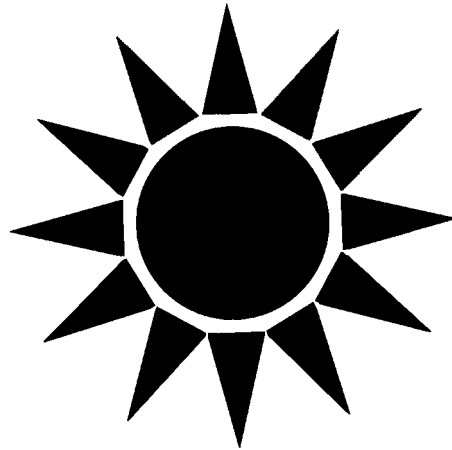


2007
Summer Reading List



Dana Hall School
Wellesley, MA

Grades 6 ~ 8 Requirements

Students entering Sixth Grade

- Required: *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, Avi
- Two books from the reading list “Books for Grades 6, 7, and 8”

Students entering Seventh Grade

- Required: *The Pearl*, John Steinback
- Required: *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, Mildred Taylor
- Two books from the reading list “Books for Grades 6, 7, and 8”

Students entering Eighth Grade

- Required: *Pigs in Heaven*, Barbara Kingsolver
- Three books from the reading list “Recommended Books for Grades 6, 7, and 8” or “Recommended Books for Grade 9”

