



# Proverbial Wisdom From K-State's First Book

How to run a successful selection committee  
and approach a meaningful first year common  
reading experience.

# Introductions

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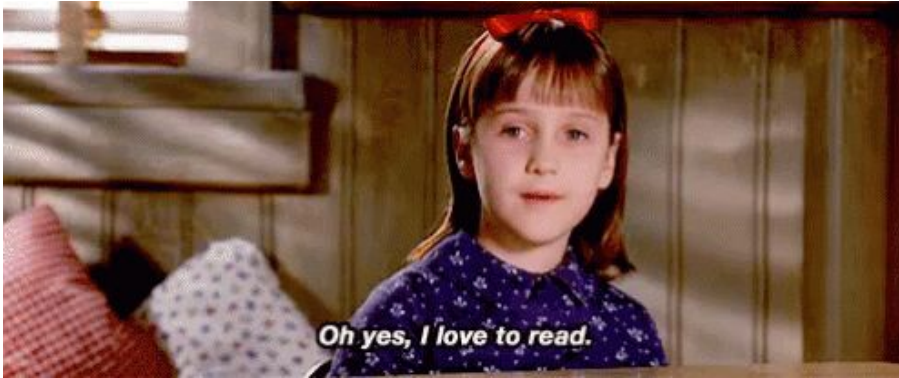
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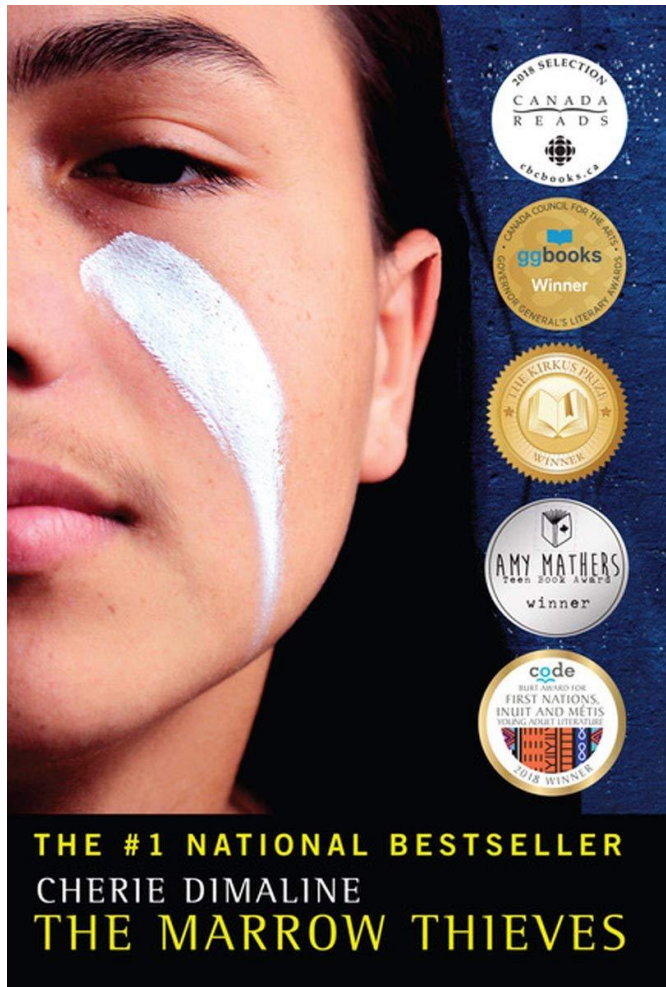
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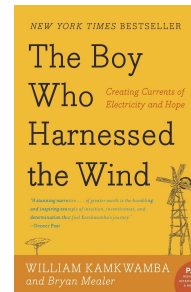
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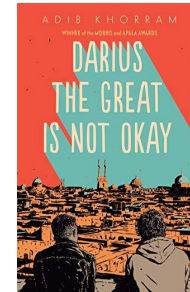




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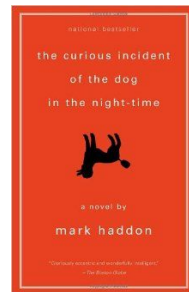
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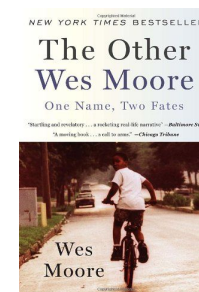
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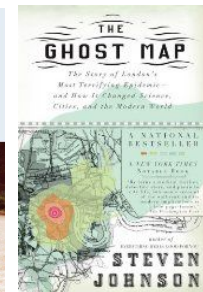
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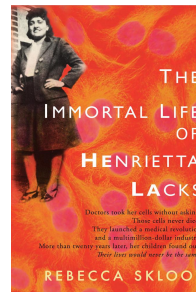
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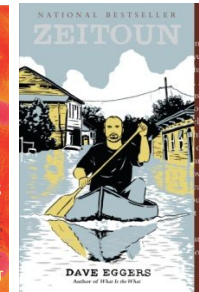
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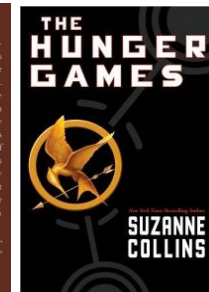
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2012



2011



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# Building Consensus on Campus



