

BOOKS RECOMMENDED AT THE 45TH REUNION
OF THE SMITH COLLEGE CLASS OF 1971

Title: *"Keep the Damned Women Out" The Struggle for Coeducation*

Author: Nancy Weiss Malkiel, Professor of History Emeritus Princeton University, Smith '65

Why?: Based on extensive interviews and research of the decision by traditionally all-male Ivies to admit women in the late 60's

Recommender: Karen Osar

Title: *All the Light We Cannot See*

Author: Anthony Doerr

Why?: Beautifully written; haunting

Recommender: Holly Falik

Note in margin: Yep, great. Cathy Spear

Title: *The American President: From Teddy Roosevelt to Bill Clinton*

Author: William Leuchtenburg

Why?: Readable, authoritative, new book from distinguished historian, former Smith faculty, UNC emeritus.

Recommender: Sarah Peskin

Title: *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*

Author: Dai Sijie (translated from the French by Ina Rilke)

Why?: Beautifully written; another era, another country, another story. For those who want to be taken to another world (during the Chinese Cultural Revolution).

Recommender: Nancy Cai (student ambassador)

Title: *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity*

Author: Katherine Boo

Why?: Great story of the lives of folks in a little village in Mumbai; of hope, perseverance, and family

Recommender: anonymous

Title: *Between the World and Me*

Author: Ta-Nehisi Coates

Why?: Understanding black perspective on current police actions; "black lives matter!"

Recommender: Holly Falik

Title: *The Dinner*

Author: Herman Koch

Why?: A look inside 2 families who deal with an issue involving their children. (If you've read this, I would love to hear from you!)

Recommender: Karen Infantino Burke

Title: *Frances Perkins: The Woman Behind the New Deal*

Author: Kirstin Downey

Why?: She brought us Social Security and so much more. A great underappreciated American hero and a compelling book.

Recommender: Sarah Peskin

Title: *How to Be Black*

Author: Baratunde Thurston

Why?: Satirical and very funny. Good read for people of all races, informative and good-humored.

Recommender: Jodi Lowe (student ambassador)

Title: *The Hummingbird*

Author: Stephen Kiernan

Why?: [left blank]

Recommender: Margaret Plumpton

Title: *I Feel Bad About My Neck*

Author: Nora Ephron

Why?: Funny

Recommender: anonymous

Title: *A Pale View of Hills*

Author: Kazuo Ishiguro

Why?: Loved it. (If you've read this, I would love to hear from you!)

Recommender: Karen Infantino Burke

Title: *Red Notice*

Author: Bill Browder

Why?: Nonfiction that reads like fiction. Will reinforce that Putin can't be trusted.

Recommender: Liz Soyster

Note in margin: I agree; fascinating read. Angela Veneto McIntire

Title: *Red Sky at Morning*

Author: Richard Bradford

Why?: One of his only two fiction books. Both are insightful and very entertaining novels that deserve to be better known.

Recommender: Anne Burnham Thistle

Title: *Resistance*

Author: Owen Sheers

Why?: How does your small village deal with a contingent of invading German soldiers as WW2 winds down? (If you've read this, I would love to hear from you!)

Recommender: Karen Infantino Burke

Title: *So Far from Heaven*

Author: Richard Bradford

Why?: One of his only two fiction books. Both are insightful and very entertaining novels that deserve to be better known.

Recommender: Anne Burnham Thistle

Title: *A Thousand Splendid Suns*

Author: Khaled Hosseini

Why?: Mother-daughter story will make you cry. Learn about 2 Afghan women's stories. Another beautifully written book.

Recommender: anonymous

Title: *Turn Right at Machu Picchu*

Author: Mark Adams

Why?: Laugh-out-loud funny travel memoir—modern writer follows footsteps of Hiram Bingham.

Recommender: Molly Bufford '06 (Smith Fund Staff)

Title: *The Warmth of Other Suns*

Author: Isabel Wilkerson

Why?: Very readable nonfiction—From 1915 to 1970 the exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America

Recommender: Betsy Gardner Johnson

Note in margin: Agree. Holly Falik

Title: *The Circle*

Author: Dave Eggers

Why?: This novel is a disturbing and though provoking look at the use of technology and how it can impact issues of power, privacy and government control

Recommender: Lois Papale Winkler

Title: *H is for Hawk*

Author: Helen Macdonald

Why?: Macdonald recounts her experience in coping with the death of her father with the training of a goshawk.

Recommender: Lois Papale Winkler

Note in margin: I found this book tedious Connie Herrick Weiss