

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL – ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
SUMMER READING 2018

All high school students must read one of the following books. Copies of the books are available in the Malibu High School Library and the Malibu Public Library or you may purchase your own copy. You will discuss the book in your English class, and you will also write an in-class essay on the book shortly after school begins.

Incoming 9th graders:

Dante and Aristotle Discover the Secrets of the Universe, Benjamin Alire Sáenz.
Set in El Paso, Texas in 1987, the novel follows two Mexican-American boys, Aristotle "Ari" Mendoza and Dante Quintana, their friendship, and their struggles with racial and ethnic identity, sexuality, and family relationships.

Incoming 10th and 11th graders:

Every Day, David Levithan. *Every Day* is about the story of A, a person who wakes up occupying a different body each day.

Incoming 12th graders should choose ONE of the following:

Me Talk Pretty One Day, David Sedaris. David Sedaris' move to Paris from New York which inspired these hilarious pieces, including the title essay, about his attempts to learn French from a sadistic teacher who declares that every day spent with you is like having a caesarean section.

OR

Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood, Trevor Noah. Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison.

HONORS AND AP STUDENTS:

Incoming **9 HP students** must ALSO read: *All the Pretty Horses*, Cormac McCarthy OR *Secret Life of Bees*, Sue Monk Kidd.

Incoming **10 HP students** must ALSO read *The Life of Pi*, Yann Martel.

Incoming **11 AP students** must ALSO read *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. See your AP teacher or the [Malibu High School website for complete information](#) about the summer work.

Incoming **12 AP students** must ALSO read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor: A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines* by Thomas C. Foster. Additionally students must have a copy of *Candide* by Voltaire the first full week of school. See your AP teacher or the [Malibu High School website for list of assignments](#) and more information.