

## Book Lists

### **10 Books I Don't Want to Imagine Life Without in the Order I First Read Them**

(and the number of times I've read them so far)

*Harriet the Spy*, Louise Fitzhugh (10)

*Catcher in the Rye*, J. D. Salinger (9)

*Mysteries of Pittsburgh*, Michael Chabon (2)

*A Confederacy of Dunces*, John Kennedy Toole (2)

*Happy Days*, H. L. Mencken (3)

*Rabbit at Rest*, John Updike (1)

*Lucky Jim*, Kingsley Amis (2)

*Nobody's Fool*, Richard Russo (1)

*High Fidelity*, Nick Hornby (2)

*A Handful of Dust*, Evelyn Waugh (1)

### **Coming-of-Age Books I Love**

*To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee

*The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys*, Chris Fuhrman

*This Boy's Life*, Tobias Wolff

### **Amazing True Stories to Be Read Safe in Bed in the Dead of Winter**

*Endurance*, Alfred Lansing

*The Worst Journey in the World*, Apsley Cherry-  
Garrard

*Alone*, Richard E. Byrd

### **Books Your Mother Wouldn't Want You to Read If She Knew What Was In Them**

*Tropic of Cancer*, Henry Miller

*The Collector*, John Fowles

*Rabbit is Rich*, John Updike

*Portnoy's Complaint*, Philip Roth

*The Fermata*, Nicholson Baker

### **Really Terrific Books You Never Heard Of**

*Room Temperature*, Nicholson Baker

*The Folks That Live on the Hill*, Kingsley Amis

*The Risk Pool*, Richard Russo

*The Information*, Martin Amis

*My Life and Hard Times*, James Thurber

*One Man's Meat*, E. B. White

*Ex Libris*, Anne Fadiman

*Morte D'Urban*, J. F. Powers

### **10 of My Mother's Favorite Books By Women**

*Obscure Destinies*, Willa Cather

*The Orchard*, Adele Crockett Robertson

*The Road From Coorain*, Jill Ker Conway

*The Habit of Being*, Flannery O'Connor

*The Kitchen God's Wife*, Amy Tan

*Annie John*, Jamaica Kincaid

*Letters of a Woman Homesteader*, Elinor Pruitt  
Stewart

*Cross Creek*, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

*Pembroke*, Mary Wilkins Freeman

*A Country Year*, Sue Hubbell

### **You Will Laugh**

*Uncle Fred in the Springtime*, P.G. Wodehouse

*Men at Arms*, Evelyn Waugh

*The Thought Gang*, Tibor Fischer

### **The Movie Was Good but the Book is Even Better**

*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Ken Kesey

*Billy Bathgate*, E.L. Doctorow

*Lolita*, Vladimir Nabokov

*A Clockwork Orange*, Anthony Burgess

*A Room With a View*, E. M. Forster

*The Witches of Eastwick*, John Updike

*Sophie's Choice*, William Styron

*Wonder Boys*, Michael Chabon

### **My Sister's Favorite Book-Club Books**

*The Magician's Assistant*, Ann Patchett

*Wicked*, Gregory Maquire

*A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel

*A Three-Dog Life* by Abigail Thomas