

**2019 SUMMER READING PROGRAM**  
**AHS ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**  
**WELCOME TO STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE NINE!**

Each summer, students at Amesbury High School are expected to participate in the summer reading program by reading a book(s) that will be discussed and assessed in test form in the fall for English classes. We are excited about our program since it offers students many choices and opportunities to read books for interest and pleasure.

### **BOOK #1: Faculty Favorites Summer Reading Program**

- The FACULTY FAVORITES list includes a variety of books that staff members have enjoyed reading. **All students entering grades 9-12** will select any **ONE** book from the Faculty Favorites list online to read.
- **All CP and Honors students** will participate in a book discussion group on **Friday, September 6, 2019**, led by the teacher who selected the book. Students will take an assessment at the beginning of the discussion session that will count as a summer reading grade in English class.
- The high school English teachers recommend that all students take notes when reading—the characters, plot, settings, and themes—and review the notes prior to testing.
- Students may purchase books bookstores or online; limited copies are available at the library.
- An annotated copy of the Faculty Favorites list that describes each book is available online at the Amesbury High School website at <http://schools.amesburyma.gov/> .
- Click on **AHS** to find the **summer reading link**.

### **BOOK #2: Honors Book Selection for English Class**

- Students registered for a **college-preparatory (CP)** English class will be responsible for reading a Faculty Favorites book only. This is a departure from previous years when CP students also read *Tuesdays with Morrie*.
- Students who registered for **honors (H)** English class will elect to read **one** of the four memoirs listed below in addition to their Faculty Favorites book choice. This means two books total for honors students.
- Copies will be available for loan at the library, or you can purchase your own copy. Students will be tested on the reading in their honors English class on **Thursday, August 29, 2019**.
  - *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee
  - *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore
  - *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
  - *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah
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