We work with a diverse range of programs, groups, departments, and colleges to promote buy-in to the K-State First Book program



# Who would you include on the selection committee?

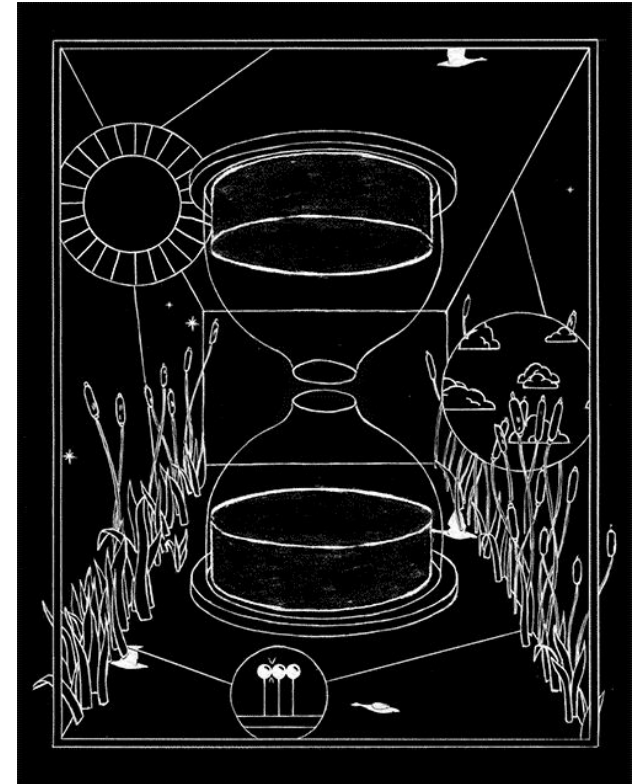


- Facilitator
- Readers
- Haters
- Students
- Global Perspective
- Student Success Programs
- Teaching Faculty
- Networkers



# Pre-covid timeline

Spring	Select a theme <b>Form a committee</b> (30-60 faculty, students, and staff) Solicit book nomination
Summer	Review book samples and narrow to 12
Fall	Read books and narrow to 3 Solicit campus feedback the top 3 books Contact potential campus partners Rank titles and get feedback from the Provost
Spring	Create guides, assignments, etc Announce the book to the public Plan events and promotions





# Summer Selection Process



1. Nominate and select books to be reviewed
2. Review samples & share feedback via survey
3. Select 10-12 titles for fall review



# Fall Selection Process

1. Read book(s) in its entirety
2. Narrow the list from 12 to 3
3. November - Solicit campus feedback on top 3
4. December - Rank books



# Spring Selection Process

Talk to potential partners  
and advocates  
Create reader guides  
Create an event calendar



# Reflecting on First Book Administration

- 30-50 members
- Two campuses
- Over 30 books!

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## K-State First Book



**A campus on the same page**

K-State First is the University's first-year experience program, our way of helping students establish a great foundation for the rest of their college career. K-State First Book is an all university reading program that selects a common book for the academic year and coordinates classroom and campus activities to correspond with the reading.

First Book's purpose is to help guide the transition from high school to college by giving students a common experience around book and guided academic and social activities that can be shared with professors, staff, administrators, and other students when they arrive on campus. It also sends the message that people in college read books, even ones that are not in their area of study.

The rest of the K-State community is also invited to read the book and participate in campus events.

**Past books**

- 2021 - *The Marrow Thins* by Cheris Dimaline
- 2020 - *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba
- 2019 - *Darius the Great is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram
- 2018 - *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- 2017 - *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon
- 2016 - *Spare Parts* by Joshua Davis
- 2015 - *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore
- 2014 - *The Ghost Man* by Steven Johnson
- 2013 - *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline
- 2012 - *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
- 2011 - *Zellouin* by Dave Eggers
- 2010 - *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

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## Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Wed Apr 14, 2021	 Meeting Survey 2	due by 5pm
Fri Apr 16, 2021	 Meeting Survey 1	due by 5pm
Thu Apr 29, 2021	 Meeting   Thu, 4/29 at 1:30 pm	due by 2:30pm
	 Chapter Review 2   June 24 - July 2	due by 11:59pm
	 Drawdown	due by 11:59pm
	 How to Live a Good Life	due by 11:59pm



# Creating buy-in & event planning

Selection theme and committee

Invite partners to help pick the book

Invite folks with complaints to help pick the book

Create guides

Invite partners to give lectures

Communication, training, difficult conversations



# Archiving, Preserving & Sharing

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**“The Marrow Thieves” Reader’s Guide**

**K-State First**

This guide provides resources for the 2021 common book, “The Marrow Thieves” by Cherie Dimaline. Included in the guide are discussion questions, suggested classroom activities, other titles of interest, vocabulary, and additional resources.

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**Total Visits Per Month**

	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021
K-State	23	14	10	8	65	38	10

**Total Visits**

	Views
K-State ...(legacy)	1868
K-State ...	348

**Top country views**

	Views
United States	1783
United Kingdom	120
France	109
Italy	27
Germany	19
China	17
Romania	13
Russia	13
Turkey	13
Israel	9

**Top cities views**

	Views
Manhattan	1095
Ashburn	338
Southend	92
Seattle	40
Houston	34
Ann Arbor	25
Overland Park	19
Norwalk	16
Brea	13
Dallas	10



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