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SUMMER READING LIST 2022



wybuchła między nimi: kłótnia. Oddział Szagrana liczył około czterdziestu zabieraczy, a Gorbaga dwadzieście więcej, ale Szagrani pewny był, że posprzeczali się o Froda i Lopy. Trzydziestu ludzi, jakby cała scena rozegrała się na jego oczach. Koczuszka z miłobrodziem przeczesywał włosy, Frodo może zginąć, każdej chwili może go zabiją. Jedyną obroną Froda było rozkaz z Czarnej Wierzy. Podstuchal, wytknęło, że Gorbaga burzo chciał te koczuszki. Przedzi, niebezpieczny, tym razem. Żadła pobiegł do otwartej Bramy. Lecz gdy miał wyjść, ciemny kulen wielkiego sklepienia, pozwał nakłaniał na pułce Szagony, rozprawy dwóch Warotników. Nie widział jakiegoś strasznego, czuła jego wół, niepokonalna. Rozferzał się i w mroku Niby obrzynie posąg, siedzieli na wysokich tronach. Trzy srodekowi Bloku skalnego Warotnicy siedzieli nieruchomo z ogromnych obok nich nie dostrzeżona. Nie pozwalała im wejść, ani z przemięcia wole Sami raz, jeszcze rzucił się naprzód, a jednak czuwał; kwiła w nich jakiś strasznym, czuła go trafił w pierś i głowę. Nie moge nie imięgo w Wyższe światło, rozbiłyby narzedmiast, rozprawy w całej okropności. Lśnienie ich czarnych kamień, w sobie tak straszny kadunek wrogiej siły, że Sam na przerażeniu, lecz zdawał sobie sprawę, że z każdym słabnie i zalamuje się w leku.

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HELLO SUMMER

Dear Friends,

We are so excited to introduce this year's Maverick Collective Summer Reading List. Since 2020, we have compiled this list to serve as another way to keep our community energized and connected, to provoke our thinking, and to introduce new voices that help shape our work and our perceptions of the world around us.

Many of us enter this summer with mixed feelings of hope and despair. We have so many things to celebrate – renewed travel, time with loved ones, marriages, babies, new jobs, and life moves. We are also grappling with personal loss, global and domestic crises, and the backsliding of women's rights in the US and elsewhere. In both celebration and in sorrow, we are stronger and mightier when we are working, learning, and loving humanity together.

Our theme for this year, and beyond, is based on the hypothesis that to accelerate gender equity and achieve reproductive rights for all, we must transform the role of men and boys in society and develop new and positive constructs of masculinity. We know good health and gender equity will never be realized without people of all genders on board.

The following list of things to read, watch, and listen to, interrogates the gender roles we all play, challenges the constructs we unintentionally abide by, and offers ways to reimagine a gender equitable future for all. We have broken this list into three categories: Redefining Masculinity, Changing the Narrative, and Reclaiming Power. No topic is in opposition to any other; rather, each is a building block to create greater dialogue.

To add a little joy to the list, we have styled it like a menu at your favorite restaurant (also a great place to read when you are sitting outside!). We have main "dishes" and little pairings that we recommend for expanding the conversation and breaking up the formats in which we process information. Or feel free to mix things up -- try the pairing first and if you like it, you know you will like the main offering. This is your feast, enjoy it however you like!

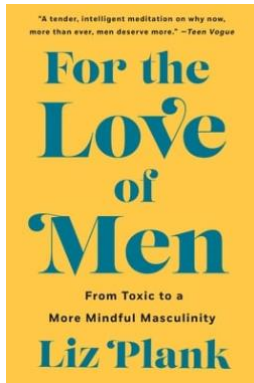
Whichever title you choose, consider this:

- Why do some topics cause us discomfort? What are some ideas we have about others or ourselves that we want to pause and reflect on?
- How can we as a community create space for conversations that engage more people – inclusive of many genders and backgrounds – when telling the stories and impact of our work?

If you choose to purchase a title, please consider doing so from a local bookstore. If you prefer to shop online, you can also support local bookstores by purchasing books from [bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org) (where you can find all the books on our list.)

Happy reading and have a joyful summer!

