

**OUTSIDE READING LIST: ENGLISH 10 / ENGLISH 10 HONORS 2009-2010**

**English 10: Asne Seierstad The Bookseller of Kabul (Afghanistan)  
Plus one additional book from the list below**

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Plus two additional books from the list below**

*Be prepared to be evaluated on your reading of these books the first week of school.  
You will be required to read one additional book from this list first, second, and fourth quarters.*

Kingsolver, Barbara	<u>The Poisonwood Bible</u> (Congo) <i>The story of a Baptist missionary, his wife and their four daughters, whose lives are transformed, sometimes tragically, by the natural, political and social struggles of the postcolonial Belgian Congo.</i>
Courtenay, Bryce	<u>The Power of One</u> (South Africa) <i>The story of Peekay, a young black man who learns to box while in prison, and tries to follow his dream of becoming a boxing champion in order to escape the racism of Apartheid.</i>
Paton, Alan	<u>Cry, the Beloved Country</u> (South Africa) <i>The story of two men, a poor black minister and a rich landowner, who are thrown together by the loss of their sons, due to the racial hatred of Johannesburg.</i>
Nozipo, Mariare	<u>Zenzele</u> (South Africa) <i>Written as a letter from a Zimbabwean mother to her daughter, a student at Harvard, J. Nozipo Maraire evokes the moving story of a mother reaching out to her daughter to share the lessons life has taught her.</i>
Dinesen, Isak	<u>Out of Africa</u> (Kenya) <i>The memoir of Karen Blixen, the owner of an immense coffee plantation. through her experiences and struggles, she learns to care for the people and land of Africa.</i>
Mahfouz, Naguib	<u>The Thief and the Dog</u> (Egypt) <i>After being released from an Egyptian prison, the protagonist is unable to overcome his failures and blames his ill fortune on an unjust society, eventually bringing destruction.</i>
Markandaya, Kamala	<u>Nectar in a Sieve</u> (India) <i>The story of Rukmani, the child-bride of a peasant farmer who works with her husband to raise a family and survive a struggle against famine and poverty, both in the country and in the unwelcoming city.</i>
Golden, Arthur	<u>Memoirs of a Geisha</u> (Japan) <i>A novel following the fictional character of Sayuri, a Japanese geisha. While the story is invented, the historical facts of a geisha's day-to-day life in the 1930's and 1940's are not. Part historical, part fairy tale.</i>
Mishima, Yukio	<u>The Sound of Waves</u> (Japan) <i>In a small village, a fisherman and young pearl diver fall in love, but jealousy causes them to be slandered by gossip.</i>
Kingston, Maxine	Hong <u>The Woman Warrior</u> (U.S./China) <i>Subtitled, "Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts," this tells the story of a Chinese-American girls who must struggle as a female in patriarchal Chinese society and as a Chinese American in the United States.</i>
Tan, Amy	<u>The Bonesetter's Daughter</u> (U.S./China) <i>This is a story of a mother and daughter and the relationship between them set in contemporary San Francisco and in the Chinese village where Peking Man is being unearthed, the daughter Ruth is trying to establish herself, while her mother, LuLing, tries not to forget her past.</i>
Spiegelman, Art	<u>Maus I and II</u> (U.S./Poland) <i>Volume I and II of the Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel about the Holocaust.</i>
Lahiri, Jhumpa	<u>Interpreter of Maladies</u> (U.S./India) <i>A Pulitzer Prize-winning collection of short stories that focus on the experiences of Indian immigrants to America and the children of those immigrants.</i>