I. The Classics

Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll

Anne of Green Gables, L.M. Montgomery

The Black Stallion, Walter Farley

Call of the Wild, Jack London

The Diary of Anne Frank, Anne Frank

The Good Earth, Pearl S. Buck

The Jungle Book, Rudyard Kipling

The Miracle Worker, William Gibson

Of Mice and Men, John Steinback

The Swiss Family Robinson, Johann Wyss

Tales of Mystery and Imagination, Edgar Allan Poe

Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith

The Wind in the Willows, Kenneth Grahame

The Yearling, Marjorie Rawlings

II. Contemporary Fiction

At Risk, Alice Hoffman

Backwater, Joan Bauer

Because of Winn-Dixie, Kate DiCamillo

The Best Little Girl in the World, Steven Levenkron

Bless Me, Ultima, Rudolfo Anaya

Bridge to Terabithia, Katherine Paterson

The Chocolate War, Robert Cormier

Dairy Queen, Catherine Gilbert Murdock

The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds, Paul Zindel

The Goats, Brock Cole

Habibi, Naomi Shihab Nye

Homecoming, Cynthia Voigt

Hoot, Carl Hiassen

The House You Pass on the Way, Jacqueline Woodson

How I Live Now, Meg Rosoff

It's Not the End of the World, Judy Blume

Jacob Have I Loved, Katherine Paterson

Locked in Time, Lois Duncan

Make Lemonade, Virginia Euwer Wolff

A Mango-Shaped Space, Wendy Mass

The Moves Make the Man, Bruce Brooks

On My Honor, Marion Dane Bauer

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Age 13 3/4, Sue Townsend

Shiloh, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, Ann Brashares

Stuck in Neutral, Terry Trueman

Sweet Thang, Allison Whittenberg

Teen Idol, Meg Cabot

Toning the Sweep, Angela Johnson

Tree by Leaf, Cynthia Voigt

Walk Two Moons, Sharon Creech

Walking Naked, Alyssa Brugman

The Whale Rider, Witi Ihimaera

When She Was Good, Norma Fox Mazer

Words by Heart, Ouida Sebestyen

III. Historical Fiction

47, Walter Mosley

Alan and Naomi, Myron Levoy

Bat 6, Virginia Euwer Wolff

Black Storm Comin', Diane Lee Wilson

Caddie Woodlawn, Carol Brink

Crispin: The Cross of Lead, Avi

Davita's Harp, Chaim Potok

Day of Tears, Julius Lester

Fever 1793, Laurie Halse Anderson

The Fifth of March: A Story of the Boston Massacre, Ann Rinaldi

A Gathering of Days, Joan Blos

Gentlehands, M.E. Kerr

Island on Bird Street, Uri Orlev

The Midwife's Apprentice, Karen Cushman

No Promises in the Wind, Irene Hunt

Or Give Me Death, Ann Rinaldi

Out of the Dust, Karen Hesse

The Return, Sonia Levitin

Summer of the Monkeys, Wilson Rawls

The Upstairs Room, Johanna Reiss

Victory, Susan Cooper

Waiting for Odysseus: A Novel, Clemence McLaren

Witch Child, Celia Rees

The Witch of Blackbird Pond, Elizabeth Speare

IV. Fantasy and Science Fiction

Aria of the Sea, Dia Calhoun

Beauty, Robin McKinley

The Book of Three, Lloyd Alexander

The City of Ember, Jeanne DuPrau

Dandelion Wine, Ray Bradbury

The Dark Is Rising, Susan Cooper

Dragonflight, Anne McCaffrey

Ella Enchanted, Gail Carson Levine

The Giver, Lois Lowry

The Golden Compass, Phillip Pullman

The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien

House of the Scorpion, Nancy Farmer

Indian in the Cupboard, Lynne Reid Banks

The Last Book in the Universe, Rodman Philbrick

The Lightning Thief, Rick Riordan

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, C.S. Lewis

The Lost Years of Merlin, T.A. Barron

The Music of Dolphins, Karen Hesse

The Once and Future King, T.H. White

Redwall, Brian Jacques

Tuck Everlasting, Natalie Babbitt

The Two Princesses of Bamarre, Gail Carson Levine

Uglies, Scott Westerfeld

Watership Down, Richard Adams

Wild Magic, Tamora Pierce

A Wizard of Earthsea, Ursula Le Guin

A Wrinkle in Time, Madeleine L'Engle

Z for Zachariah, Robert C. O'Brien

V. Mystery

Chasing Vermeer, Blue Balliett

The Egypt Game, Zilpha Keatly Snyder

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, E.L. Konigsburg

The House of Dies Drear, Virginia Hamilton

Killing Mr. Griffin, Lois Duncan

The Silver Kiss, Annette Klaus

Tell Me Everything, Carolyn Coman

The Westing Game, Ellen Raskin

VI. Adventure and Survival

After the First Death, Robert Cormier

Alive, Piers Paul Read

Banner in the Sky, James Ramsey Ullman

The Cay, Theodore Taylor

Dry Tears, Nechama Tec

The Haymeadow, Gary Paulsen

Holes, Louis Sachar

In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex, Nathaniel Philbrick

Incident at Hawk's Hill, Allan W. Eckert

The Incredible Journey, Sheila Burnford

Julie of the Wolves, Jean Craighead George

Never Cry Wolf, Farley Mowat

The Night Journey, Kathryn Lasky

The Storyteller's Beads, Jane Kurtz

Touching the Void, Joe Simpson

Walkabout, James Vance Marshall

The Wanderer, Sharon Creech

When the Legends Die, Hal Borland

VII. Autobiography and Biography

Alicia: My Story, Alicia Appleman-Jurman

Boy, Roald Dahl

Coming of Age in Mississippi, Anne Moody

The Endless Steppe: Growing Up in Siberia, Esther Hautzig

Eric, Doris Lund

Harriet Tubman: Conductor of the Underground Railroad, Ann Petry

Homesick: My Own Story, Jean Fritz

My Dog Skip, Willie Morris

VIII. Science and Nature

All Creatures Great and Small, James Herriot

Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds, Joy Adamson

Invisible Allies: Microbes that Shape Our Lives, Jeanette Farrell

The Nobel Book of Answers, ed. Bettina Steikel

My Life with the Chimpanzees, Jane Goodall

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World, Jennifer Armstrong

Space for Women: A History of Women with the Right Stuff, Pamela Freni

Grades 9 ~ 12 Requirements

New International Students

- Required: *The Count of Monte Cristo*, Alexander Dumas (only the edition translated and abridged by Lowell Bair)
- Recommended: any book from the reading lists “Recommended Books for Grade 9” or “Recommended Books for Grade 10”

