



# Literature

RECOMMENDED TITLES FOR COURSE ADOPTION FALL 2019 LITERATURE



# ISABEL ALLENDE A Long Petal of the Sea

In the late 1930s, civil war grips Spain. When General Franco and his Fascists succeed in overthrowing the government, hundreds of thousands are forced to flee in a treacherous journey over the mountains to the French border. Among them is Roser, a pregnant young widow, who finds her life intertwined with that of Victor Dalmau, an army doctor and the brother of her deceased love. In order to survive, the two must unite in a marriage neither of them desires.

Together with 2,000 other refugees, they embark on the SS Winnipeg, a ship chartered by the poet Pablo Neruda, to Chile. As unlikely partners, they embrace exile as the rest of Europe erupts in world war. Starting over on a new continent, their trials are just beginning, and over the course of their lives, they will face trial after trial. But they will also find joy as they patiently await the day when they will be exiles no more. Through it all, their hope of returning to Spain keeps them going. Destined to witness the battle between freedom and repression as it plays out across the world, Roser and Victor will find that home might have been closer than they thought all along. Ballantine Books • Hardcover • 336 pages • 978-1-9848-2015-0 • \$28.00

### TA-NEHISI COATES The Water Dancer

In his boldly imagined first novel, Ta-Nehisi Coates, the National Book Award–winning author of *Between the World and Me*, brings home the most intimate evil of enslavement: the cleaving and separation of families.

Young Hiram Walker was born into bondage. When his mother was sold away, Hiram was robbed of all memory of her—but was gifted with a mysterious power. Years later, when Hiram almost drowns in a river, that same power saves his life. This brush with death births an urgency in Hiram and a daring scheme: to escape from the only home he's ever known.

So begins an unexpected journey that takes Hiram from the corrupt grandeur of Virginia's proud plantations to desperate guerrilla cells in the wilderness, from the coffin of the deep South to dangerously utopic movements in the North. Even as he's enlisted in the underground war between slavers and the enslaved, Hiram's resolve to rescue the family he left behind endures.

One World • Hardcover • 416 pages • 978-0-399-59059-7 • \$28.00



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### J. M. COETZEE Late Essays 2006-2017

In *Late Essays: 2006-2017*, a thought-provoking collection of twenty-three pieces, Nobel Prize–winning author J. M. Coetzee examines the work of some of the world's greatest writers, from Daniel Defoe to Goethe and Irène Némirovsky to Coetzee's contemporary Philip Roth. Challenging yet accessible, literary master Coetzee writes these essays with great clarity and precision, offering readers an illuminating and wise analysis of a remarkable list of works of international literature that span three centuries.

"Coetzee is as perspicacious and erudite a guide as one could hope for. His biographical sketches of the life and times of the authors he addresses are excellent, concretely informative while also marbled with interesting tidbits . . . What can't be found anywhere else, where Coetzee is unparalleled, is his ability to capture the psychology of individual characters, to lay bare the inner working of their minds, and in doing so bring to light the source of their enduring interest to readers."—*The New York Times Book Review* **Penguin Books • Paperback • 304 pages • 978-0-7352-2392-9 • \$17.00** 

# FATIMA FARHEEN MIRZA A Place for Us

Abounding with grace and insight, *A Place for Us* is a richly drawn portrait of a contemporary Muslim Indian-American family in California. Parents Rafiq and Layla, immigrants whose own marriage was arranged, must reckon with their children's departures from tradition. Hadia, Huda, and Amar, meanwhile, forge their own paths, navigating the tension between their cultural heritage and their individual desires. Over the course of decades, acts of betrayal and the revelation of closely guarded secrets threaten to forever tear the family apart—and lead Amar, the only son, to break ties entirely.

With a nonlinear structure that reflects the movement of memory, Mirza occupies the point of view of these characters with astounding empathy, deftly weaving a full and deeply moving tale of belonging, sacrifice, and—most of all—family.

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# SALLY ROONEY Normal People

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Hogarth • Hardcover • 288 pages • 978-1-9848-2217-8 • \$26.00 Longlisted for the Man Booker Prize Soon to be a Hulu Limited Series

### THOMAS TRAVISANO

### Love Unknown The Life and Worlds of Elizabeth Bishop

In *Love Unknown*, Thomas Travisano, founding president of the Elizabeth Bishop Society, tells the story of the famous poet and traveler's life. Drawing on fresh interviews and newly discovered manuscript materials, Travisano illuminates that the "art of losing" that Bishop celebrated with such poignant irony in her poem, "One Art," perhaps her most famous, was linked in equal part to an "art of finding," that Bishop's art and life was devoted to the sort of encounters and epiphanies that so often appear in her work.