Kingsolver, Barbara	<u>The Bean Trees</u> (U.S./ Latin America) <i>Independent minded Taylor Greer flees a dead end life in rural Kentucky, only to discover her need for others as her escape route intercepts with an abandoned three-year old American Indian girl and Guatemalan refugees fleeing their own lives.</i>
Morrison, Toni	<u>The Bluest Eye</u> (U.S.) <i>Pecola Breedlove is an eleven-year-old girl whose wish to be a "beautiful" blond, blue-eyed all-American girl leads to tragic consequences.</i>
Guterson, David	<u>Snow Falling on Cedars</u> (U.S./ Japan) <i>When a Japanese-American fisherman is accused of murdering the man who took his land, the inhabitants of a small island near Seattle must examine their feelings about their Japanese neighbors. Set soon after WW II, this novel combines the elements of a murder mystery and courtroom drama to uncover the racial hatred remaining against Japanese-Americans.</i>
Allende, Isabel	<u>Paula</u> (U.S./ Latin America) <i>The author's memoir was written as a letter to her daughter, who was in a coma that eventually led to her death. Written largely at her daughter's bedside, Allende recounts her own life, the history of their family, and their entanglement and exile from the political turmoil of Chile.</i>
Marquez, Gabriel Garcia	<u>News of a Kidnapping</u> (Colombia) <i>A novel that chronicles the 1990 kidnappings of ten Colombian men and women--all but one a journalist--by the Medellín drug boss Pablo Escobar.</i>
Coelho, Paulo	<u>The Alchemist</u> (Brazil) <i>An Andalusian shepherd boy travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert searching for buried treasure in the Pyramids. Along the way he meets different people who point him in the direction of his quest. A fable about following your dream.</i>
Allende, Isabel	<u>The House of the Spirits</u> (Chile) <i>This novel weaves magic and realism, as well as romance and politics, together to tell the story of several generations of the Trueba family. Their passionate history is marked by violence, the ability to foretell their tragic futures, and a destructive entanglement with the political turmoil of Chile.</i>
De Bernieres, Louis	<u>Corelli's Mandolin</u> (Greece) <i>The story of the invasion of a small Greek island by Italian soldiers during World War II. A quirky war story that explores friendship and love between enemies.</i>
Dumas, Alexandre	<u>The Count of Monte Cristo</u> (France) <i>Set in 1815, an innocent man, Edmond Dantes, is sent to prison. He later escapes and plans his revenge</i>
Solzhenitsyn, Alexander	<u>One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich</u> (Russia) <i>Explores the effects of Communism through one of its victim's experiences in a Russian prison.</i>
Dostoevsky, Fyodor	<u>Crime and Punishment</u> (Russia) <i>Explores the criminal mind of a young man who plans the murder of a woman, believing his actions will benefit society. Explores his descent into madness.</i>
Malamud, Bernard	<u>The Fixer</u> (Russia) <i>"Ritual murder" is the topic of this novel, set in Czarist Russia.</i>
Gaarder, Jostein	<u>Sophie's World</u> (Denmark) <i>A girl utilizes various philosophical theories in her attempt to uncover a mystery</i>
Ibsen, Henrik	<u>An Enemy of the People</u> (Norway) <i>In this play, Dr. Stockman realizes his town's get-rich scheme to open a health resort is jeopardized by a poisonous water supply. He must struggle with the results of speaking truth against the power of the majority.</i>
**Orwell, George	** <u>1984</u> (England) <i>The classic futuristic novel with a society under the watchful eye of "Big Brother"</i>
Conway, Jill Kerr	<u>The Road from Coorain</u> (Australia) <i>A memoir that documents the author's journey into adulthood.</i>
Weissman Klein, Gerda	<u>All But My Life</u> (Poland) <i>A true story of Gerda Weissmann Klein's experience during the Nazi regime. The story follows Klein's three years as a slave laborer of the Nazi's through her miraculous liberation.</i>

Sasson, Jean

The Princess: A True Life Behind The Veil in Saudia Arabia (Saudi Arabia)  
*Hiding her identity, a Saudi princess reveals the details of her royal childhood through adulthood. Gripping accounts of what life is like in this Middle Eastern territory.*

\*\* English 10 Honors students should not read 1984 during the summer. It will be assigned during the school year.

**It is standard practice that if parents/guardians have a question or concern about a book they are encouraged to talk with the teacher. The parent and teacher should try to find mutually agreeable solutions if concerns still exist. If the classroom teacher is unknown, parents are welcome to contact Mrs.**

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