Literature and Composition I

- Required: *The Count of Monte Cristo*, Alexander Dumas (translated and abridged by Lowell Bair)
- Two books from the reading list “Recommended Books for Grade 9”

Literature and Composition II

- Required: *Jane Eyre*, Charlotte Bronte
- Two books from the reading list “Recommended Books for Grade 10”

Literature and Composition III

- Required: *Mama Day*, Gloria Naylor
- Required: *Confessions of a High School Word Nerd*, ed. Arianne Cohen & Colleen Kinder
- Two books from the reading list “Recommended Books for Grades 11-12”

Literature and Composition IV

- Required: *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, Oscar Wilde
- Required: *Confessions of a High School Word Nerd*, ed. Arianne Cohen & Colleen Kinder
- Two books from the reading list “Recommended Books for Grades 11-12”

Found Voices: The Adaptation of the Self through Literature

- Required: *Bird by Bird*, Anne Lamott
- Required: *Confessions of a High School Word Nerd*, ed. Arianne Cohen & Colleen Kinder
- Two books from the reading list “Recommended Books for Grades 11-12”

Advanced Placement English

- Required: *The Bonesetter’s Daughter*, Amy Tan
- Required: *In the Fall*, Jeffrey Lent
- Required: *Confessions of a High School Word Nerd*, ed. Arianne Cohen & Colleen Kinder
- Two books from the reading list “Recommended Books for Grades 11-12”

New International Students

I. *The Count of Monte Cristo*, Alexander Dumas (only the edition translated and abridged by Lowell Bair)

This classic French novel tells the story of hero Edmond Dantes, who is unjustly accused and imprisoned for 14 years on an island fortress. Full of passion and suspense, this story tells of one man’s journey to survive, remake himself, and plot an elaborate revenge against his enemies. Author Alexander Dumas sets this winding tale in exotic locations in France and Italy and depicts the characters with beauty and mystery.

While you will not be required to submit your written responses, you are encouraged to take notes in a journal or notebook and to underline significant passages in the book as you read.

1. Keep a timeline of events of this book in your notes, marking the major shifts in location and action. You will not have space to record every event, only those that represent a change in character, motivation, or action. We will use these visual

representations of the book as we discuss the reading.

2. What have you learned about imprisonment from this novel? Make notes about how the limits of confinement change Dantes' character.
3. Think about similarities and differences between pairs of characters, such as Valentine de Villefort and Eugenie Danglars and Madame Danglars and Mercedes. How do these characters represent opposite characteristics? What themes become evident through this comparison?
4. Consider character change in this novel. Compare Edmond Dantes with the Count of Monte Cristo. Has Dantes become a completely new person by the end of this novel?

Bring in one discussion question of your own that will inspire your classmates to talk about the themes of the novel.

II. New international students also are encouraged to read a book from the reading lists "Recommended Books for Grade 9" or "Recommended Books for Grade 10."

All new international students will be mailed a copy of *The Count of Monte Cristo*.

Grade 9 Required Book

I. Required: *The Count of Monte Cristo*, Alexander Dumas (only the edition translated and abridged by Lowell Bair)

Recommended Books for Grade 9

II. Choose two books from this annotated list to complete your summer reading requirement. We encourage you to read as many of these selections as you can.

