

THE LATEST BOOKLIST ADDITIONS for Reflective Reading courses

We select books both to improve your instructional expertise and/or to help you become a more aware educator

[Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming](#), Paul Hawken (Editor), Penguin, 2017.

The 100 most substantive solutions to reverse global warming, based on meticulous research by leading scientists and policymakers around the world “At this point in time, the *Drawdown* book is exactly what is needed; a credible, conservative solution-by-solution narrative that we can do it. Reading it is an effective inoculation against the widespread perception of doom that humanity cannot and will not solve the climate crisis. Reported by-effects include increased determination and a sense of grounded hope.”

—Per Espen Stoknes, Author, *What We Think About When We Try Not To Think About Global Warming*

[Heartland, A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth](#)**National Book Awards Finalist*, Sarah Smarsh, Scribner, 2018.

“A deeply humane memoir that crackles with clarifying insight, *Heartland* is one of a growing number of important works...that together merit their own section in nonfiction aisles across the country: America’s postindustrial decline...Smarsh shows how the false promise of the ‘American dream’ was used to subjugate the poor. It’s a powerful mantra” (*The New York Times Book Review*).

[The Heritage: Black Athletes, A Divided America, And The Politics Of Patriotism](#), Howard Bryant, Beacon, 2018.

The Heritage is the story of the rise, fall, and fervent return of the athlete-activist. Through deep research and interviews with some of sports' best-known stars—including Kaepernick, David Ortiz, Charles Barkley, and Chris Webber—as well as members of law enforcement and the military, Bryant details the collision of post-9/11 sports in America and the politically engaged post-Ferguson black athlete.

[The Indian World of George Washington: The First President, the First Americans, and the Birth of the Nation](#), Colin C. Calloway, Oxford University Press, 2018

A 2018 National Book Award finalist, explores a fresh portrait of George Washington and the Native Americans whose story has been only partially told

“Infuriating and deeply moving . . .

[Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption](#), Bryan Stevenson, Speigal and Grau, 2015.

#1 *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER • A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time Named one of the Best Books of the Year by *The New York Times* • *The Washington Post* • *The Boston Globe* • *The Seattle Times* • *Esquire* • *Time*. SOON TO BE A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE STARRING MICHAEL B. JORDAN AND JAMIE FOXX

[A More Beautiful Question: The Power of Inquiry to Spark Breakthrough Ideas](#),

Warren Berger, Bloomsbury USA , 2016.

Berger's surprising findings reveal that even though children start out asking hundreds of questions a day, questioning "falls off a cliff" as kids enter school. In an education and business culture devised to reward rote answers over challenging inquiry, questioning isn't encouraged--and, in fact, is sometimes barely tolerated.

[The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke](#) *Winner of The National Book Award for Non-fiction, Jeffrey C. Stewart, Oxford University Press, 2018.

"Jeffrey Stewart's long anticipated biography of the enigmatic Alain Locke fulfills its promise—and then some. It is magnificent! A panoramic portrait of one of the great thinkers, teachers, and literary entrepreneurs of the early twentieth century, *The New Negro* sheds fresh light on the intellectual firmament whose brightest star discovered African American modernism in an era of cosmopolitanism, colonialism, and catastrophe, and the man whose complex and tragic life left him defeated, unfulfilled, and underappreciated. . . . until now." - Robin D. G. Kelley, author of *The Onion Monk: The Life and Times of an American Original*

[A Novel Approach: Whole-Class Novels, Student-Centered Teaching, and Choice](#), Kate Roberts, Heinemann, 2018.

A Novel Approach dismantles timeworn methods for teaching whole class novels that consume class time, provide little relevance or rigor, and disengage students from reading. Kate Roberts offers an empowering road map for navigating whole class novels with your students while supporting their independent reading lives. A forward-thinking model for progressive literacy education. -- --Donalyn Miller, author of *The Book Whisperer* and *Reading in the Wild*

[Smarter Faster Better: The Transformative Power of Real Productivity](#), Charles Duhigg, Random House, 2016.

At the core of *Smarter Faster Better* are eight key productivity concepts—from motivation and goal setting to focus and decision making—that explain why some people and companies get so much done. Drawing on the latest findings in neuroscience, psychology, and behavioral economics—as well as the experiences of CEOs, educational reformers, four-star generals, FBI agents, airplane pilots, and Broadway songwriters—this painstakingly researched book explains that the most productive people, companies, and organizations don't merely act differently.

They view the world, and their choices, in profoundly different ways.

[White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism](#) – Robin DiAngelo, Beacon Press, 2018

The *New York Times* best-selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. “Robin

DiAngelo's *White Fragility* brings language to the emotional structures that make true discussions about racial attitudes difficult. With clarity and compassion, DiAngelo allows us to understand racism as a practice not restricted to 'bad people.' In doing so, she moves our national discussions forward with new 'rules of engagement.' This is a necessary book for all people invested in societal change through productive social and intimate relationships.” —Claudia Rankine

[The Wild Card: 7 Steps to an Educator's Creative Breakthrough](#), Wade King and Hope King, Dave Burgess Press, 2018

In this book, Wade and Hope King show you how to draw on your authentic self—your past experiences, personality quirks, interests, hobbies, and strengths—to deliver your content creatively. The seven steps in *The Wild Card* will give you the knowledge and the confidence to bring creative teaching strategies into your classroom.