrier on the ocean, and the mom spent 44 hours in the water, paralyzed from the waist down, as the only survivor. (non-fic / personal change / Mrs. Fogarty)

***The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien**

A collection of stories with interwoven plot and themes told by a foot soldier retelling his experiences in the Vietnam War. (fiction / personal change / Mr. McKenney)

***Touching the Void* by Joe Simpson**

Simpson shares the story of his survival after he was injured while climbing in the Andes and left for dead by his partner. (non-fic / personal change / Mr. Harris)

***Traitor to His Class* by H.W. Brands**

A biography of FDR discussing his formative years, his relationships, his leadership during the Great Depression and World War II, and his legacy. (non-fic / political change / Mr. Parsons)

***V for Vendetta* by Alan Moore**

A mysterious anarchist named "V" works to destroy the totalitarian government, changing everyone he meets. (graphic novel / political change / Mr. Amtmann)

***Way of the Peaceful Warrior* by Dan Millman**

Chronicles the author's odyssey, discussing how his mentor, a recluse named Socrates, changed his life and taught him about what truly is important. (non-fic / personal change / Mr. Price)

***Winterdance* by Gary Paulsen**

The author's account of his most ambitious quest: to know a world beyond his knowing, to train for and run the Iditarod. (non-fic / personal change / Ms. Werda)

Questions to think about while reading your book:

1. What is the change in your book?
2. Is the change for the better or for the worse?
3. Once change happens, can we go back?

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Summer Reading @ PRHS



PRHS students are invited to read **any** book this summer, as long as you can relate your book to the topic of *change*.

The PRHS Library will be open this summer!

Library Summer Hours:
Monday—Friday 10 a.m.—noon

Find out about activities happening in the library this summer by following our Summer Reading Blog:

prhslibrary.wordpress.com

Here are some titles that your teachers have enjoyed. These are the types of books you may consider reading; however ***your book does not have to be on this list***. It doesn't matter what you read as long as it interests you and that you can connect it to the topic of **change**. Follow the blog for additional teacher picks and book discussions all summer long.

***Because They Hate* by Brigitte Gabriel**

A survivor of terrorism in Lebanon recounts her memories of living in a country terrorized by Islamic fundamentalists. (non-fic / political change / Mr. Cassarino)

***The Blind Side* by Michael Lewis**

NFL football player Michael Oher, was raised by a crack addicted mother, homeless and adopted at 16 by a wealthy family. (non-fic / personal change / Mrs. Boyle)

***Commodore : the life of Cornelius Vanderbilt* by Edward J. Renehan**

Chronicles the life of Vanderbilt, discussing his personal challenges and tragedies, his impact on history, and other related topics. (non-fic / social change / Mr. Gulick)

***A Fine Balance* by Rohinton Mistry**

The government of India declared a State of Emergency, which, coupled with a housing shortage, compels 4 people to share an apartment. Their common need leads them to forge a lasting friendship that sees them through the bad times. (fiction / social change / Mrs. Kochien)

***From Baghdad, With Love* by Jay Kopelman**

Tells the true story of a dog named Lava, who was rescued from an abandoned house in Iraq, cared for by the Marines who found him, and eventually permitted to come to the U.S. (non-fic / political change / Ms. Allison Nicola)

***The Host* by Stephenie Meyer**

Melanie, whose mind has been almost completely taken over by an alien, convinces the alien to search for her lost boyfriend, who fled the extraterrestrial invasion. (fiction / personal change / Mrs. MacLean)

***How to Build a Robot Army* by Daniel H. Wilson**

Describes how to assemble and deploy a robot army to fight evil beings, such as zombies, vampires, and werewolves. (non-fic / scientific change / Mrs. Harland)

***The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins**

A 16-year-old accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a competition where people are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death. (fiction / personal change / Mr. Schrier)

***Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn**

Records the philosophical conversations that take place between a man and a gorilla named Ishmael after the man answers an advertisement for a pupil with a desire to save the world. (fiction / social change / Mrs. Boyd)

***Illusions* by Richard Bach**

A Midwest barnstormer befriends a fellow flyer, an unusual man who turns out to be a messiah, or, a master of illusions. (fiction / personal change / Mr. Ferenc)

***It's Kind of a Funny Story* by Ned Vizzini**

A teen succumbs to academic and social pressures at an elite high school and enters a psych hospital after attempting suicide. (fiction / personal change / Mr. Brough)

***Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah**

Describes Ishmael's experiences after he was driven from his home by war in Sierra Leone and picked up by the government army at the age of 13, serving as a soldier for years. (non-fic / personal change / Ms. Dougherty)

***The Map That Changed the World* by Simon Winchester**

Tells the story of William Smith, the father of modern geology, discussing his discovery of distinct layers of rock in the Earth, his publication of a map that displayed his findings, and his long road to attaining the recognition he deserved. (non-fic / scientific change / Mr. Smith)

***The Monkey Wrench Gang* by Edward Abbey**

Environmental protests by counter-culture activists. (fiction / environmental change / Ms. Ahern)

***Ninety Minutes in Heaven: A True Story of Life & Death* by Don Piper**

The author describes his near-death experience after a car accident, explaining that he went to Heaven and was brought back by a miracle, and discusses the impact of the event on his life. (non-fic / personal change / Mrs. Cleary)

***Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell**

The author explores why some people are high achievers and others are not, citing culture, family, and upbringing as possible reasons some people are not as successful as others. (non-fic / personal change / Mrs. Miller & Mrs. Jemery)

***Paths of Glory* by Jeffrey Archer**

A novel based on the life of famed British climber George Mallory, who disappeared on Mount Everest in 1924, last seen several hundred feet from the summit. (fiction / environmental change / Mrs. Bartlett)

***The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay**

A boy in South Africa during WWII, turns to two men to show him how to find the courage to dream, to succeed, to triumph over a world when all seems lost. (fiction / political change / Mr. Lamb)

***Reviving Ophelia* by Mary Pipher**

Looks at the problems and challenges facing girls and their changing relationships. (non-fic / personal change / Ms. Day)

***The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne**

"The Secret" way of thinking can be found in most oral traditions throughout history; and by following it, you can achieve happiness, health, and wealth.. (non-fic / personal change / Mr. Fogarty)

***Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut**

A fourth-generation German-American is tortured by his memories of the fire-bombing of Dresden in 1944 which he witnessed while a prisoner of war. (fiction / political change / Mr. Blais)