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TAWFIQ AL-HAKIM Return of the Spirit

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Edited with an Introduction by Dohra Ahmad; Foreword by Edwidge Danticat

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The Penguin Book of Mermaids







# The Penguin Book of Mermaids

Edited by Cristina Bacchilega and Marie Alohalani Brown

The Penguin Book of Mermaids is a treasury of tales about merfolk and water spirits from different cultures, ranging from Scottish selkies to Hindu water-serpents to Chilean sea fairies. A third of the selections are published here in English for the first time, and all are accompanied by commentary that explores their undercurrents, showing us how public perceptions of this popular mythical hybrid—at once a human and a fish—illuminate issues of gender, spirituality, ecology, and sexuality. Penguin Classics • Paperback • 368 pages • 978-0-14-313372-8 • \$17.00

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"A 19th-century social novel for the 21st-century surveillance state."—*The New York Times Book Review* 

Viking • Hardcover • 416 pages • 978-0-525-56045-6 • \$27.00

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Joan Didion's influence on American letters is undeniable. Whether writing fiction, memoir, or trailblazing journalism, her gifts for narrative, and her intimate but detached authorial persona, have won her legions of admirers. Collected in this volume are Didion's five books from the 1960s and 1970s: *Run River, Slouching Towards Bethlehem, Play It As It Lays, A Book of Common Prayer*, and *The White Album*. Chiefly about California, these books display Didion's genius for finding exactly the right language and tone to capture America's broken twilight landscape at a moment of conflict and change. Library of America • Hardcover • 980 pages • 978-1-59853-645-4 • \$39.95

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# RAJIA HASSIB A Pure Heart

Sisters Rose and Gameela Gubran could not have been more different. Rose, an Egyptologist, married an American journalist and immigrated to New York City. Gameela, a devout Muslim since her teenage years, stayed in Cairo. During the aftermath of Egypt's revolution, Gameela is killed in a suicide bombing. When Rose returns to Egypt after the bombing, she sifts through the artifacts Gameela left behind, desperate to understand how her sister came to die and who she truly was. Viking • Hardcover • 320 pages • 978-0-525-56005-0 • \$27.00



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### Edited with an Introduction by Paul Murray

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Soho Press • Paperback • 288 pages • 978-1-64129-017-3 • \$16.00 Finalist for the National Book Award for Fiction

# HOWARD JACOBSON Live a Little

At the age of 90-something, Beryl is forgetting everything. Meanwhile, Shimi can do up his own buttons, walks without the aid of a frame, and is considered by the widows of North London to be the last of the eligible bachelors. There's very little life remaining for either of them, but together they begin to find new meaning in what's left. Equal parts irreverent and tender, this is a novel about the paths not taken and the enduring possibility of changing course.

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# THEODOR KALLIFATIDES The Siege of Troy

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Other Press • Paperback • 208 pages • 978-1-59051-971-4 • \$14.99

### HAN KANG The White Book Translated by Deborah Smith

The White Book is both a meditation on the color white as well as a fictional journey inspired by an older sister who died in the arms of the unnamed narrator's mother, a few hours old.

"Formally daring, emotionally devastating and deeply political. . . . In this subtle and searching novel, Kang, through Smith, proposes a model of genuine empathy, one that insists on the power of shared experience but it not predicated on the erasure of difference."-Katie Kitamura, New York Times Book Review

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The kaleidoscopic pieces in this collection are woven together by humankind's inability to communicate, to see so little of the world around us and to understand each other even less. Yet somehow, through Etgar Keret's deep love for humanity and our hapless existence, a bright light shines through and our universal connection to each other sparks alive.

"There is sweetheartedness and wisdom and eloquence and transcendence in [Keret's] stories."-George Saunders

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A man flying first class discovers a puma in the lavatory. A couple considers getting a medical procedure that will transfer the pain of childbirth from the woman to her husband. A lawyer grapples with the unintended side effects of a veterinarian's rabies vaccination. Funny, wise and weird in equal measure, Raised in Captivity bids fair to be one of the most original and exciting story collections in recent memory, a fever graph of our deepest unvoiced hopes, fears and preoccupations.

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# HERMAN KOCH The Ditch

When Robert Walter, popular mayor of Amsterdam, sees his wife toss her head back with laughter while chatting to one of his aldermen at a New Year's reception, he immediately suspects the worst and begins to lose himself in increasingly panicked and paranoid trains of thought. *The Ditch* is a wildly clever—and guttingly familiar—story of a man whose sadistic skill for undermining himself and his marriage comes to cost him nearly everything.

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## EKA KURNIAWAN Kitchen Curse Stories

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Like nothing else, Kurniawan's stories bury themselves in the mind. His characters and insights are at once hauntingly familiar, peculiar, and twisted.

