

## AHS Faculty Favorites 2017



Prior to the end of the school year, AHS students selected **one** of these books to read over the summer. If a student wishes to change their selection over the summer, he/she must e-mail Mrs. Ricci (riccid@amesburyma.gov) with their name, their original book selection, and their new book selection. Any student who is uncertain of the title they chose can email Mrs. Ricci or go to the Amesbury Public Library where Mrs. Walker will have access to titles chosen by students.

Each book on the list has been chosen by members of the faculty/staff who will conduct a discussion group with students who read the book. Each book has been recommended since it appeals to readers who like certain styles or topics. They are books that are enjoyable to read. Students may buy copies of books or borrow a title through the public library.

**All Faculty Favorites Book Discussions will be held on Friday, September 8, 2017 regardless of whether a student has English all year, first semester, or second semester.** Students do not have to write a faculty favorite journal during the summer, although they may wish to take notes to remember the book. All students will be told where they will report to have their book discussion. At the beginning of each book discussion, students will be given a brief assessment based on the book to ensure that they read the book. **These assessments and participation in the discussion will count as a test grade in the student's English class.**





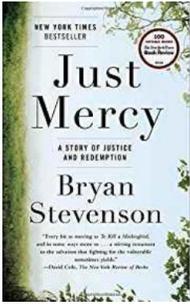




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## [Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption](#)

[by Bryan Stevenson](#)



*They say:* A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinkmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.

Just Mercy is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice (randomhousebooks.com).

*I say:* Recommended for those who loved *To Kill a Mockingbird* and are interested in the evolution and motivation for civil and social justice movements.

**Memoir, Non Fiction**

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## [King of the Screwups](#)

[By K. L. Going](#)



Liam Geller is Mr. Popularity. Everybody loves him. He excels at sports; he knows exactly what clothes to wear; he always ends up with the most beautiful girls in school. But he's got an uncanny ability to screw up in the very ways that tick off his father the most. When Liam finally kicked out of the house, his father's brother takes him in. What could a teenage chick magnet possibly have in common with his gay, glam rocker, DJ uncle who lives in a trailer in upstate New York? A lot more than you'd think. And when Liam attempts to make himself over as a nerd in a desperate attempt to impress his father, it's his "aunt" Pete and the guys in his band who convince Liam there's much more to him than his father will ever see (amazon.com).

**LGBTQ, Realistic Fiction**

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