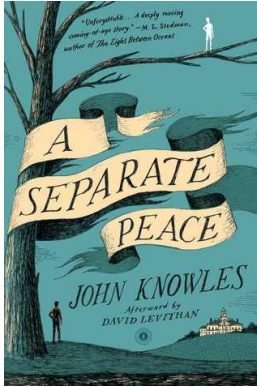


Northside High School Summer Reading 2019

For the summer of 2019, Northside High School is requiring **all Non-AP students** who will be returning next fall to read **at least one book from the summer reading list**. This includes rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. INCOMING FRESHMAN ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS ASSIGNMENT; HOWEVER, IT IS ENCOURAGED THAT MAGNET STUDENTS TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THEIR READING SKILLS.

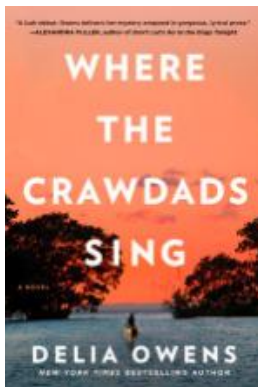
Our goal is to encourage our students to enjoy reading by providing them with a curated list of interesting and well-written books. This year, you will find three books told from three vastly different perspectives and set in vastly different places. Use the descriptions below to learn more about what each book. **Please select a book with which YOU and YOUR PARENTS are comfortable. If you are uncertain of your choice for any reason, please use resources such as goodreads.com to find out more prior to reading.**



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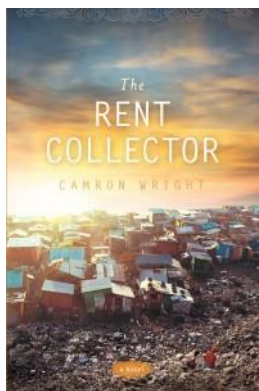
Set at a boys' boarding school in New England during the early years of World War II, *A Separate Peace* is a harrowing and luminous parable of the dark side of adolescence. Gene is a lonely, introverted intellectual. Phineas is a handsome, taunting, daredevil athlete. What happens between the two friends one summer, like the war itself, banishes the innocence of these boys and their world.

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For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and Karen Russell, *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps. (less)



Survival for Ki Lim and Sang Ly is a daily battle at Stung Meanchey, the largest municipal waste dump in all of Cambodia. They make their living scavenging recyclables from the trash. Life would be hard enough without the worry for their chronically ill child, Nisay, and the added expense of medicines that are not working. Just when things seem worst, Sang Ly learns a secret about the bad-tempered rent collector who comes demanding money--a secret that sets in motion a tide that will change the life of everyone it sweeps past.

The Rent Collector is a story of hope, of one woman's journey to save her son, and another woman's chance at redemption.