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## World-Renowned Author to Visit South

Gordon Korman is coming to South! This award-winning author has written more than 80 books for all ages. He started his writing career as a seventh grader and was first published as a freshman in high school. He's been writing ever since and has sold more than 25 million copies worldwide!

He will be visiting the high school on November 20, 2014 where he will be talking to several groups of students throughout the day. If your class is not participating in the day's events, you will still have an oppor-

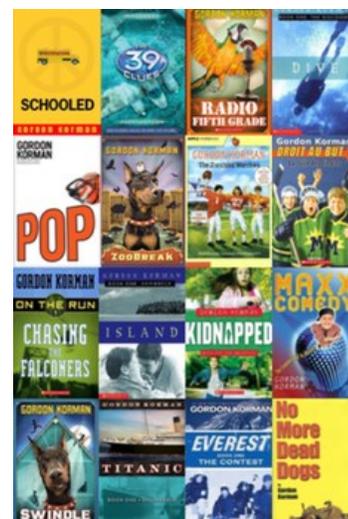
tunity to sign up to meet Korman. He will share his writing experiences and highlight some of his more popular books with our students. He will even do a book signing for those interested! This visit is funded by a grant from the First Community Foundation Partnership of PA through EITC donations received from FTS International Services, LLC, Jersey Shore State Bank, and Woodlands Bank.

We are all excited for this great opportunity to meet a famous author and hear

about his life.

For more information please visit his website @ [gordonkorman.com](http://gordonkorman.com).

(From the SWASD newsletter)



## What's New?

- *Gordon Korman Visits South*
- *New Titles by Gordon Korman*
- *Tuesdays with Morrie*
- *Graphic Novels*

## What to Read Next?

Sometimes in life we meet someone who impacts our lives in ways we have never imagined. He might be a friend, a neighbor, a teacher, or a stranger.

In Mitch Albom's *Tuesday's with Morrie*, Albom contacts a former professor, a mentor, who is dying from ALS. Albom spends every Tuesday of his last days with Morrie learning life lessons. Albom says, "No books were re-

quired. The subject was the meaning of life. It was taught from experience. The teaching goes on."

So, who is Morrie in your life? Who is the person who impacts your life? For me, it is my ninth grade English teacher, Miss Shultz. She inspired me to become an educator and continues to support me.

10th anniversary edition  
With new reflections by the author

tuesdays with  
**Morrie**

an old man, a young man,  
and life's greatest lesson

Mitch Albom

## Four—A Divergent Collection—Veronica Roth

Fans of the Divergent series by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Veronica Roth will be thrilled by *Four: A Divergent Collection*, a companion volume that includes four pre-Divergent stories plus three additional scenes from Divergent, all told from Tobias's point of view.

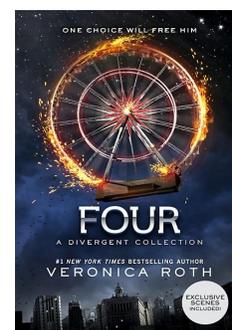
Readers first encountered Tobias as "Four"

in *Divergent*. His voice is an integral part of *Allegiant*. Readers will find more of this charismatic character's backstory told from his own perspective in *Four: A Divergent Collection*. When read together, these long narrative pieces illuminate the defining moments in Tobias's life. The first three pieces in this volume—"The Transfer," "The Initiate," and "The Son"—follow Tobias's

transfer from Abnegation to Dauntless, his Dauntless initiation, and the first clues that a foul plan is brewing in the leadership of two factions. The fourth story, "The Traitor," runs parallel with the events of *Divergent*, giving readers a glimpse into the decisions of loyalty—and love—that Tobias makes in the weeks after he meets Tris Prior.

Includes three exclusive scenes!

Overview from [Titlewave.com](#)



## Spartan Up by Joe De Sena

Twenty-six point two miles isn't enough anymore. Obstacle course racing, which combines the endurance challenges of a marathon with the mind-bending rigors of overcoming obstacles along the way, is taking the world by storm. At the center of this phenomenon is Joe De Sena, the driving force behind the enormously popular Spartan Race. De Sena

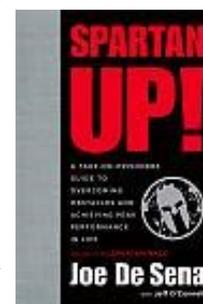
offers a simple philosophy: commit to a goal, put in the work, and get it done. From that philosophy, as played out first in his own life and now for millions across trails, through mud, and up mountainsides, Spartan Race was born.

Now in *Spartan Up!* De Sena breaks down obstacles from his many races, detailing how each parallels real life

experiences, you will learn how to: conquer your greatest obstacle—your will; embrace your greatest friend—discipline; make limitations vanish and establish a new normal; achieve the ultimate: obstacle immunity. Other events breed sheep; Spartan Race breeds wolves. Filled with unforgettable stories of Spartan racers as well as hard-won truths learned along the

course, *Spartan Up!* will help anyone reach their full potential—in life, business, relationships, indeed anything one sets out to do. It is the blueprint that takes you right past Go to your finish line.

