

THE PHELPS SCHOOL

Summer Reading List for 9th & 10th grades

While all selections are grade-appropriate, and many are award winners, the maturity level of students can vary widely. Some may contain content, language, or violence that you may deem inappropriate for your son's current maturity level. If you have any question about a particular book, please check with your local library or bookstore.

Glory Road : My Story of the 1966 NCAA Basketball Championship and How One Team Triumphed Against the Odds and Changed America Forever (Don Haskins) Texas Coach Don Haskins forever changed college sports when he chose to field five black players in the formerly segregated NCAA basketball tournament.

The Life of Pi: A Novel (Yann Martel) Sixteen-year-old Pi Patel, his family, and their zoo animals emigrate from India to North America aboard a cargo ship. The ship sinks, and Pi finds himself sharing a lifeboat with a 450-pound Bengal tiger. Man Booker Prize 2002.

Holler if You Hear Me (Michael Eric Dyson) Ten years after his murder, Tupac Shakur is even more loved, contested, and celebrated than he was in life. His posthumously released albums, poetry, and motion pictures have catapulted him into the upper echelon of American cultural icons. In *Holler If You Hear Me*, "hip-hop intellectual" Michael Eric Dyson, acclaimed author of the bestselling *Come Hell or High Water*, offers a wholly original way of looking at Tupac that will thrill those who already love the artist and enlighten those who want to understand him.

Ender's Game (Orson Scott Card) Intense is the word for *Ender's Game*. Aliens have attacked Earth twice and almost destroyed the human species. To make sure humans win the next encounter, the world government has taken to breeding military geniuses -- and then training them in the arts of war... The early training, not surprisingly, takes the form of 'games'... Ender Wiggin is a genius among geniuses; he wins all the games... He is smart enough to know that time is running out. But is he smart enough to save the planet?

Into the Wild (Jon Krakauer) In April 1992 a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. His name was Christopher Johnson McCandless. He had given \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself. Four months later, his decomposed body was found by a moose hunter. How McCandless came to die is the unforgettable story of *Into the Wild*.