Annie John, Jamaica Kincaid

Black Ice, Lorene Cary

Charms for the Easy Life, Kaye Gibbons

Cider House Rules, John Irving

Coffee Will Make You Black, April Sinclair

Cold Sassy Tree, Olive Ann Burns

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon

Deliver Us from Evie, M.E. Kerr

Emil and Karl, Jacob Glastein

Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury

The Fellowship of the Ring, J. R.R. Tolkien

Good Omens, Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett

I Capture the Castle, Dodie Smith

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou

Iron and Silk, Mark Salzman

An Island Like You, Judith Ortiz Cofer

Kindred, Octavia Butler

Life Is So Good, George Dawson and Richard Glaubman

The Lone Ranger and Tonto, Sherman Alexie

Lord of the Flies, William Golding

Make Me Over: 11 Original Stories about Transforming Ourselves, ed. Marilyn Singer

Mona in the Promised Land, Gish Jen

Montana 1948, Larry Watson

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, Alexander McCall Smith

The Perks of Being a Wallflower, Stephen Chbosky

The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd

She's Come Undone, Wally Lamb

Soldier: A Poet's Childhood, June Jordan

The Sound of Waves, Yukio Mishima

Speak, Laurie Halse Anderson

Stand Before Your God, Paul Watkins

Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes, Chris Crutcher

Whale Talk, Chris Crutcher

Grade 10 Required Book

I. Required: *Jane Eyre*, Charlotte Bronte

Recommended Books for Grade 10

II. Choose two books from this annotated list to complete your summer reading requirement. We encourage you to read as many of these selections as you can.

All Quiet on the Western Front, Erich Maria Remarque

Am I Blue? Coming Out from the Silence, ed. Marion Dane Bauer

Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation, Jonathan Kozol

Angela's Ashes, Frank McCourt

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress, Dai Sijie

The Bell Jar, Sylvia Plath

The Bluest Eye, Toni Morrison

Briar Rose, Jane Yolen

Cold Comfort Farm, Stella Gibbons

Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant, Anne Tyler

Dreams from My Father, Barack Obama

Emma, Jane Austen

Evelina: Or, The History of a Young Lady's Entrance into the World, Fanny Burney

Fires in the Mirror, Anna Deavere Smith

Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe, Fannie Flagg

Girl with a Pearl Earring, Tracy Chevalier

The Great Santini, Pat Conroy

House Made of Dawn, N. Scott Momady

The Hundred Secret Senses, Amy Tan

Illumination Night, Alice Hoffman

In a Sunburned Country, Bill Bryson

Inside the Halo and Beyond: The Anatomy of a Recovery, Maxine Kumin

Into Thin Air, Jon Krakauer

Jitterbug Perfume, Tom Robbins

Jubilee, Margaret Walker

Krik? Krak!, Edwidge Danticat

The Last Time I Saw Mother, Arlene J. Chai

Lonesome Dove, Larry McMurtry

My Sister's Keeper, Jodi Picoult

New Boy, Julian Houston

Nine Stories, J.D. Salinger

Old School, Tobias Wolff

Ordinary People, Judith Guest

The Orchard, Adele Crockett Richardson

The Passion of Alice, Stephanie Grant

Pobby and Dingan, Ben Rice

Rocket Boys, Homer Hickam

The Scarlet Pimpernel, Emmuscka Orczy

She's Not There, Jennifer Boylan

The Songlines, Bruce Chatwin

Still Life with Rice, Helie Lee

A Stranger in the Kingdom, Howard Frank Mosher

The Syringa Tree, Pamela Gien

Tuesdays with Morrie, Mitch Albom

What Girls Learn, Karin Cook

Wicked, Gregory Maguire

Grades 11 and 12 Required Books

I. Literature and Composition III

- Required: *Mama Day* by Gloria Naylor
- Required: *Confessions of a High School Word Nerd*, ed. Arianne Cohen & Colleen Kinder

II. Literature and Composition IV

- Required: *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, Oscar Wilde
- Required: *Confessions of a High School Word Nerd*, ed. Arianne Cohen & Colleen Kinder

III. Found Voices: The Adaptation of the Self through Literature

- Required: *Bird by Bird*, Anne Lamott
- Required: *Confessions of a High School Word Nerd*, ed. Arianne Cohen & Colleen Kinder

IV. AP English

- Required: *The Bonesetter's Daughter*, Amy Tan
- Required: *In the Fall*, Jeffrey Lent
- Required: *Confessions of a High School Word Nerd*, ed. Arianne Cohen & Colleen Kinder

Recommended Books for Grades 11 and 12

V. Choose two books from this annotated list to complete your summer reading requirement. We encourage you to read as many of these selections as you can.

