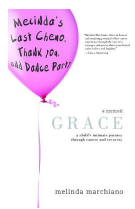


# In Reading Groups 2011-2012

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## SEPTEMBER

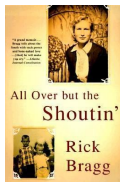
### *Grace: A Child's Intimate Journey through Cancer and Recovery* by Melinda Marchiano



A teenager writes of her struggle with cancer. From the early signs of illness and misdiagnosis to cancer treatments and the fight to continue dancing, Melinda tells her story with candor and wit.

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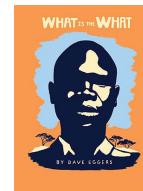
### *All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg



This Pulitzer Prize winning memoir gives readers an intimate look at poverty and faith in the rural South. Bragg tells the stories of his family in a way that allows the reader to imagine they'd been invited over for dinner.

## NOVEMBER

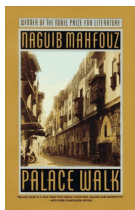
### *What is the What* by Dave Eggers



The fictional autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng, a "Lost Boy" from Sudan, uses terrific detail to describe his survival of the war in refugee camps and immigration to America.

## DECEMBER

### *Palace Walk* by Naguib Mahfouz



Egyptian author Naguib Mahfouz invites readers to follow a Muslim family through their daily life in post-WWI Egypt. The characters come to life through rich and provocative descriptions of their lives.

## JANUARY

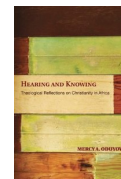
### *Haiti After the Earthquake* by Paul Farmer



Paul Farmer, a medical doctor whose roots in Haiti run deep, provides a look at the immediate impact of the earthquake through the eyes of one of the world's foremost humanitarians.

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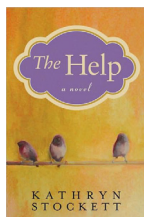
### *Hearing and Knowing* by Mercy Oduyoye



Ghanaian theologian Mercy Oduyoye gives an in-depth look at the church and theology in Africa. She encourages African churches to work toward an inclusive vision where both men and women lead and serve in the church and in the world.

## MARCH

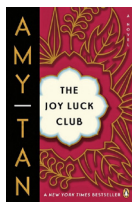
### *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett



*The Help* follows the lives of Minny and Aibileen, two black maids living and working in the South during the 1960s. The book provides a place to discuss race and the history of racism in the United States.

## APRIL

### *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan



The mothers of four Chinese-American immigrant families meet each week and discuss their families, particularly their daughters. As they live between two cultures, the mothers struggle to understand their daughters' new American lives in this best-seller.

## MAY

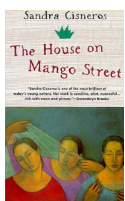
### *This Was Not Our War* by Swanee Hunt



Author Swanee Hunt retells the experiences of 26 women who lived through the upheavals in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The women in the book tell stories of choosing to flee or to stay and attempting to care for their families amidst the conflict.

## JUNE

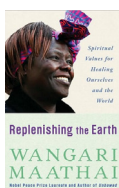
### *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros



This novel about a young Latina girl who longs to escape the cramped quarters of her impoverished neighborhood in Chicago explores the issue of forging identity while coming-of-age as a participant in two cultures.

## JULY

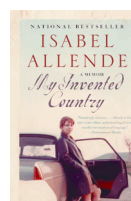
### *Replenishing the Earth* by Wangari Maathai



Nobel Peace Prize winner and environmentalist Wangari Maathai combines spirituality and environmental justice to remind readers that when the environment is degraded, we are too. Maathai has dedicated her life to helping rural women plant trees in Kenya.

## AUGUST

### *My Invented Country* by Isabel Allende



Chilean author Allende writes a memoir of her life centered around two pivotal dates - both on September 11. The first was in 1973 when her uncle, the President of Chile, was assassinated, and the second in 2001 when Allende recognized her deep connection to her U.S. home.