

Non Fiction Books Read by WCHS Juniors recently. **Your selection may NOT have been made into a movie!** Several of the books below have come out in theaters just in the past couple of years.

Title	Topic
Crash Into Me: A Survivor’s Search for Justice	In September 2005, Liz Securo's world turned upside down when she received an apology letter from the man who had raped her twenty-two years earlier. The rape, which occurred when she was a seventeen-year-old freshman at the University of Virginia, was reported to the campus police, but their inquiry led nowhere.
The Vow	Now a movie
Between a Rock and a Hard Place	Now a movie
A Stolen Life	Jaycee Dugard's raw and powerful memoir, her own story of being kidnapped and held captive for more than eighteen years.
Boots on the Ground	This is a riveting account of the war in Iraq moving north with the 82nd Airborne.
Have a Little Faith	Best Non Fiction of 2009. By the author of Tuesdays with Morrie
Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod	Paulsen and his team of dogs endured snowstorms, frostbite, dogfights, moose attacks, sleeplessness, and hallucinations in the relentless push to go on. Map and color photographs.
Three Weeks with my Brother	Nicholas Sparks and his brother, Micah, set off on a three-week trip around the globe. It was to mark a milestone in their lives, for at thirty-seven and thirty-eight respectively, they were now the only surviving members of their family
They Called Themselves the KKK	
The Faraway Horses	The Adventures and Wisdom of One of America's Most Renowned Horsemen
Wide Open	Based on actual events, this is the epic story of Abilene, Kansas, at a time when the cowboy was king, might made right, and the future seemed as unsettled as the endless prairie.
90 Minutes in Heaven	a Baptist pastor who was pronounced dead after a devastating car accident — only to come out of it an hour and a half later fully recalling a vision of heaven — the film has been scripted and will be directed by Michael Polish—casting calls occurring NOW for the movie version
I am a Seal Team Six Warrior	When the Navy sends their elite, they send the SEALs. When the SEALs send their elite, they send SEAL Team Six—a secret unit made up of the finest soldiers in the country, if not the world
I Beat the Odds	The football star made famous in the hit film (and book) <i>The Blind Side</i> reflects on how far he has come from the circumstances of his youth. Michael Oher shares his personal account of his story, in this inspirational <i>New York Times</i> bestseller.
Suicide Charlie	"Suicide Charlie": the bastard infantry company that fought where the combat was bloodiest. Norman Russell was nineteen, a sportswriter for a small-town newspaper, when he was drafted for the Vietnam War and landed in the army's hottest spot as an infantryman in the 25th Division.
Chasing Lincoln’s Killer	Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators and the manhunters, CHASING LINCOLN'S KILLER is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia.
American Sniper	Now a movie

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John Lennon-All I Want is the Truth	The Beatle!
Scar Tissue	The Red Hot Chili Peppers
Three Little Words	Life of a child in foster care
Bringing Elizabeth Home	Kidnap of Elizabeth Smart
The Survivor in us All	Holocaust
We Bought a Zoo	Now a movie
Kill or Capture	Taking down Al-Qaeda
Soul Surfer	Now a movie
The Pregnancy Project	Now a movie
A Child Called it	This book chronicles the unforgettable account of one of the most severe child abuse cases in California history. It is the story of Dave Pelzer, who was brutally beaten and starved by his emotionally unstable, alcoholic mother: a mother who played tortuous, unpredictable games--games that left him nearly dead. He had to learn how to play his mother's games in order to survive because she no longer considered him a son, but a slave; and no longer a boy, but an "it."
The Lost Boy	Imagine a young boy who has never had a loving home. His only possessions are the old, torn clothes he carries in a paper bag. The only world he knows is one of isolation and fear. Although others had rescued this boy from his abusive alcoholic mother, his real hurt is just beginning -- he has no place to call home.This is Dave Pelzer's long-awaited sequel to A Child Called "It".
A Man Named Dave	the gripping conclusion to Dave Pelzer's inspirational and <i>New York Times</i> bestselling trilogy that began with A Child Called "It" and The Lost Boy .
The Bomber Boys	In World War II, there were many ways to die. But nothing offered more fatal choices than being inside a B-17 bomber above Nazi-occupied Europe. From the hellish storms of enemy flak and relentless strafing of Luftwaffe fighters, to mid-air collisions, mechanical failure, and simple bad luck, it's a wonder any man would volunteer for such dangerous duty. But many did. Some paid the ultimate price. And some made it home. But in the end, all would achieve victory.
Proof of Heaven	Thousands of people have had near-death experiences, but scientists have argued that they are impossible. Dr. Eben Alexander was one of those scientists. A highly trained neurosurgeon, Alexander knew that NDEs feel real, but are simply fantasies produced by brains under extreme stress. Doctor in this story under attack for truthfulness!
In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer	Holocaust
Shooting Stars	Lebron James
Bringing Adam Home	There are two periods of history that pertain to missing and endangered children in the United States: before Adam Walsh and after Adam Walsh. In the aftermath of that six-year old's abduction and slaying in 1981, everything about the nation's regard and response to missing children changed. "Bringing Adam Home" tells the story-the good, the bad, and the ugly-of what it took for one cop to accomplish what an entire system of law enforcement could not. Matthew's achievement is a stirring one, reminding us that such concepts as hard work, dedication, and love survive, and that goodness can prevail.

