

**READING LIST**  
**Rosalie de Rosset – Spring 2016**

**AMERICAN CLASSIC LITERATURE**

Anderson, Sherwood. Winesburg, Ohio (on small town America)  
Angelou, Maya. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings  
Bradbury, Ray. Fahrenheit 451, The Illustrated Man (tremendously prophetic voice on technology)  
Buck, Pearl. The Good Earth  
Cather, Willa. My Antonia; Death Comes to the Archbishop; Oh Pioneers  
Cooper, James Fenimore. The Last of the Mohicans  
Crane, Stephen. The Red Badge of Courage  
Dreiser, Theodore. An American Tragedy; Sister Carrie  
Emerson, Ralph Waldo.  
Faulkner, William. As I Lay Dying; Absalom, Absalom, The Sound and the Fury  
Fitzgerald, F. Scott. The Great Gatsby  
Gaines, Ernest. A Lesson Before Dying  
Hamilton, Jane. A Map of the World (1990's)  
Hanson, Ron. Mariette in Ecstasy (1990's)  
Hawthorne, Nathaniel. The Scarlet Letter; The House of Seven Gables; Short Stories\*  
Hemingway, Ernest. The Old Man and the Sea; A Farewell to Arms, etc.  
Herbert, Frank. Dune  
Hurst, Zora Neale. Their Eyes Were Watching God  
James, Henry. Washington Square, The Portrait of a Lady  
Keillor, Garrison. Lake Wobegone Days  
Kennedy, John O'Toole. The Neon Bible; Confederacy of Dunces  
Kennedy, William. Ironweed  
Kennedy, Susan. In Another Country  
Kesey, Ken. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest  
Kingsolver, Barbara. The Poisonwood Bible (1990's)  
Lee, Harper. To Kill a Mockingbird  
Lewis, Sinclair. Main Street; Babbitt (on small town America)  
London, Jack. The Call of the Wild  
Lowry, Lois. The Giver, Number the Stars (young adult)  
Macleish, Archibald. J.B. (a take on Job)  
Malamud, Bernard. The Fixer  
Melville, Herman. Moby Dick\*; Billy Budd\*  
Morrison, Toni. The Bluest Eye,  
O'Henry. Short Stories  
Poe, Edgar Allen. Short Stories; Poetry  
Potok, Chaim. The Chosen; The Promise; My Name is Asher Lev; Davita's Harp  
Rand, Ayn. Atlas Shrugged; Anthem; The Fountainhead  
Reynolds, Sherri. The Rapture of Canaan (1990's)  
Russell, Mary Doria. The Sparrow\* Children of God (1990's)  
Salinger, J.D. Franny & Zoey; Catcher in the Rye  
Schaefer, Jack. Shane\*  
See, Lisa. Snow Flower and the Secret Fan  
Sinclair, Upton. The Jungle; The Octopus  
Smith, Betty. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn  
Stegner, Wallace. Crossing to Safety, Angel of Repose  
Steinbeck, John. The Grapes of Wrath; East of Eden; Of Mice and Men; The Red Pony  
Stowe, Harriet Beecher. Uncle Tom's Cabin  
Tartt, Donna. The Secret History, My Little Friend  
Thoreau  
Twain, Mark. Huckleberry Finn; Tom Sawyer, almost anything he wrote  
Tyler, Anne. Dinner at Homesick Restaurant; The Accidental Tourist, Saint Maybe etc.  
Vonnegut, Kurt. Slaughterhouse 5; etc.  
Walker, Alice. The Color Purple  
Wallant, Edward. Children At the Gate; The Pawnbroker (out of print-can be found on internet)  
Wharton, Edith. Ethan Frome; The House of Mirth; The Age of Innocence  
Wilder, Thornton. Bridge of San Luis Rey; Our Town (drama)

\*= Indicates the work is written under Christian influence or has Christian overtones.