All the Pretty Horses, Cormac McCarthy

The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay, Michael Chabon

American Pastoral, Philip Roth

Amigas: Letters of Friendship and Exile, Marjorie Agosin and Emma Sepulveda

Anna Karenina, Leo Tolstoy

As You Like It, William Shakespeare

The Autobiography of Malcolm X, Malcolm X and Alex Haley

Bad Blood, Lorna Sage

Barchester Towers, Anthony Trollope

Bastard out of Carolina, Dorothy Allison

The Beach, Alex Garland

A Bend in the River, V.S. Naipul

Blanche on the Lam, Barbara Neely

The Bone People, Keri Hulme

Brief Encounters with Che Guevara, Ben Fountain

Brunelleschi's Dome: How a Renaissance Genius Reinvented Architecture, Ross King

Cat's Eye, Margaret Atwood

Cold Mountain, Charles Frazier

Common Ground: A Turbulent Decade in the Lives of Three American Families,
J. Anthony Lukas

The Corrections, Jonathan Franzen

Crooked Little Heart, Anne Lamott

Days of Grace, Arthur Ashe and Arnold Rampersad

Disgrace, J. M. Coetzee

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, Jonathan Safran Foer

Freedom in Exile: The Autobiography of the Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso

Fun Home, Alison Bechdel

The Gardens of Kyoto, Kate Walbert

The Glass Castle, Jeannette Walls
Gulliver's Travels, Jonathan Swift
Half the House, Richard Hoffman
A Handful of Dust, Evelyn Waugh
Heart of Darkness, Joseph Conrad
A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius, Dave Eggers
House of Spirits, Isabel Allende
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents, Julia Alvarez
Interpreter of Maladies, Jhumpa Lahiri
Invisible Man, Ralph Ellison
Jurgen: A Comedy of Justice, James Branch Cabell
The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini
The Known World, Edward P. Jones
The Leopard Hat, Valerie Steiker
Life and Death in Shanghai, Nien Cheng
Little Big Man, Thomas Berger
The Lovely Bones, Alice Sebold
The Mayor of Casterbridge, Thomas Hardy
Memoirs of a Geisha, Arthur Golden
Meridian, Alice Walker
Middlesex, Jeffrey Eugenides
The Mistress of Spices, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
Moll Flanders, Daniel Defoe

My First Cousin Once Removed, Sarah Payne Stuart

Never Let Me Go, Kazuo Ishiguro

Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America, Barbara Ehrenreich

The Night of the Hunter, Davis Grubb

Of Human Bondage, W. Somerset Maugham

On the Road, Jack Kerouac

The Perfect Storm, Sebastian Junger

The Poe Shadow, Matthew Pearl

A Prayer for Owen Meany, John Irving

The Promise, Chaim Potok

Push, Sapphire

Reading in the Dark, Seamus Deane

The Red Tent, Anita Diamant

The Road from Coorain, Jill Ker Conway

Roots, Alex Haley

Rubyfruit Jungle, Rita Mae Brown

Runaway, Alice Munro

The Shipping News, E. Annie Proulx

The Small Rain, Madeleine L'Engle

Snow Falling on Cedars, David Guterson

So Far from God, Ana Castillo

So Long a Letter, Mariama Ba

Solar Storms, Linda Hogan

Soul on Ice, Eldridge Cleaver

The Sparrow, Mary Doria Russell

The Street, Ann Petry

Stones from the River, Ursula Hegi

Summer, Edith Wharton

The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness, Simon Weisenthal

The Things Between Us: A Memoir, Lee Montgomery

Vanity Fair, William Thackeray

A Very Long Engagement, Sebastian Japrisot

Wait Till Next Year, Doris Kearns Goodwin

A Walk in the Woods, Bill Bryson

We Band of Angels: The Untold Story of American Nurses Trapped on Bataan by the Japanese, Elizabeth M. Norman

The Woman in White, Wilkie Collins

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, Robert Pirsig

Science Books

The following titles are suggestions for summer reading from the Science Department. Though none of the books are required, if you have an interest in science and are looking for something to read that relates to a course you will be taking next year, you will enjoy these books. Each of them addresses a different aspect of science in an engaging and thought-provoking manner.