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The Little Prisoner	When Jane Elliott was four years old, the nightmare began. She became the helpless victim of a sociopath—bullied, dominated, and sexually abused by a man only fourteen years her senior: her stepfather. For nearly two decades she was held prisoner, both physically and emotionally. But at the age of twenty-one she escaped . . . and then she fought back. <i>The Little Prisoner</i> is the shocking, astonishing, and ultimately uplifting true story of one woman's shattering twenty-year ordeal—and how she triumphed against an evil and violent human monster when honesty and bravery were her only weapons.
The Nazi Hunters	WWII
Ghost in the Fog	Few know the story of the Japanese invasion of Alaska during World War II--until now. GHOSTS IN THE FOG is the first narrative nonfiction book for young adults to tell the riveting story of how the Japanese invaded and occupied the Aleutian Islands in Alaska during World War II.
The Dream Team	Basketball
Mistaken Identity	Meet Laura Van Ryn and Whitney Cerak: one buried under the wrong name, one in a coma and being cared for by the wrong family. This shocking case of mistaken identity stunned the country and made national news. Would it destroy a family? Shatter their faith? Push two families into bitterness, resentment, and guilt?
Tweak	Drug abuse
Friday Night Lights	HS Football Frenzy in Texas
The Catch	Joe Montana
Watch You Bleed: The Saga of Guns N' Roses	Guns N' Roses
Saving Cinnamon: The Amazing True Story of a Missing Military Puppy and the Desperate Mission to Bring Her Home	Set against the backdrop of the war in Afghanistan, <i>Saving Cinnamon</i> chronicles the love story of Navy Reservist Mark Feffer and a stray puppy he bonded with while stationed outside of Kandahar. When Mark is about to return stateside, he decides to adopt Cinnamon and sets up her transport back to the U.S. But the unthinkable happens and Cinnamon is abandoned by the dog handler who was supposed to bring her home, and disappears with out a trace.
Raise the Roof: The Inspiring Inside story of the	Tennessee Lady Vol's Historic College Basketball team
Oh No She Didn't	Fashion
Seriously...I'm Kidding	Life of Ellen Degeneres
Storming the Tulips	Not just another Holocaust story, <i>Storming the Tulips</i> is an intimate encounter with history, as told by twenty former students of the 1st Montessori School in Amsterdam. They were children-contemporaries of Anne Frank-and this book is a companion to <i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i> . While Anne's story describes her sequestered life in the Annex, <i>Storming the Tulips</i> reveals what children on the outside endured-in the streets, in hiding, and in the concentration camps. Their friends disappeared. Their parents sent them away. They were herded on trains and sent to death camps.
The Art of Racing in the Rain	Grand Prix racing.
From Binge to Blackout	Throughout his college years, Toren Volkmann partied like there was no tomorrow, having what was supposed to be the time of his life. Like so many parents, his mother, Chris, overlooked Toren's growing alcohol problem. But when he graduated, Toren realized he'd become a full-blown alcoholic. And he was not alone.