## ENGLISH CLASSIC LITERATURE

Austen, Jane. Pride and Prejudice; Sense and Sensibility; Persuasion Emma  
Bronte, Anne. The Tenant of Wildfell Hall  
Bronte, Charlotte. Jane Eyre. The Professor. Villette.  
Bronte, Emily. Wuthering Heights  
Carroll, Lewis. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland  
Conrad, Joseph. Lord Jim; The Secret Sharer; The Heart of Darkness  
Dickens, Charles; David Copperfield; Oliver Twist; A Tale of Two Cities; Great Expectations; A Christmas Carol  
Eliot, George. Middlemarch; The Mill on the Floss; Silas Marner  
Fielding, Henry. Tom Jones  
Golding, William. Lord of the Flies  
Hardy, Thomas. Tess of D'Urbervilles; Return of the Native; Jude the Obscure  
Huxley, Aldous. Brave New World  
Joyce, James. Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man  
Kipling, Rudyard. The Jungle Books; Kim Captain's Courageous (India spy story )  
Maugham, Somerset. Rain; Of Human Bondage; The Razor's Edge  
Orwell, George. 1984; Animal Farm  
Pym, Barbara. A Glass of Blessings. Excellent Women  
Scott, Sir Walter. Ivanhoe  
Shakespeare, William. Macbeth; Hamlet; King Lear; Othello; Romeo and Juliet; Merchant of Venice; etc. (dramas)  
Shaw, George Bernard. Saint Joan\*; Pygmalion  
Shelley, Mary. Frankenstein  
Stevenson, Robert Louis. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde; Treasure Island  
Stoker, Bram. Dracula  
Swift, Jonathan. Gulliver's Travels  
Thackeray, William. Vanity Fair  
Wilde Oscar. The Picture of Dorian Gray

## FOREIGN CLASSIC LITERATURE (WORLD LITERATURE)

Camus, Albert. The Plague; The Stranger (French)  
Cervantes, Miguel de. Don Quixote (Spanish)  
Dante. The Inferno\* (Italian)  
Dumas, Alexander. The Count of Monte Cristo; The Three Musketeers (French)  
Flaubert, Gustave. Madame Bovary (French)  
Frank, Anne. The Diary of a Young Girl (Dutch)  
Homer. The Iliad; The Odyssey (Greek)  
Hugo, Victor. Hunchback of Notre Dame; Les Miserables (French)  
Ibsen. The Doll's House/An Enemy of the People (drama) (Norwegian)  
Kafka, Franz. The Castle; Metamorphosis (German)  
Koestler, Arthur. Darkness at Noon (English)  
Mann, Thomas. The Magic Mountain; Tonio Kroger; A Death in Venice (German)  
Pasternak, Boris. Dr. Zhivago (Russian)  
Sartre, Jean Paul. Nausea; The Wall (French)  
Suskind, Patric. Pigeon (about an obsessive-compulsive) German  
Tolstoy, Leo. Anna Karenina\*; War and Peace\* (Russian)  
Verne, Jules. 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (French)  
Virgil. The Aeneid (Roman)  
Voltaire. Candide (French)  
Wiesel, Elie. Night\*; Dawn; A Beggar at Jerusalem

\*= works using Biblical themes, showing Christian influences/themes

## CHRISTIAN CLASSIC FICTION

Bernanos, Georges. Diary of a Country Priest.  
Bunyan, John. Pilgrim's Progress; The Holy War  
\*Chesterton, G.K. Father Brown Mysteries; The Man Who Was Thursday  
Dillard, Annie. Holy the Firm; Pilgrim at Tinker Creek; An American Childhood  
Defoe, Daniel. Roxanna; Robinson Crusoe  
Dostoevsky, Fyodor. Crime and Punishment; The Brothers Karamazov; The Idiot  
Endo, Shusaku. Silence; When I Whistle; Wonderful Fool, Deep River  
Greene, Graham. The End of the Affair; The Heart of the Matter; The Power and the Glory  
Hartman, Olov. Marching Orders; Holy Masquerade  
L'Engle, Madeleine. A Wrinkle in Time; The Wind in the Door  
Lagerkvist, Par. Barabbas

\*Lewis, C.S. Till We Have Faces; The Chronicles of Narnia; The Great Divorce; The Screwtape Letters; etc.  
 \*Macdonald, George. The Gifts of the Child-Christ; Lilith; Phantastes; The Lost Princess (sometimes called The Wise Woman)  
 Mauriac, Francois. Viper's Tangle; Woman of the Pharisees; Therese; etc.  
 Moore, Brian. The Color of Blood; Catholics  
 O'Connor Flannery. Three; Everything that Rises Must Converge; The Complete Stories  
 Paton, Alan., Cry The Beloved Country; Too Late the Phalarope; Tales From a Troubled Land; Ah, But Your Land is Beautiful  
 \*Sayers, Dorothy. Assorted mystery novels (Peter Wimsey series)  
 Solzhenitsyn, Alexander. One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich; First Circle; Cancer Ward; The Gulag Archipelago; etc.  
 \*Tolkien, J.R.R. The Trilogy; The Hobbit (to be read first)  
 \*Williams, Charles. Descent into Hell; All Hallows Eve; War in Heaven; etc.

