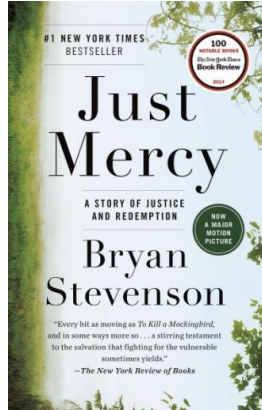
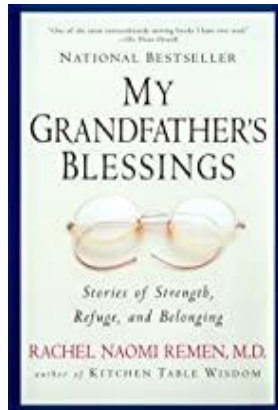


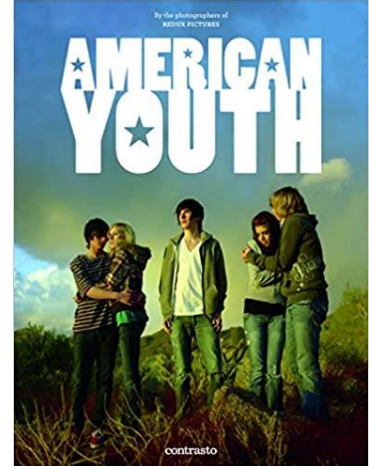
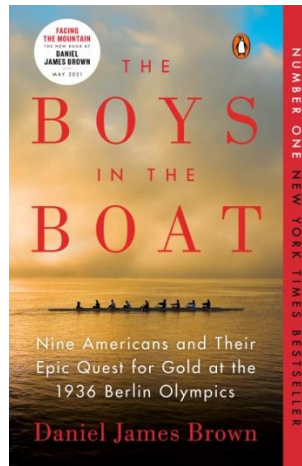
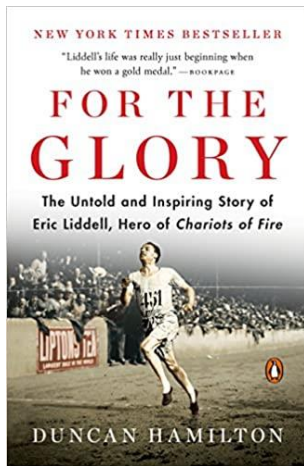
## ***Books we Love that You May Like to Read This Summer:***

- 1) **The Education of Little Tree, and Geronimo**—Both books by Forrest Carter = Fabulous!
- 2) **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**—very funny, real, & heartbreaking, and definitely gets inside a young man's head.
- 3) **The Velveteen Rabbit**—A child's book with an unforgettable theme
- 4) **The Little Prince**-- Antoine de Saint-Exupéry = Delightful, quick, & powerful
- 5) **City of Joy**—Set in India and written by an incredible author. My best book to read for a whole decade! Dominique Lapierre
- 6) **Bud Not Buddy, The Hate You Give, The Sun is Also a Star, Love to the Local:** submitted by Elyse and Signourey, our two Peace Package Team Teen members!



- 7) **Just Mercy**—So Powerful—Great detail on real problems/solutions in our southern prison systems. The author is still working on justice for all today! This is a movie, too.
- 8) **The Help**—Also a very well made movie. Set in the south when maids could not use the bathrooms in the houses they worked in, were not treated or paid well, and had their own spunky comebacks to get even. Delightful, funny, but some parts are very sad.
- 9) **American Youth**—Contrasto—Youth share stories from their hearts, triumphs and struggles. Very eye opening and courageous.
- 10) **My Grandfather's Blessings**—A beautiful book by Dr. Rachel Remen, and another of my all time favorites.
- 11) **Lost and Found**—Marilyn Harris—An Intriguing fast read.
- 12) **The Book Thief**—A favorite read of high school students and teachers.
- 13) **The Pearl** by John Steinbeck—Much to learn from this poignant story.
- 14) Fun & Fluff: **The Last Song** by Nicolas Sparks. Also a movie.

**15) For the Glory** by Duncan Hamilton about Eric Liddell from **Chariots of Fire** (movie/book). **Chariots of Fire** was Good, but this 2<sup>nd</sup> book about Eric Liddell is marvelous and even more inspiring. My husband's parents knew some of the young boys he mentored in the concentration camp in China, as we read it to them. Wow! It should be a movie!



**16) The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek** by Kim Michelle Richardson, fiction based on the truths of the adventures of Appalachian women on mules who delivered books in the mountains. Tough but glorious and I loved the characters!

**17) The Boys in the Boat**—Fabulous history abounds in this true story of a group of mostly very poor young men who raced on a crew team from University of Washington and went to the Olympics. Pastor Plaehn highly recommended this book long ago. Read this aloud to our 93 & 94 yr. old parents.