The Maverick Collective Team



For The Love of Men: From Toxic to A More Mindful Masculinity

by Liz Plank

A smart, insightful, and deeply researched guide for what we're all going to do about toxic masculinity. For both women looking to guide the men in their lives and men who want to do better and just don't know how, *For the Love of Men* will lead the conversation on men's issues in a society where so much is changing, but gender roles have remained strangely stagnant.

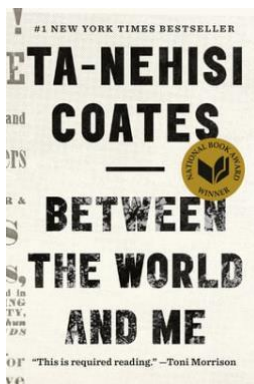
Pairs well with:



[The Man Enough Podcast](#) by Liz Plank, Justin Baldoni & Jamey Heath



[3 Things Men Can Do to Promote Gender Equity](#) by Jimmie Briggs



Between the World and Me

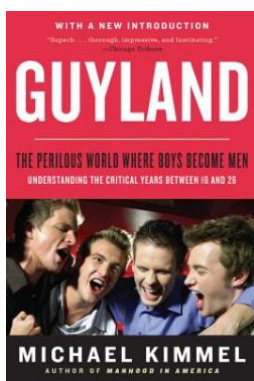
by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Coates shares with his son – and readers – the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world through a series of revelatory experiences. Beautifully woven from personal narrative, reimagined history, and fresh, emotionally charged reportage, *Between the World and Me* clearly illuminates the past, bravely confronts our present, and offers a transcendent vision for a way forward.

Pairs well with:



[What's In a Dad?](#) By NPR Code Switch with Gene Demby and Hari Kondabolu



Guyland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men

by Michael Kimmel

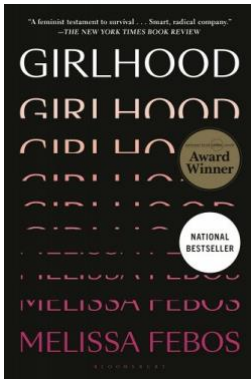
Kimmel offers a view into the minds and times of America's sons, brothers, and boyfriends, and works toward redefining what it means to be a man today--and tomorrow. He argues that only by understanding *Guyland* and the transition from boyhood to manhood (16 – 26) can we enable young men to chart their own paths, stay true to themselves, and emerge safely as responsible and fully formed male adults.

Pairs well with:



[How to Raise a Feminist Son: Motherhood, Masculinity, and the Making of My Family](#) by Sonora Jha

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE



Girlhood

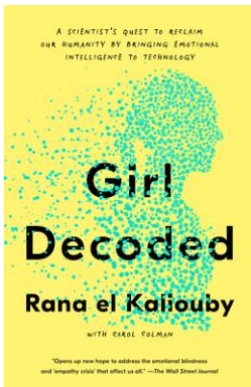
by Melissa Febos

If you've ever looked back and realized the messages you got as a young girl or woman might have been kind of f*cked up, this is must-read. Melissa Febos analyzes what narratives society gives young girls and women about themselves and their roles in the world and how we can reclaim power, anger, grief, pleasure, and everything else. It's part memoir, part investigation, and you're guaranteed to come away feeling ready to make a change.

Pairs well with:



[Talking While Female & Other Dangerous Acts: A Collection of Stories on Risk and Resilience](#) by Teatro Luna



Girl Decoded: A Scientist's Quest to Reclaim Our Humanity by Bringing Emotional Intelligence to Technology

by Rana el Kaliouby

Rana el Kaliouby is a rarity in both the tech world and her native Middle East: a Muslim woman in charge in a field that is still overwhelmingly white and male. In a captivating memoir, the Egyptian American visionary and scientist provides an intimate view of her personal transformation as she follows her calling--to humanize our technology and how we connect with one another.

Pairs well with:



[Data Feminism](#) by Catherine D'Ignazio and Lauren F. Klein (Thanks, Emily!)



Mary Wears What She Wants

by Keith Negley

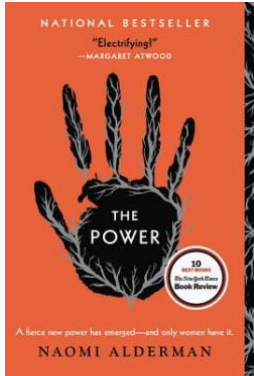
Fun for the whole family!

