

Dear Students and Parents,

Over the summer all Redwood English students are required to read one book. Students must choose their book from the appropriate list below. **When they return in the fall, students should bring their book to English class as our first two graded assignments will relate to that book.** There is no summer work other than reading the book, although we encourage students to jot down a few notes about the book as they read to help with remembering key ideas and characters later. Of course, if you want to read more than one book over the summer, we're thrilled with the idea. Books with some mature content are marked with an (m).

Next Year's Freshmen Choices

*Marley and Me* (non-fiction)—John Grogan

*Boy's Life*—Robert McCammon

*The Perks of Being a Wallflower*—Stephen Chbosky

*Summerland*—Michael Chabon

*Persepolis I* – Marjane Satrapi

Next Year's Sophomores Choices

*A Long Way Gone* (non-fiction) – Ishmael Beah

*A Prayer for Owen Meany* – John Irving

*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* -- Lisa See

*The Perfect Storm* (non-fiction)—Sebastian Junger

*Prep*—Curtis Sittenfeld (m)

Next Year's Juniors and Seniors Choices

*Cat's Cradle* – Kurt Vonnegut

*Reservation Blues* – Sherman Alexie

*We Were the Mulvaneys* – Joyce Carol Oates

*The Omnivore's Dilemma* (non-fiction) – Michael Pollan

*The Tipping Point* (non-fiction) – Malcolm Gladwell