**18) Wonder** by Patricia Palacio, impacts one immeasurably right from the start, and shows clearly the life of a handicapped child with an amazing spirit and personality. Also a movie, but the movie leaves out much of the story. I gave it as Christmas gifts to all my family members the year it came out. Make sure your copy includes the Eugene story, too. The earliest ones did not. #1-5 & 7-18, & # 11,28 & 29 submitted by Shari Shelton

**19) Definitely read The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.** Follow up with Fitzgerald's **The Great Brain**, first in a series written to honor a mother's wish that her son document life in the southwest of US in late 1800's. Aimed at youth, these books will "read fast."

**20) For a nonfiction read, try a book about Mill Girls of Lowell.** Going from farm to factory, women campaigned for more than the right to vote. They lead the way for safe working conditions, for the 40 hour work week, for laws against child labor, and more that we now take for granted. A timely read, considering the current concerns about fairness and labor. #19 & 20 submitted by Carol Pittmon

**21) I will nominate Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury. I've suggested this book to others (with mixed results!) but it remains one of my favorites. The book's ideas of censorship, controlling information, mass media, and reducing the influx of new ideas remains timeless. Submitted by Pat Ferguson

**22) I think My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry** by Frederik Backman is my winner. The character descriptions are fascinating. **Ove** by Backman is good, too. Submitted by Allison Kies

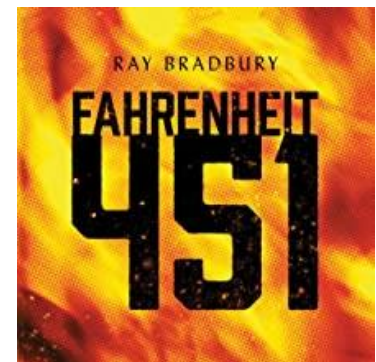
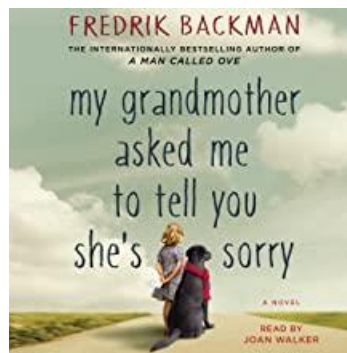
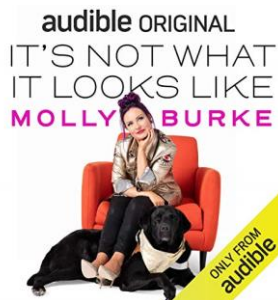
23) **The Gates of Zion** series by Bodie & Thoene—Five book, (perhaps more) about the early Christian church in fiction and all of their struggles. Hard to put down, for sure! My daughter, niece, my Mom, and me shared these all one summer time.

24) **Mark of the Lion** Series by Francine Rivers—quite shocking and bloody in spots, but riveting, and tells well the struggles of the church its first century, and mainly the persecution they faced daily in Rome and Ephesus. Submitted by Charissa Carroll

25) **A Fault in our Stars**, and **The 5 Love Languages** by Kayla R., a P.T. for Art Shelton.

26) **It's Not What It Looks Like** by Molly Burke who is blind. Molly has a marvelous blog on YouTube as well, and though blind, lives an amazing life to her fullest and is so spunky! Only in audible.

27) **Your Next 24 Hours** by Hal Donaldson & Kirk Noonan. So you think you're kind? This book is about something much bigger--a lifestyle of kindness, without thought of recipro-cation, extended toward every person in our lives, both friend and foe. Through powerful true stories of kindness lived out, it shows how every encounter with another person is an opportunity to be kind--and a chance to change our world. Both #26 & 27 submitted by Jenny H.



28) **Radical Compassion & They Come Back Singing**—Life changing books by Father Gary Smith, a Jesuit priest who's worked in Tacoma, Portland, and Uganda, and has such a marvelous heart and eyes like Jesus for the people he loves and serves. Father Smith is one of my heroes!

29) **Tatoos on the Heart** by Father Gregory Boyle, a Jesuit priest who has helped many gang members change the course of their lives, start bakeries, clothing lines, and much more. Amazing works being done with God's help.

30) **The Highest Tide**--Jim Lynch--Excellent coming of age novel set in the salt water beauty of Puget Sound by a local Olympia, WA author. **Peace Like a River**--Leif Enger--This one was a gift to my son by a high school English teacher in 2000 for summer reading! Super novel about a 1960's western countryside heroic quest, with themes of tragedy, love, faith and family all interwoven. **Murphy's Law**--Rhys Bowen--The first of many in the Molly Murphy Mystery series. I just received #3 and can't wait to read it. They are funny, gripping, fast moving and very well written. The setting is turn of the century (early 1900's) New York City. They are full of history about Ellis Island, immigrants from around the world, and the various haunts of the big city.

Recommended by Lisa Flesher

