

# extreme reader



year-long reading challenge

## A book set in the South

### Adult Fiction

- **The Wedding Gift** by Marlen Suyapa Bodden
- **Cold Sassy Tree** by Olive Ann Burns
- **This Dark Road to Mercy** by Wiley Cash
- **Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories** by Sandra Cisneros
- **The House Girl** by Tara Conklin
- **Cold Mountain** by Charles Frazier
- **A Time to Kill** by John Grisham
- **Homegoing** by Yaa Gyasi
- **Saving CeeCee Honeycutt** by Beth Hoffman
- **The Known World** by Edward P. Jones
- **The Secret Life of Bees** by Sue Monk Kidd
- **Prodigal Summer** by Barbara Kingsolver
- **March** by John Lewis
- **No Country for Old Men** by Cormac McCarthy
- **All the Missing Girls** by Megan Miranda
- **Gone with the Wind** by Margaret Mitchell
- **A Lowcountry Wedding** by Mary Alice Monroe
- **The Sport of Kings** by C. E. Morgan
- **Beloved** by Toni Morrison
- **Wise Blood** by Flannery O'Connor
- **Visible Empire** by Hannah Pittard
- **Serena** by Ron Rash
- **Interview with the Vampire** by Anne Rice
- **A Kind of Freedom** by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton
- **The Help** by Katherine Stockett
- **Cane River** by Lalita Tademy
- **A Confederacy of Dunces** by John Kennedy Toole
- **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** by Mark Twain
- **The Color Purple** by Alice Walker
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- **Pilgrim at Tinker Creek** by Annie Dillard
- **Five Days at Memorial** by Sheri Fink
- **The Hemingses of Monticello**  
by Annette Gordon-Reed
- **Shiloh, 1862** by Winston Groom
- **Roots** by Alex Haley
- **Same Kind of Different as Me** by Ron Hall
- **The Sun Does Shine** by Anthony Ray Hinton
- **Liar's Club** by Mary Karr
- **My Life, My Love, My Legacy**  
by Coretta Scott King
- **Dimestore** by Lee Smith
- **Just Mercy** by Bryan Stevenson
- **Don't Hurry Me Down to Hades**  
by Susannah J. Ural
- **Hillbilly Elegy** by J.D. Vance
- **One Writer's Beginnings** by Eudora Welty
- **Black Boy** by Richard Wright

Teen

- **This Lullaby** by Sarah Dessen
- **Beautiful Creatures** by Kami Garcia
- **An Abundance of Katherines** by John Green
- **Rebel Belle** by Rachel Hawkins
- **The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer**  
by Michelle Hodkin
- **Ruined** by Paula Morris
- **Shine** by Lauren Myracle
- **Dumplin'** by Julie Murphy
- **The Mirk and Midnight Hour**  
by Jane Nickerson
- **Out of the Easy** by Ruta Sepetys
- **The Raven Boys** by Maggie Stiefvater
- **As I Descended** by Robin Talley
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