

WHAT DEANS ARE READING *for pleasure*

- 40 Days of Rain**, Kim Stanley Robinson
- 50 Degrees Below**, Kim Stanley Robinson
- 60 Days and Counting**, Kim Stanley Robinson
- A Little History of the World**, E. H. Gombrich
- A Passage to India**, E.M. Forster
- A Place of Execution**, Val McDermid*
- A Plague of Doves**, Louise Erdrich
- A Trumpeter's Tale**, Timifea Dokshitzer
- Alexander Hamilton**, Ron Chernow
- American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House**, Jon Meacham [2]
- American Prometheus: The Life of J. Robert Oppenheimer**, Kai Bird and Martin Sherwin
- An Anthropologist on Mars**, Oliver Sacks
- Anil's Ghost**, Michael Ondaatji
- Animals Make Us Human: Creating the Best Life for Animals**, Temple Grandin and Catherine Johnson
- Baum's Plan for Financial Independence**, John Kessel
- Between Panic and Desire**, Dinty W. Moore
- Black Dog of Fate**, Peter Balakian
- Black Water**, Joyce Carol Oates
- Born in Blood and Fire**, John Charles Chasteen
- Brightly Flows the River**, Taylor Caldwell
- Brooklyn**, Colm Toibin
- Cane River**, Lalita Tademy
- Captain Hell Roaring Mike Healy: From American Slave to Arctic Hero**, Dennis Noble and Truman Stroubridge*
- Cion**, Zakes Mda
- Coal Black Horse**, Robert Olmstead
- Cranford**, Elizabeth Gaskell
- Cutting for Stone**, Abraham Verghese
- Eay, Pray, Love**, Elizabeth Gilbert
- Elegance of the Hedgehog**, Muriel Barbery
- Empire Falls**, Richard Russo
- Enrique's Journey**, Sonia Nazaro
- Experimental Heart**, Jennifer L. Roh*
- Factory Girls**, Leslie T Chang
- Field Notes from a Catastrophe**, Elizabeth Kolbert
- Follow the River**, James Alexander Thom
- Home**, Marilynne Robinson
- Istanbul**, Orfan Pamuk
- John Adams**, David McCullough
- Joy Luck Club**, Amy Tan
- Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's**, John Elder Robinson
- Loving Frank**, Nancy Horan
- Malinche**, Laura Esquivel
- Mao**, Jung Chang and Jon Halliday
- Mary Modern**, Camille DeAngelis*
- Master and Commander**, Patrick O'Brian
- Medusa**, Clive Cussler
- Merle's Door: Lessons from a Freethinking Dog**, Ted Kerasote
- Mirrors of the Unseen: Journeys in Iran**, Jason Elliot
- Never Let Me Go**, Kasuo Ishiguru
- One Second After**, William R. Forstchen
- Oryx and Crake**, Margaret Atwood
- Outliers**, Malcolm Gladwell [2]
- People of Book**, Geraldine Brook
- Pillars of the Earth**, Ken Follett [2]
- Plato and a Platypus Walk into a Bar: Understanding Philosophy Through Jokes**, Thomas Cathcart and David Klein
- Poems**, Petrarch
- Post American World**, Farhad Zakaria
- Reaching the Animal Mind: Clicker Training and What It Teaches Us About All Animals**, Karen Pryor
- Red River**, Lalita Tademy
- Religion of Fear**, Jason C. Bivins
- Same Kind of Different as Me**, Ron Hall & Denver Moore
- Seedfolks**, Paul Fleischman
- Snow Crash**, Neal Stephenson
- Snowflower and the Secret Fan**, Lisa See
- Straight Man**, Richard Russo [3]*
- Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln**, Doris Kearns Goodwin
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**, Sherman Alexie
- The Angel's Game**, Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- The Art of Racing in the Rain**, Garth Stein
- The Ascent of Money**, Niall Ferguson
- The Audacity of Hope**, Barack Obama
- The Bible**

The Book of Air and Shadows, Michael Gruber

The Bookseller of Kabul, Åsne Seierstad

The Box: How the Shipping Container Made the World Smaller and the World Economy Bigger, Marc Levinson

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, Junot Diaz

The Decline and Fall of the Ottoman Empire, Alan J. Palmer

The Demon Under the Microscope, Thomas Hager

The Diving Bell and the Butterfly: A Memoir of Life in Death, Jean-Dominique Bauby

The Elegance of the Hedgehog, Muriel Barbery [2]

The Family, Jeff Sharlett

The Ghost Map, Steven Johnson [2]*

The Girl Who Played with Fire, Stieg Larsson

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, Stieg Larsson

The Given Day, Dennis Lehane

The Gold Delusion, Richard Dawkins

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows [2]

The Help, Kathryn Stockett

The History of Illinois, William Henry Carpenter

The History of Love, Nicole Kruass

The Invention of Air, Steven Johnson

The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini

The Know-It-All, A. J. Jacobs*

The Lace Reader, David Mehegan

The Life of Pi, Yann Martel

The Myth of Sisyphus, Albert Camus

The Next Hundred Years, George Friedman

The Peasant Prince: Thaddeus Kosziuszko and the Age of Revolution, Alex Storozynski [2]

The Places In Between, Rory Stewart

The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd

The Slap, Christos Tsiolkas

The Tipping Point, Malcolm Gladwell

Then We Came to the End, Joshua Ferris

Things I Overheard While Talking to Myself, Alan Alda

Three Cups of Tea, Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin [2]

Twentysomething Essays by Twentysomething Writers, Matt Kellogg and Jillian Quint*

Volumes 2 and 3 of the Lyndon B. Johnson biographies, Robert Caro

When Heaven and Hell Changed Places, Le Ly Hayslip and Jay Wurts

When You are Engulfed in Flames, David Sedaris

White Tiger, Aravind Adiga [2]

Wild Swans, Jung Chang

World War Z, Max Brooks*

*Comments

All deans should read **Straight Man**

A Place of Execution came out several years ago but a fabulous page-turner.

Mary Modern, Camille DeAngelis is a fascinating and quirky novel of science experimentation

The Ghost Map is the story of London's most terrifying epidemic and how it changed science, cities, and the modern world.

The Know-It-All by A. J. Jacobs - the saga of a man who reads the Encyclopedia Britannica from cover to cover. Hilarious reflection on the difference between wisdom and information.

Twentysomething Essays by Twentysomething Writers – gripping and frequently haunting snapshot of the experiences of recent college graduates.

Experimental Heart – impossible-to-put-down fiction that combines detective mystery, romance, and molecular biology.

Captain Hell Roaring Mike Healy: From American Slave to Arctic Hero. Gets beyond contemporary stereotypes to the complexity of race and character in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War – No matter what has happened during the day, it pales in comparison to a world overrun by zombies.

I'll read anything by Janet Evanovich.

Unfortunately, I read almost entirely in Spanish. Loved Spanish author Rosa Montero's novel **Instrucciones Para Salvar el Mundo** (Instructions to Save the World). Not yet translated into English.

Sadly... nothing.