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Into the Storm	Storm Chasing
Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers	"One of the funniest and most unusual books of the year...Gross, educational, and unexpectedly sidesplitting. <i>Stiff</i> is an oddly compelling, often hilarious exploration of the strange lives of our bodies postmortem. For two thousand years, cadavers—some willingly, some unwittingly—have been involved in science's boldest strides and weirdest undertakings. In this fascinating account, Mary Roach visits the good deeds of cadavers over the centuries and tells the engrossing story of our bodies when we are no longer with them.
The Girl in the Green Sweater	In 1943, with Lvov's 150,000 Jews having been exiled, killed, or forced into ghettos and facing extermination, a group of Polish Jews daringly sought refuge in the city's sewer system. The last surviving member this group, Krystyna Chiger, shares one of the most intimate, harrowing and ultimately triumphant tales of survival to emerge from the Holocaust. Originally published as <i>The Girl in the Green Sweater</i> , <i>In Darkness</i> is Chiger's harrowing first-person account of the fourteen months she spent with her family in the fetid, underground sewers of Lvov.
Eleven Seconds	Travis Roy suffers a devastating injury eleven seconds into his first college hockey game
Unlikely Angel	The Atlanta Hostage Hero
Adrift: 76 Days Lost at Sea	Before <i>The Perfect Storm</i> , before <i>In the Heart of the Sea</i> , Steven Callahan's dramatic tale of survival at sea was on the New York Times bestseller list for more than thirty-six weeks. In some ways the model for the new wave of adventure books, <i>Adrift</i> is an undeniable seafaring classic, a riveting firsthand account by the only man known to have survived more than a month alone at sea, fighting for his life in an inflatable raft after his small sloop capsized only six days out. "Utterly absorbing"
The Yankee Years	When Joe Torre took over as manager of the Yankees in 1996, they had not won a World Series title in eighteen years. In that time seventeen others had tried to take the helm of America's most famous baseball team. Each one was fired by George Steinbrenner. After twelve triumphant seasons—with twelve straight playoff appearances, six pennants, and four World Series titles—Torre left the Yankees as the most beloved manager in baseball.
My Thirteenth Winter	Samantha Abeel couldn't tell time, remember her locker combination, or count out change at a checkout counter -- and she was in seventh grade. For a straight-A student like Samantha, problems like these made no sense. She dreaded school, and began having anxiety attacks. In her thirteenth winter, she found the courage to confront her problems -- and was diagnosed with a learning disability.
The Unforgiving Minute	In this surprise bestseller, West Point grad, Rhodes scholar, Airborne Ranger, and U. S. Army Captain Craig Mullaney recounts his unparalleled education and the hard lessons that only war can teach. While stationed in Afghanistan, a deadly firefight with al-Qaeda leads to the loss of one of his soldiers. Years later, after that excruciating experience, he returns to the United States to teach future officers at the Naval Academy.

