

Juanita High School Summer Reading 2018

Incoming Sophomores

(Not including 10th Honors or 10th Cambridge)



RATIONALE: The Juanita High School learning community encourages all students to develop into thoughtful, avid readers. With this aim, the staff is asking all incoming sophomores to read **one** of the books described below.

We hope that you enjoy your summer reading!

Choose *one* from this list of books:

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

In Sue Monk Kidd's *The Secret Life of Bees*, 14-year-old Lily Owen, neglected by her father and isolated on their Georgia peach farm, spends hours imagining a blissful infancy when she was loved and nurtured by her mother, Deborah, whom she barely remembers. The search for a mother, and the need to mother oneself, are crucial elements in this well-written coming-of-age story set in the early 1960s against a background of racial violence and unrest. When Lily's beloved nanny, Rosaleen, manages to insult a group of angry white men on her way to register to vote and has to skip town, Lily takes the opportunity to go with her, fleeing to the only place she can think of--Tiburon, South Carolina--determined to find out more about her dead mother.

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer

When Jon Krakauer reached the summit of Mt. Everest in the early afternoon of May 10, 1996, he hadn't slept in fifty-seven hours and was reeling from the brain-altering effects of oxygen depletion. As he turned to begin the perilous descent from 29,028 feet (roughly the cruising altitude of an Airbus jetliner), twenty other climbers were still pushing doggedly to the top, unaware that the sky had begun to roil with clouds...

Sophomore Summer Reading Assignment

Choose a book on this list to read this summer. Take notes on plot, character, and your personal reactions. (What did you like or not like? Did the situations or characters remind you of something or someone you know about?) You will not turn in your notes, so there is no minimum requirement, but they will help you in assignments and tests at the beginning of the year.

**We value your integrity.
Plagiarism and cheating will result in
an irrevocable score of zero.**