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 add-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
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