Inspired by Dr. Mary Edwards Walker and her many arrests for wearing pants. Once upon a time (but not that long ago), girls only wore dresses. And only boys wore pants. Until one day, a young girl named Mary had an idea: She would wear whatever she wanted. And she wanted to wear pants!

Pairs well with:

TED [Teach Girls Bravery Not Perfection](#) by Reshma Saujani

RECLAIMING POWER



The Power

by Naomi Alderman

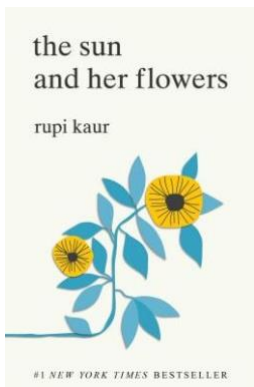
"At the suggestion of my daughter Jenn, I recently read The Power, by Naomi Alderman, which finds a clever way to look at gender roles. I gained a stronger and more visceral sense of the abuse and injustice many women experience today. And I expanded my appreciation for the people who work on these issues in the U.S. and around the world, including the grantees supported by the Gates Foundation's gender equality program."

- Bill Gates, [5 great books for the summer](#)

Pairs well with:



We Should All Be Feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and the **2012 TED Talk** that inspired her essay.



The Sun and Her Flowers

by Rupi Kaur

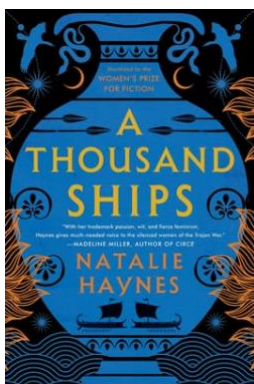
A vibrant and transcendent journey about growth and healing. Ancestry and honoring one's roots. Expatriation and rising up to find a home within yourself. Divided into five chapters and illustrated by Kaur, *the sun and her flowers* is a journey of wilting, falling, rooting, rising, and blooming. A celebration of love in all its forms.

Trigger Warning – Sexual Assault & Violence

Pairs well with:



Atlas of the Heart by Brené Brown



A Thousand Ships

by Natalie Haynes

While the names Odysseus, Achilles and Agamemnon are synonymous with epic tales of battle and bravery, the women of Homer's epics have largely been sidelined, if not entirely forgotten. From Helen to Penelope, Natalie Haynes gives a voice to the women, girls and goddesses who have been silenced for so long in this retelling of the story of the Trojan War from an all-female perspective.




Pairs well with:









Dance Fever by Florence + the Machine

ROOM FOR DESSERT? *Extra treats*
















ESSAYS & SHORT STORIES

-  **The Feminist Utopia Project**, edited by Alexandra Brodsky and Rachel Kauder Nalebuff
-  **Constellations** by Sinéad Gleeson
-  **A Burst of Light: and Other Essays** by Audre Lorde

FICTION

-  **Women and Salt** by Gabriela Garcia
-  **The Golden Notebook** by Doris Lessing
-  **Circe** by Madeline Miller
-  **The Mercies** by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
-  **Kaikeyi** by Vaishnavi Patel
-  **A Woman Is No Man** by Etaf Rum

NON-FICTION

-  **Living a Feminist Life** by Sara Ahmed
-  **Utopia for Realists** by Rutgar Bregman
-  **Bitch: On the Female of the Species** by Lucy Cooke
-  **The H-Spot: The Feminist Pursuit of Happiness** by Jill Filipovic
-  **Cracking the Menopause** by Mariella Frostrup ([Find your nearest copy](#))
-  **Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know** by Adam Grant (Thanks, **Amanda!**)
-  **The Heart of Business** by Hubert Joly
-  **It's Not about the Burqa: Muslim Women on Faith, Feminism, Sexuality and Race** by Mariam Khan
-  **The Correspondents: Six Women Writers on the Front Lines of World War II** by Judith Mackrell
-  **Entitled: How Male Privilege Hurts Women** by Kate Manne
-  **Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds** by Adrienne Maree Brown
-  **The End of Men: And the Rise of Women** by Hanna Rosin
-  **Men Explain Things to Me** by Rebecca Solnit
-  **Good and Mad: The Revolutionary Power of Women's Anger** by Rebecca Traister
-  **Periods Gone Public: Taking a Stand for Menstrual Equity** by Jennifer Weiss-Wolf