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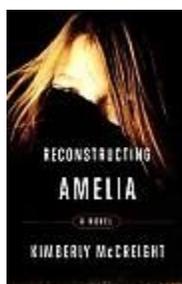


## Reconstructing Amelia by Kimberly McCreight

When Kate, single mother and law firm partner, gets a phone call summoning her to her daughter's exclusive private school, she's shocked. Amelia has been suspended for cheating, completely out of character for her over-achieving, well-behaved daughter.

Kate rushes to Grace

Hall to pick up Amelia, but what she finds when she arrives is beyond comprehension. Amelia has jumped from the school's roof in an act of impulsive suicide. At least that's the story Kate believes until she gets an anon-



ymous text: *Amelia didn't jump.*

Determined to learn the truth about what really happened on that roof, Kate searches through Amelia's e-mails, texts, and Facebook updates, piecing together the last troubled days of

her daughter's life.

*Reconstructing Amelia* is a stunning debut page-turner that brilliantly explores the secret world of teenagers, their clandestine first loves, hidden friendships, and the dangerous cruelty that can spill over into acts of terrible betrayal.

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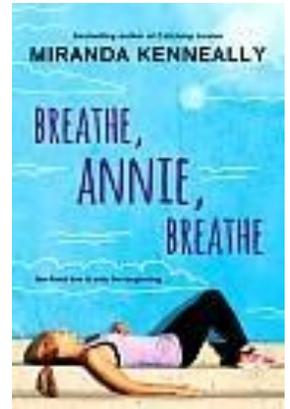
## *Breathe, Annie, Breathe by Miranda Kenneally*

From the bestselling author of *Catching Jordan* comes a brand new contemporary YA you won't forget. The finish line is only the beginning...Annie hates running. No matter how far she jogs, she can't escape the guilt that if she hadn't broken up with Kyle, he might still be alive. So to honor his memory, she starts preparing for the marathon he intended to race. But

the training is even more grueling than Annie could have imagined. Despite her coaching, she's at war with her body, her mind-and her heart. With every mile that athletic Jeremiah cheers her on, she grows more conflicted. She wants to run into his arms...and sprint in the opposite direction. For Annie, opening up to love again may be even more of a challenge than

crossing the finish line. *Breathe, Annie, Breathe* is an emotional, heartfelt, and beautiful story about finding yourself after loss and learning to love. It gave me so many feels. Her best book yet." — Jennifer L. Armentrout, New York Times bestselling author of *Wait for You*.

*Overview from Titlewave.com*



## *On the Road by Jack Kerouac*

*On the Road* chronicles Jack Kerouac's years traveling the North American continent with his friend Neal Cassady, "a sideburned hero of the snowy West." As "Sal Paradise" and "Dean Moriarty," the two roam the country in a quest for self-knowledge and experience. Kerouac's love of America, his compassion for humanity, and his sense of language

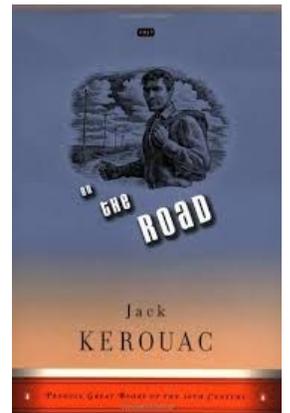
as jazz combine to make *On the Road* an inspirational work of lasting importance.

Kerouac's classic novel of freedom and longing defined what it meant to be "Beat" and has inspired every generation since its initial publication.

"The only people for me are the mad ones, the

ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn like fabulous yellow roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars."

*Overview from goodreads.com*



## *One Piece—Graphic Novel*

As a child, Monkey D. Luffy was inspired to become a pirate by listening to the tales of the buccaneer "Red-Haired" Shanks. But Luffy's life changed when he accidentally ate the Gum-Gum Devil Fruit and gained the power to stretch like rubber...at the cost of

never being able to swim again! Years later, still vowing to become the king of the pirates, Luffy sets out on his adventure...one guy alone in a rowboat, in search of the legendary "One Piece," said to be the greatest treasure in the world...

This is the beginning of the *One Piece* Manga series. Our collection now includes the first 36 volumes of *One Piece*.

*Overview from goodreads.com*



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*"So many people walk around with a meaningless life. They seem half-asleep, even when they're busy doing things they think are important. This is because they're chasing the wrong things. The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning." ~ Mitch Albom, Tuesdays with Morrie*

## Library Reminders

Please remember to bring a pass with you to the library to leave on the circulation desk.

Things to remember when you come to the library:

- You must have a pass from your teacher to come to the library.
- Mrs. Shearer will sign your pass when you return to class.
- You can checkout up to 3 books at a time for a 2 week period!
- COMPUTERS...When you come to the library to use a computer, please sign in/out at the circulation desk.
- Magazines can be checked out! They are due back the following day!



Library Hours  
Flex—After school