



# 2019

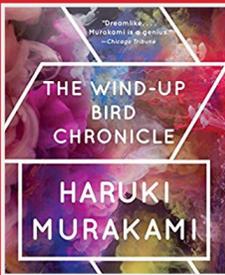
## Reading Challenge for Adults

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### **Suggested Reading List\***

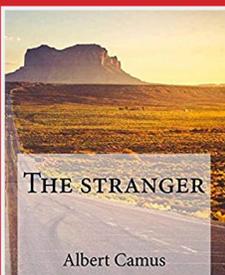
#### **June: Classics (or other books you've always meant to read)**

*\* This list is for ideas only. Chosen book should fit the theme, but no specific titles are required to participate in the reading challenge. Please enjoy!*



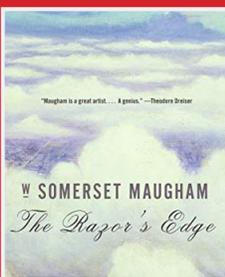
#### **The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle by Haruki Murakami**

In a Tokyo suburb, a young man named Toru Okada searches for his wife's missing cat—and then for his wife as well—in a netherworld beneath the city's placid surface. As these searches intersect, he encounters a bizarre group of allies and antagonists.



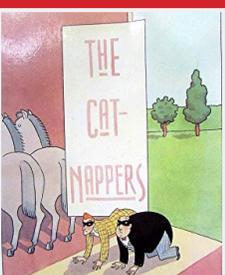
#### **The Stranger by Albert Camus**

Through the story of an ordinary man unwittingly drawn into a senseless murder on an Algerian beach, Camus explored what he termed "the nakedness of man faced with the absurd."



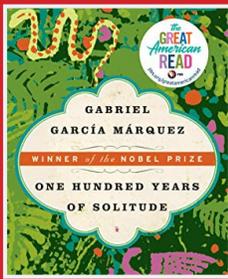
#### **The Razor's Edge by W. Somerset Maugham**

Read this groundbreaking story of Larry Darrell, a pilot traumatized from his war service, as his friends note his personality changes and he seeks meaning in life.



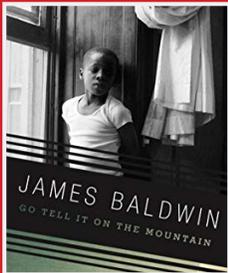
#### **The Cat-Nappers by P.G. Wodehouse**

Assigned by his Aunt Dahlia to cat-nap the good-luck companion of a racehorse against which she has bet heavily, Bertie Wooster enlists the assistance of his valet, Jeeves, in the scheme.



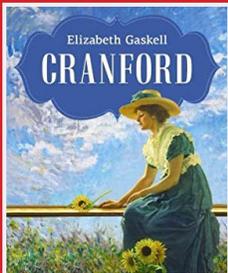
## **100 Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez**

The story of the rise and fall, birth and death of the mythical town of Macondo through the history of the Buendía family is a modern classic. Inventive, amusing, magnetic, sad, and alive with unforgettable men and women -- brimming with truth, compassion, and a lyrical magic that strikes the soul.



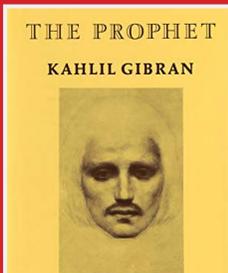
## **Go Tell It On The Mountain by James Baldwin**

With lyrical precision, psychological directness, resonating symbolic power, as well as rage, Baldwin chronicles a fourteen-year-old boy's discovery of the terms of his identity as the stepson of the minister of a storefront Pentecostal church in Harlem one Saturday in March of 1935.



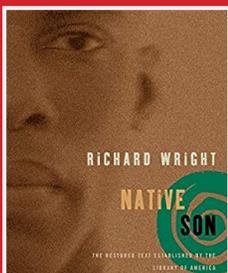
## **Cranford by Elizabeth Gaskell**

A kindly satirical look at the life of a small English town in the middle of the 19th century.