\*=The Inklings

**CHRISTIAN CONTEMPORARY LITERARY FICTION** (meaning written on Christian themes, some by professing Christians) Some are out of print—can be ordered through used books websites.

Betts, Doris. Souls Raised From the Dead  
 Blamires, Harry. The Trilogy; The Devil's Hunting Ground; Cold War in Hell; Highway to Heaven  
 Buechner, Frederick. Godric  
 Caldwell, Bo. City of Tranquil Light (wonderful missionary novel)  
 Elliot, Elizabeth. No Graven Image  
 Enger, Leif. Peace Like a River  
 Fabry, Chris. The Promise of Jesse Woods, Every Waking Moment  
 Fickett, Harold. Holy Fool  
 Godwin, Gayle. Father Melancholy's Daughter; Evensong  
 Groot, Tracy. Madman (about the madman of the Gerasenes)  
 Hassler, Jon. Simon's Night, Staggerford, North of Hope etc.  
 Miller, Calvin. The Singer (he has written a trilogy)  
 Nelson, Shirley. The Last Year of the War  
 Percy, Walker. The Second Coming  
 Pierce, Bethany. Feeling for Bones (wonderful treatment of anorexia and faith and getting perspective on ones life)  
 Robinson, Mary Lynne, Housekeeping, Gilead, Home, Lila (the last three are a trilogy to be read in that order)  
 Salzman, Marc. Lying Awake  
 Schaap, James. Romey's Place  
 Smith, Lee. Saving Grace  
 Wangerin, Walter. The Orphean Passages; Ragman and Other Cries of Faith; The Book of the Dun Cow; Saint Julian Etc.  
 Woiwode, Larry. Poppa John; etc.  
 Wright, Vinita Hampton. Grace at Bender Springs, Vinita Still Cooks in Leeway; Dwelling Places

### **CLASSIC CHRISTIAN DRAMA**

Eliot, T.S. The Cocktail Party; Murder in the Cathedral; Family Reunion  
 Hartman, Olov. Three Church Dramas  
 Hochhuth. The Deputy  
 Milton, John. Paradise Lost; Paradise Regained; Samson Agonistes  
 Sayers, Dorothy. Man Born to be King; Emperor Constantine

### **CHRISTIAN CLASSIC POETRY**

Auden, W.H.  
 Donne, John. Holy Sonnets  
 Eliot, T.S. The Wasteland; The Hollow Men (pre-conversion); The Four Quartets (post-conversion)  
 Hall, Donald  
 Herbert, George. The Temple  
 Hopkins, Gerard Manley.  
 Leax, John.  
 L'Engle Madeleine. The Weather of the Heart  
 Lewis, C.S. Poems  
 MacDonald, George. The Diary of an Old Soul  
 Merton, Thomas. Strange Islands  
 Milton, John. Paradise Lost; Paradise Regained  
 Rossetti, Christina.  
 Shaw, Luci. Listen to the Green; etc. (wonderful Christian poet)

### **GOOD QUALITY CHRISTIAN NON-FICTION**

Augustine. The Confessions  
 Anselm. Cur Deus Homo (Why the God Man)  
 Athanasius. De Incarnacione (The Incarnation: note forward by C.S. Lewis)

