



## **Dallas Area Writers Group Provides Summer Reading Lists for 2010**

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The Dallas Area Writers Group (DAWG) presents their 2010 annual summer reading lists. This year's selection includes six different lists for readers from every age bracket. Each list contains ten books selected to thrill you, inform you, and help you enjoy your vacation, some with Texas flair.

Readers who complete any one of the lists can sign up online to receive a DAWG "BARKK" Certificate "**B**ooks **A**re **R**eaders' **K**ey to **K**nowledge" from the Writers Group at [dallaswriters.org](http://dallaswriters.org).

The reading selections include two children's lists, two lists of novels, a list of non-fiction books and a list for readers who want to become writers.

"The goal of the Dallas Area Writers Group is to help people learn to write and get happily published," says DAWG president, Beverly Shay. "Since every writer must read, we think this is a way to get more people interested in writing. We welcome anyone who wants to learn more about writing to attend one of our free monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Public Library."

Alan Elliott, a DAWG board member and coordinator of this year's reading list says, "Readers who read all of the books in any one of the categories can sign up for a certificate at the [www.dallaswriters.org](http://www.dallaswriters.org) Web site. We hope Dallasites will get on board to enjoy reading this summer through this program."

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**The Dallas Summer 2010 “Fun” Reading List  
from the Dallas Area Writers Group (DAWG)**

A selection of new and old books designed to thrill you,  
inform you, and help you enjoy your vacation, some with a Texas flair ...

**Read 10 books in any category and receive a DAWG BARKK certificate!**

(“**B**ooks **A**re **R**eaders’ **K**ey to **K**nowledge”) *Check Web site for details.*

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<b><u>10 Fun Fiction Books for the Beach (or wherever)</u></b>	<b><u>10 Great Novels</u></b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</i>, M.Shaffer and A. Barrows</li> <li>2. <i>Water for Elephants</i>, Sara Gruen</li> <li>3. <i>The Time Traveler’s Wife</i>, Audrey Niffenegger</li> <li>4. <i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>, Sue Monk Kidd</li> <li>5. <i>Tell No One</i>, Harlan Coben</li> <li>6. <i>What I Thought I Knew</i>, Alice Eve Cohen</li> <li>7. <i>Outlander</i>, Diana Gabaldan</li> <li>8. <i>Bandits</i>, Elmore Leonard</li> <li>9. <i>How to Be Good</i>, Nick Hornby</li> <li>10. <i>Illusions</i>, Richard Bach</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>, Jane Austen</li> <li>2. <i>Howard’s End</i>, E.M. Forster</li> <li>3. <i>The Maltese Falcon</i>, Dashielle Hammett</li> <li>4. <i>Rebecca</i>, Daphne du Maurier</li> <li>5. <i>Invisible Man</i>, Ralph Ellison</li> <li>6. <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>, Harper Lee</li> <li>7. <i>Downward to the Earth</i>, Robert Silverberg</li> <li>8. <i>Beloved</i>, Toni Morrison</li> <li>9. <i>The Poisonwood Bible</i>, Barbara Kingsolver</li> <li>10. <i>Atonement</i>, Ian McEwan</li> </ol>

<b><u>10 Books for Younger Kids</u></b>	<b><u>10 Books for Older Kids</u></b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Good Night Texas</i>, Adam Gamble and Red Hansen (young children)</li> <li>2. <i>The Poky Little Puppy</i> (Golden Book, young children)</li> <li>3. <i>Little Red Hen</i> (Golden Book, young children)</li> <li>4. <i>Make Way for Ducklings</i>, Robert McCloskey (young readers)</li> <li>5. <i>Amelia Bedelia</i>, Peggy Parish (beginning reader)</li> <li>6. <i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i>, Laura Numeroff (young readers)</li> <li>7. <i>Ramona the Pest</i>, Beverly Cleary (intermediate)</li> <li>8. <i>The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales</i>, Virginia Hamilton (intermediate)</li> <li>9. <i>Charlotte’s Web</i>, E.B. White (intermediate)</li> <li>10. <i>Brother Eagle, Sister Sky, A Message from Chief Seattle</i>, Susan Jeffers (intermediate)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The Hobbit</i>, J.R.R. Tolkein</li> <li>2. <i>The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe</i>, C. S. Lewis</li> <li>3. <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>, Madeline L’Engle</li> <li>4. <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>, L.M. Montgomery</li> <li>5. <i>Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland</i>, Lewis Carroll</li> <li>6. <i>Mary Poppins</i>, P.L. Travers</li> <li>7. <i>Things Change</i>, Troy Aikman</li> <li>8. <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>, Wilson Rawls</li> <li>9. <i>Harriet the Spy</i>, Louise Fitzhugh</li> <li>10. <i>The Little Prince</i>, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry</li> </ol>

**Extra Credit – memorize these poems just for fun**

1. “The Road Not Taken” - Robert Frost
2. “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” - Maya Angelou
3. “The Jabberwocky” - Lewis Carroll
4. “If” - Rudyard Kipling

### **10 Interesting and Informative Non-Fiction Books**

1. *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*, Malcolm Gladwell
2. *Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together*, Ron Hall, Denver Moore, Lynn Vincent
3. *Gone to Texas: A History of the Lone Star State*, Randolph B. Campbell
4. *The Abolition of Man*, C. S. Lewis
5. *The Diary of a Young Girl*, Anne Frank
6. *Essays of E. B. White*, E. B. White
7. *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing His Will*, Henry Blackaby and Claude V King
8. *Fixin' to be a Texan*, Helen Bryant
9. *Lone Star Nation*, H. W. Brands
10. *Three Roads to the Alamo*, William C. Davis

### **10 Books for Writers**

1. *Elements of Style*, William Strunk and E.B. White
2. *On Writing Well*, William Zinsser
3. *The Writer's Journey* subtitled *Mythic Structure for Writers*, Christopher Vogler
4. *The Artist's Way*, Julia Cameron
5. *Bird by Bird*, Anne Lamott
6. *On Writing*, Stephen King
7. *Writing the Breakout Novel*, Donald Maass
8. *Fiction is Folks: How to Create Unforgettable Characters*, Robert Newton Peck
9. *Self-Editing for Fiction Writers*, Renni Browne and Dave King
10. *Writing the Novel: From Plot to Print*, Lawrence Block

If you are interested in writing, we encourage you to attend meetings of the Dallas Area Writers Group. For information, visit the [www.dallaswriters.org](http://www.dallaswriters.org) Web site.

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