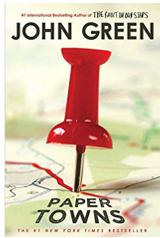


GRADES 8-12 SHELFIE CHALLENGE SELECTIONS



Paper Towns by John Green

When Margo Roth Spiegelman beckons Quentin Jacobsen in the middle of the night—dressed like a ninja and plotting an ingenious campaign of revenge—he follows her. Margo's always planned extravagantly, and, until now, she's always planned solo. After a lifetime of loving Margo from afar, things are finally looking up for Q . . . until day breaks and she has vanished.



The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf by Mohja Kahf

Syrian immigrant Khadra Shamy is growing up in a devout, tightly knit Muslim family in 1970s Indiana. She bikes the Indianapolis streets exploring the fault-lines between “Muslim” and “American.” When her marriage goes sour, Khadra flees to Syria and learns how to pray again. On returning to America she works in an eastern state — taking care to stay away from Indiana, where her friend was murdered by Klan violence years before.



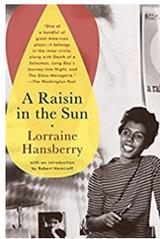
My Antonia by Willa Cather

Jim Burden is an orphaned boy from Virginia who has moved to Nebraska at the end of the 19th century. He and Antonia Shimerda the elder daughter in a family of Bohemian immigrants were each brought as children to be pioneers. The first year in the very new place will change Jim and Antonia — perhaps for a lifetime.



Tyler Johnson Was Here by Jay Coles

When Marvin Johnson's twin, Tyler, goes to a party, Marvin decides to tag along to keep an eye on his brother. But what starts as harmless fun turns into a shooting, followed by a police raid. The next day, Tyler is found dead, a video leaked online tells an even more chilling story: Tyler has been shot and killed by a police officer.



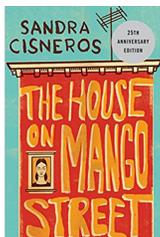
A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

Set on Chicago's South Side, the plot of this play revolves around the divergent dreams and conflicts within three generations of the Younger family: son Walter Lee, his wife Ruth, his sister Beneatha, his son Travis and matriarch Lena, called Mama. When her deceased husband's insurance money comes through, Mama dreams of moving to a new home and a better neighborhood in Chicago.



Blankets by Craig Thompson

Under an engulfing blanket of snow, Craig and Raina fall in love at winter church camp, revealing to one another their struggles with faith and their dreams of escape. Over time though, their personal demons resurface and their relationship falls apart. It's a universal story, and Thompson's vibrant brushstrokes and unique page designs make the familiar heartbreaking all over again.



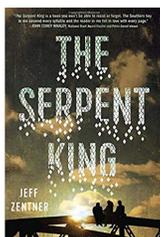
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

Told in a series of vignettes – sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous – it is the story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become.



The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer.



The Serpent King by Jeff Zentner

Dill isn't the most popular kid at his rural Tennessee high school. After his father fell from grace in a public scandal that reverberated throughout their small town, Dill became a target. Fortunately, his two fellow misfits and best friends, Travis and Lydia, have his back. But as they begin their senior year, Dill feels the coils of his future tightening around him. Graduation feels more like an ending to Dill than a beginning.



The Book of Unknown Americans by Christina Henríquez

When fifteen-year-old Maribel Rivera sustains a terrible injury, the Riveras leave behind a comfortable life in Mexico and risk everything to come to the United States so that Maribel can have the care she needs. Once they arrive, it's not long before Maribel attracts the attention of Mayor Toro, the son of one of their new neighbors, who sees a kindred spirit in this beautiful, damaged outsider. Their love story sets in motion events that will have profound repercussions for everyone involved.

TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

Here's how any K-12 student in Indiana can complete the Shelfie Challenge.

1

Fill your bookshelves with stories of rural, urban and suburban America by reading at least five books from our list to the left by the end of 2020.

2

As you read, jot down a note or two about your favorite part of the book and what you found inspiring. Feel free to send us a DM on Instagram (@inhumanities) to share what you're reading too!

3

Complete a quick survey, letting us know what books you read and what you thought! You can find the online survey here: <http://bit.ly/2HfLQbs>

4

After we get your survey, we'll send you a \$10 Amazon gift card. Use it to find your next favorite book!

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