Barnes, Craig. Yearning (wonderful book on longing)  
 Baxter, Sidlow J. Awake My Heart  
 Blamires, Harry. The Christian Mind  
 Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. The Cost of Discipleship; Life Together  
 Bunyan, John. Grace Abounding (spiritual biography)  
 Carmichael, Amy. Edges of His Ways; Rose from Brier; etc. (India)  
 Calvin, John. The Institutes (Ford Lewis Battles edition)  
 Campbell, Will. Brother to a Dragonfly  
 Chambers, Oswald. My Utmost for His Highest  
 Charnock, Steven. The Existence and Attributes of Man  
 Chesterton, G.K. Orthodoxy; The Everlasting Man  
 Colson, Chuck. Loving God; How Now Shall We Live  
 Curtis, Brent and John Eldredge. The Sacred Romance  
 Dark, David. Everyday Apocalypse: The Sacred Revealed in Radiohead, the Simpsons, and other Pop Culture Icons  
 Dawn, Marva. Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down (anything she has written)  
 Demarest, Bruce. Satisfy Your Soul  
 de Rosset, Rosalie. Unseduced and Unshaken: The Place of Dignity in a Young Woman's Choices: Chapters by Linda Haines, Stacey Johnson, and Pam MacRae  
 Dobson, James. Love Must Be Tough  
 Downs, Tim. Finding Common Ground (on art and preaching in evangelism)  
 Dunlop, Cheryl. Follow Me As I Follow Christ. (wonderful guide to teaching children in the church)  
 Elliot, Elizabeth. These Strange Ashes; Passion and Purity; A Slow and Certain Light  
 Ellul, Jacques. Propaganda; Money; etc.  
 Fee, Gordon and Douglas Stuart. How To Read The Bible For All Its Worth.  
 Forsythe, P.T. The Soul of Prayer  
Foxes Book of Martyrs  
 Frankl, Victor. Man's Search for Meaning  
 Gire, Ken. Windows to the Soul (very inspiring about the personal effects of literature in life)  
 Guinness, Os. Doubt; The Dust of Death, Prophetic Untimeliness  
 Gundry, Stanley. Love Them In (the theology of Dwight Lyman Moody)  
 Guroian, Vigen. Tending the Heart of Virtue (a wonderful treatment of capturing a child's imagination)  
 Holmes, Arthur. All Truth is God's Truth\*  
 Hovestall, Tom. Extreme Righteousness: Seeing Ourselves in the Pharisees  
 Hunt, Gladys. Honey for a Child's Heart  
 Janosz, Jamie. When Others Shuddered (story of eight women in Chicago who were very influential)  
 James, Carolyn Custis. When Life and Beliefs Collide  
 Koessler, John. Stranger in the House of God (very poignant well-written contemporary memoir)  
 Larsen, Scott and Philip Yancey. Indelible Ink (well-known people give their favorite books)  
 Laurence, Brother. The Practice of the Presence of God  
 Lewis, C.S. The Problem of Pain; The Four Loves; Mere Christianity; A Grief Observed  
 Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. Of Preaching and Preachers; Spiritual Depression; Sermon on the Mount; etc.  
 McCullough Donald. The Trivialization of God  
 Muggeridge, Malcolm. Christ and the Media; Jesus Rediscovered; Trumpeter for God; Something Beautiful for God (on Mother Theresa)  
 Nouwen, Henri. Genesee Diary; etc.  
 O'Connor, Flannery. The Habit of Being (her collected letters); Mystery and Manners (lectures on writing and Christianity)  
 Packer, J.I. Fundamentalism and the Word of God; Knowing God  
 Plantinga, Cornelius. Not the Way It's Supposed To Be  
**Reinke, Tony. Lit. (about the importance of reading)**  
 Roseveare, Helen. Living Sacrifice He Gave Me a Valley  
**Ryken, Leland. Windows to the World\*; Triumphs of the Imagination\*; Realms of Gold\*** (about reading)  
 Ryle, J.C. Holiness  
 Sayers, Dorothy. The Mind of the Maker; Are Women Human?  
 Sire, James. How to Read Slowly\*  
 Stott, John R. Your Mind Matters  
 Schaeffer, Francis. The Christian Manifesto; etc.  
 Sibbs, Richard. Works of Richard Sibbs  
 Tozer, A.W. The Pursuit of God; The Knowledge of the Holy  
 Veith, Gene Edward Jr. Reading Between the Lines\*; State of the Arts\*  
 Weil, Simone. Waiting on God  
 Wiersbe, Warren, ed. Treasury of the World's Greatest Sermons; Preaching With Imagination

Winner, Lauren. Girl Meets God; Real Sex

Woolman, John. Journal

Yancey, Phil. What's So Amazing About Grace; Soul Survivor; Reaching for the Invisible God; The Jesus I Never Knew

Zylstra, Henry. Testament of Vision

\*=books on how to interpret what you're reading

### **GOOD QUALITY NON-FICTION**

Bloom, Alan. The Closing of the American Mind

Kilbourne, Jean. Deadly Persuasion: Why Women and Girls Must Fight the Addictive Power of Advertising

Kaminer, Wendy. I'm Dysfunctional, You're Dysfunctional

Karr, Nicholas. The Shallows (a must read on the family and technology)

McBride, James. The Color of Water (marvelous memoir)

Medved, Michael. Hollywood vs. America (a way to critique movies); Saving Childhood

Postman, Neil. Amusing Ourselves to Death; Technopoly;

Shalit, Wendy. A Return to Modesty (best book on the subject to be found—a philosophy of modesty)

Trelease, Jim. The Read Aloud Handbook (guide to reading to children)