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<p>Outlaw Platoon: Heroes, Renegades, Infidels, and the Brotherhood of War in Afghanistan</p>	<p>A riveting story of American fighting men, <i>Outlaw Platoon</i> is Lieutenant Sean Parnell's stunning personal account of the legendary U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division's heroic stand in the mountains of Afghanistan. Acclaimed for its vivid, poignant, and honest recreation of sixteen brutal months of nearly continuous battle in the deadly Hindu Kush, <i>Outlaw Platoon</i> is a <i>Band of Brothers</i> or <i>We Were Soldiers Once and Young</i> for the early 21st century—an action-packed, highly emotional true story of enormous sacrifice and bravery</p>
<p>All Things Possible</p>	<p>NFL sensation Kurt Warner tells the incredible story of faith and perseverance that captured the hearts of millions and rocketed him from obscurity to become MVP and Super Bowl champion.</p>
<p>Katie.com: My Story</p>	<p>Katherine Tarbox was thirteen when she met twenty-three-year-old "Mark" in an online chat room. A top student and nationally ranked swimmer attending an elite school in an affluent Connecticut town, Katie was also a lonely and self-conscious eighth-grader who craved the attention her workaholic parents couldn't give her. "Mark" seemed to understand her; he told her she was smart and wonderful. When they set a date to finally meet while Katie was in Texas for a swim competition, she walked into a hotel room and discovered who-and what-her cyber soul mate really was</p>
<p>Runaway Girl: Escaping Life On the Streets, One Helping Hand at a Time.</p>	<p>An astonishing story of triumph and a fierce determination to give back Carissa Phelps was a runner. By twelve, she had run away from home, dropped out of school, and fled blindly into the arms of a brutal pimp, who made her walk the hard streets of central California. But even when she escaped him, she could not outrun the crushing inner pain of abuse, neglect, and abandonment. With little to hope for, she expected to end up in prison, or worse.</p>
<p>Allen Iverson: Fear No One</p>	<p>He grew up in Virginia with nothing but his talent and his heart. But he had <i>The Plan</i>: his never-say-die dream to become an NBA superstar. So he began his journey down a road full of obstacles. But the world underestimated Allen Iverson.... Fear No One From his first days playing college hoops...to his turbulent early years in the pros...to his leading the Philadelphia 76ers to the 2001 NBA Finals and being named league MVP, here is the <i>real</i> story of controversial superstar Allen Iverson.</p>
<p>The color of night: A Young Mother, a Missing Child, and a Cold-Blooded Killer</p>	<p><i>The Color of Night</i> is a skillfully woven true crime account of a horrendous crime, a family's quest for answers, and the landmark case that tested the Federal Death Penalty Act. Nineteen-year-old Rachel Timmerman, who was about to testify against the man who had raped her, disappeared with her toddler daughter, Shannon. A month later, Rachel's body was discovered in a lake chained to cinder blocks and with her eyes and mouth covered in duct tape. Soon a trail of bodies begins to emerge. Is a serial killer at large? Written by Rachel's father and uncle, <i>The Color of Night</i> is a shocking story of violence, murder, and the search for justice.</p>
<p>G.I. Joe and Lillie: A Live of Love and Loyalty</p>	<p>A WWII love story</p>
<p>Finding Fish</p>	<p>Baby Boy Fisher was raised in institutions from the moment of his birth in prison to a single mother. He ultimately came to live with a foster family, where he endured near-constant verbal and physical abuse. In his mid-teens he escaped and enlisted in the navy, where he became a man of the world, raised by the family he created for himself.</p>
<p>Born To Run</p>	<p>the story of a secluded tribe of super-athletes known as the Tarahumara Indians</p>

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<p>"Please Stop Laughing at Me..."</p>	<p>While other children were daydreaming about dances, first kisses, and college, Jodee Blanco was trying to figure out how to go from homeroom to study hall without being taunted or spit upon as she walked through the halls. This powerful, unforgettable memoir chronicles how one child was shunned—and even physically abused—by her classmates from elementary school through high school. It is an unflinching look at what it means to be the outcast, how even the most loving parents can get it all wrong.</p>
<p>Blind eye: The Terrifying Story of a Doctor Who Got Away with Murder.....</p> <p>He worked in south Dakota!!</p>	<p>A medical thriller from Pulitzer Prize–winning author James B. Stewart about serial killer doctor Michael Swango and the medical community that chose to turn a blind eye on his criminal activities. No one could believe that the handsome young doctor might be a serial killer. Wherever he was hired—in Ohio, Illinois, New York, South Dakota—Michael Swango at first seemed the model physician. Then his patients began dying under suspicious circumstances.</p>
<p>Rule Number Two: Lessons I Learned in a Combat Hospital</p>	<p>A medic in the Navy</p>
<p>A Teenager's Journey: Overcoming a Childhood of Abuse.</p>	<p>Last of the Child Called It series</p>
<p>In my Hands</p>	<p>a seventeen year old girl is a Polish army nurse in WW2</p>
<p>Soldiers first</p>	<p>Life at West Point</p>
<p>Ghosts of War : The True Story of a 19 Year Old GI</p>	<p>Ryan Smithson joined the Army Reserve when he was just out of high school. At age nineteen he was deployed to Iraq. His year in combat changed his life. This is his story. It will change the way you feel about what it means to be an American.</p>
<p>Pick a book about a topic you're passionate about!</p>	
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<p>Mrs. Renner has a ton of non-fiction golf books</p>	
<p>Maus I and II would also be options!</p>	
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<p>If you liked Night, consider reading Wiesel's Dawn.</p>	