

Book List:

A Devil in the White City by Erik Larson

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah

American Chica: Two Worlds, One Childhood by Marie Arana

Catch Me If You Can by Frank Abagnale

Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream by H. G. Bissinger

Guns, Germs, and Steel by Jared Diamond

How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization by Franklin Foer

How Starbucks Saved My Life by Michael Gates Gill

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

Innovators: How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses, and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution by Walter Isaacson

Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer

Last Exit to Brooklyn by Hubert Selby Jr.

Long Shadow of Small Ghosts: Murder and Memory in an American City by Laura Tillman

Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time by Dava Sobel

My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayer

Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell

Packing for Mars by Mary Roach

Seabiscuit: An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand

The Color of Water by James McBride

The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls

The Happiness Project by Gretchen Ruben

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

The Jungle by Upton Sinclair

The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger

The Right Stuff by Tom Wolfe

The Shallows. What the Internet is doing to our Brains by Nicholas Carr

The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story by Diane Ackerman

There Are No Children Here by Alex Kotlowitz

This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women by Jay Allison

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand

Questions

1. What is the significance of the title, and what can we conclude from the title before opening the text?
2. What is the goal or purpose of this book?
3. What types of evidence does the author provide to support his/her claims or achieve his/her purpose? Give examples from the book. (scientific proof, anecdote (personal story), opinion, etc.)
4. How does the author establish credibility?
5. Choose one important event or passage in the book. Describe the event and explain its significance to the story? Explain your reasoning.
6. What dominant themes are presented in the book? Explain the theme and give some examples from the book.
7. What questions do you have after reading the book?
8. What effect does the book have on your beliefs, thoughts, and/or theories? Explain.