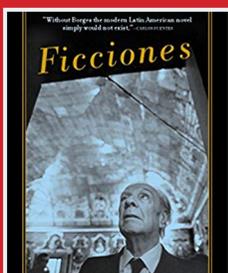
## **The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran**

One of the most translated books of all time, and never out of print, this collection of poetic essays touches on almost all aspects of the human condition.



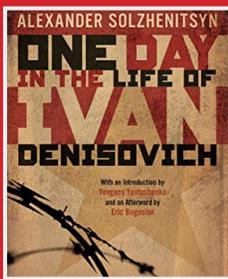
## **Native Son by Richard Wright**

The story of a young black man caught in a downward spiral after he kills a young white woman in a brief moment of panic, this book is an unsparing reflection on the poverty and feelings of hopelessness experienced by people in inner cities across the country and of what it means to be black in America.



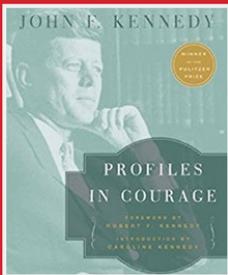
## **Ficciones by Jose Luis Borges**

The seventeen pieces in Ficciones demonstrate the whirlwind of Borges's genius and mirror the precision and potency of his intellect and inventiveness, his piercing irony, his skepticism, and his obsession with fantasy.



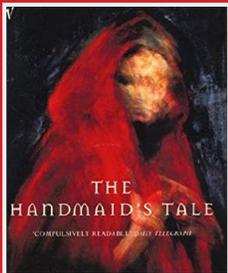
## **One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich** by Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Ivan Denisovich Shukhov was briefly a prisoner of the Nazis in WWII. For this, he is suspected of disloyalty and sent to a prison camp. This book, based on the author's own time in a gulag, chronicles one ordinary day.



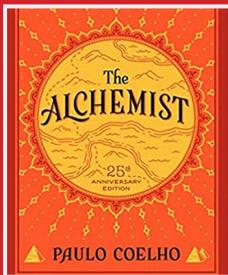
## **Profiles in Courage** by John F. Kennedy

The inspiring true accounts of eight unsung heroic acts by American patriots at different junctures in our nation's history.



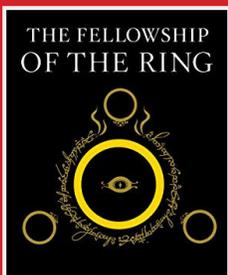
## **The Handmaid's Tale** by Margaret Atwood

Been enjoying the series? Try reading the original, especially since the sequel, *The Testaments*, is being released this fall.



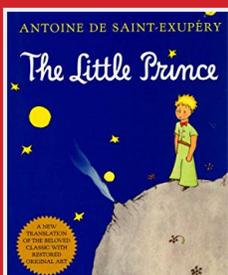
## **The Alchemist** by Paulo Coelho

Actually a lot of people have read this! Find out why, as you follow the mystical story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns for worldly treasure. His quest will lead him to riches far different—and far more satisfying—than he ever imagined.



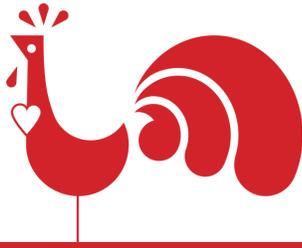
## **The Fellowship of the Ring** by J.R.R. Tolkien

One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them, One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them...need we say more! You know you always wanted to read the whole trilogy!



## **The Little Prince** by Antoine Saint-Exupéry

In the meeting of the narrator who has ditched his plane in the Sahara desert, and the little prince, who has dropped there through time and space from his tiny asteroid, comes an intersection of two worlds, the one governed by the laws of nature, and the other determined only by the limits of imagination.



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## 2nd Quarter Raffle

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**Have you read your books for April, May, and June?**

**If so, show us your log and ask for a raffle ticket. You have until the end of June to catch up!**

**The prize will be a gift basket of books and treats!**