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Poets, journalists, visual artists, musicians, editors, critics, teachers, scientists, politicians, translators: the writers that inhabit these pages represent a dynamic cross-section of Italian society. Together they reflect more than 100 years of Italy's vibrant and diverse short-story tradition. More than half of the stories featured in this volume have been translated into English for the first time, and the wide-ranging selection includes wellknown authors such as Italo Calvino, Elsa Morante, and Luigi Pirandello alongside many captivating rediscoveries.

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Selected Essays of D.H. Lawrence

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# COLUM MCCANN Apeirogon

Bassam Aramin is Palestinian. Rami Elhanan is Israeli. They inhabit a world of conflict that colors every aspect of their daily lives, from the roads they are allowed to drive on, to the schools their daughters each attend, to the checkpoints, both physical and emotional, they must negotiate. When their worlds shift irreparably, they recognize the loss that connects them and they attempt to use their grief as a weapon for peace. McCann crosses centuries and continents, stitching together time, art, history, nature, and politics in a tale both heartbreaking and hopeful. Random House • Hardcover • 480 pages • 978-1-4000-6960-6 • \$28.00

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### Because Internet Understanding the New Rules of Language

Linguist Gretchen McCulloch explores how the internet is making our language change faster than ever before: linguistically inventive online communities spread new slang and jargon with dizzying speed, making social media a vast laboratory of unedited, unfiltered words where we can watch language evolve in real time.

"In prose at once scholarly and user-friendly, McCulloch unpacks the evolution of language in the digital age, providing a comprehensive survey of everything from the secret language of emojis to the appeal of animal memes."—*Esquire* 

Riverhead • Hardcover • 336 pages • 978-0-7352-1093-6 • \$26.00

# JOYCE CAROL OATES Triumph of the Spider Monkey

Unavailable for 40 years, this seminal novel of madness and murder is acclaimed author Joyce Carol Oates' powerful trip into the mind of a maniac. Abandoned as a baby in a bus station locker, shuttled from one abusive foster home and detention center to another, Bobbie Gotteson grew up angry, hurting, damaged. His hunger to succeed as a musician brought him across the country to Hollywood, but along with it came his seething rage, his paranoid delusions, and his capacity for acts of shocking violence.

Hard Case Crime • Paperback • 224 pages • 978-1-78565-677-4 • \$9.95





# **REGINA PORTER** The Travelers

Agnes Miller Christie survives a chance encounter on a Georgia road that propels her into a new life in the Bronx. Soon after, her husband, Eddie, is called to duty on an air craft carrier in Vietnam, where he grapples with mounting racial tensions on the ship and counts the days until he will see Agnes again. These unforgettable characters' lives intersect with a cast of lovers and friends in an intimate family portrait and a sweeping exploration of what it means to be American today.

Hogarth • Hardcover • 320 pages • 978-0-525-57619-8 • \$27.00

# **ROSIE PRICE** What Red Was

Just after her university graduation, Katie Quaile's life is shattered apart in a bedroom while a party goes on downstairs. What Red Was is an incisive and mesmerizing novel about power, privilege, and consent-one that fearlessly explores the effects of trauma on the mind and body of a young woman, the tyrannies of memory, the sacrifices involved in staying silent, and the courage in speaking out. And when Kate does, it raises this urgent question: Whose story is it now?

Hogarth • Hardcover • 336 pages • 978-1-9848-2441-7 • \$27.00





SAM SELVON The Housing Lark ed by CARYL PHILLIP

# SALMAN RUSHDIE Quichotte

Inspired by the Cervantes classic, Sam DuChamp, mediocre writer of spy thrillers, creates Quichotte, a courtly, addled salesman obsessed with television who falls in impossible love with a TV star. Together with his (imaginary) son Sancho, Quichotte sets off on a picaresque quest across America to prove worthy of her hand, gallantly braving the tragicomic perils of an age where "Anything-Can-Happen." Just as Cervantes wrote Don Quixote to satirize the culture of his time, Rushdie takes the reader on a wild ride through a country on the verge of moral and spiritual collapse. Random House • Hardcover • 416 pages • 978-0-593-13298-2 • \$28.00 Shortlisted for the Booker Prize

SAM SELVON The Housing Lark

### Foreword by Caryl Phillips; Introduction by Dohra Ahmad

Set in 1960s London, when the UK encouraged its Commonwealth citizens to emigrate to remedy the post-war labor shortage, The Housing Lark explores the Caribbean migrant experience in the "Mother Country." Despite encountering a racist and predatory rental market, a group of friends scheme, often comically, to find a literal and figurative place of their own. Kittitian-British novelist and playwright Caryl Phillips contributes a foreword, while postcolonial literature scholar Dohra Ahmad provides a contextual introduction.

Penguin Classics • Paperback • 160 pages • 978-0-14-313396-4 • \$14.00

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