Astronomy and Earth Science

Contact, Carl Sagan

Flight: My Life in Mission Control, Chris Kraft

Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History, Eric Larson

Longitude, Dava Sobel

The Planets, Dava Sobel

Life Science

The Double Helix: A Personal Account of the Discovery of the Structure of DNA, James D. Watson

The End of Nature, Bill McKibben

Flu: The Story of the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the Search for the Virus That Caused It, Gina Kolata

The Hot Zone, Richard Preston

The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat: and Other Clinical Tales, Oliver Sacks

Modoc: The True Story of the Greatest Elephant That Ever Lived, Ralph Helfer

Next of Kin: My Conversations with Chimpanzees, Roger Fouts

No Bone Unturned, Jeff Benedict

The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals, Michael Pollan

Ship Fever, Andrea Barrett

Physical Science

Einstein's Dreams, Alan Lightman

The Evolution of Useful Things, Harry Petroski

House, Tracy Kidder

Instant Physics: From Aristotle to Einstein, and Beyond, Tony Rothman

Newton's Gift: How Sir Isaac Newton Unlocked the System of the World, David Berlinski

The Periodic Table, Primo Levi

Surely You Must Be Joking, Mr. Feynman! and What Do You Care What Other People Think?, Richard P. Feynman

Uncle Tungsten: Memories of a Chemical Boyhood, Oliver Sacks

Social Studies Books

The following titles are suggestions for summer reading from the Social Studies Department. While the required books are part of the assignments for Women in the

Classical World, AP European History and AP United States History courses, the other titles reflect readings that will provide enrichment. Each book was selected because it is well written and provides thoughtful excursions to other times and places. Enjoy!

Sixth Grade Social Studies

The Birch Bark House, Louise Erdrich

Seventh Grade Social Studies

To Be a Slave, Julius Lester

Eighth Grade Social Studies

All But My Life, Gerda Weissmann Klein

African Studies

The Flame Trees of Thika, Elspeth Huxley

Nervous Conditions, Tsitsi Dangarembga

Zenzele: A Letter For My Daughter, J. Nozipo Maraire

American Identities

Jasmine, Bharati Mukherjee

East Asian Studies

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, Lisa See

The Tao of Pooh, Benjamin Hoff

Latin American Studies

I, Rigoberta Menchu: An Indian Woman in Guatemala, Rigoberta Menchu

Middle Eastern Studies

Border Passage, Leila Ahmed

The Children of the Roojme, Elmaz Abinder

Distant View of a Minaret, Alifa Rifaat

Dreams of Trespass: Tales of a Harem Girlhood, Fatima Mernissi

Mr. Mani, A.B. Yehoshua

Political Science and Economics

Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything, Steven D. Levitt

Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions, Gloria Steinem

Wag the Dog, Larry Beinhart

The Portable Nineteenth Century Russian Reader, ed. George Gibian

The Russian Album, Michael Ignatieff

Russian Fairy Tales, Aleksandr N. Afanasyev

United States History

Brave Companions, David McCullough

Slaves in the Family, Edward Ball

Western Civilization

The Bull from the Sea, Mary Renault

The Eagle of the Ninth, Rosemary Sutcliff

Women in the Classical World

Required: *Heroides*, Ovid

AP European History

Required: *The Prince*, Niccolo Machiavelli

The Bridge on the Drina, Ivo Andric

The Daughter of Time, Josephine Tey

The Name of the Rose, Umberto Eco

AP United States History

Required: *An American Childhood*, Annie Dillard

Required: *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, Malcolm X and Alex Haley

Required: *The Killer Angels*, Michael Shaara