

Summer Reading – Senior Humanities Program

AMERICAN CULTURE STUDIES

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GENERATION NEXT

Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood

By Marjane Satrapi

The great-granddaughter of Iran's last emperor and the daughter of ardent Marxists describes growing up in Tehran in a country plagued by political upheaval and vast contradictions between public and private life.

LONG ISLAND STUDIES

Amagansett

By Mark Mills

Conrad Labarde, a reclusive fisherman, finds his life transformed when he pulls up the body of a beautiful young woman in his fishing nets, in a story set against the backdrop of a small Long Island fishing community in 1947.

Maiden Voyage

By Tania Aebi

In 1987, Tania Aebi became the first American woman and the youngest person ever to sail around the world alone. Maiden Voyage tells the adventure of a troubled 18-year-old who braved typhoons, pirates and starvation to return home a hero.

QUEST

The Alchemist

By Paulo Coelho

A fable about following one's dreams, listening to one's heart, and reading life's omens features dialogue between a boy and an unnamed being.

RENAISSANCE

The Color of Water

By James McBride

Around the narrative of Ruth McBride Jordan, a.k.a. Rachel Deborah Shilsky, the daughter of an angry, failed Orthodox Jewish rabbi in the South, her son James writes of the inner confusions he felt as a black child of a white mother and of the love and faith with which his mother surrounded their large family.