Fall 2026 Reading List

These reading lists will serve as a resource throughout the commemoration, guiding individuals and book groups to diverse and enriching literary works that promote knowledge and critical thinking centered around Colorado and US History, authors, and illustrators. Many, but not all, of these titles may be found at your local public library. *Please note: The suggested reading list is provided exclusively as a courtesy, and readers should note that not all books will be appropriate for all readers.*

Nonfiction

The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of US History by Ned Blackhawk

The Buffalo Soldiers: A Narrative of the Negro Cavalry in the West by William H. Leckie

A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains by Isabella Bird

The Principled Politician: Governor Ralph Carr and the Fight Against Japanese American Internment by Adam Schrager

La Gente: Hispano History and Life in Colorado by Vincent C. de Baca

Colorado Cache Cookbook by Junior League of Denver

Brewed at Altitude by Samuel Bock & Jason L. Hanson

Fiction

White Trash Warlock byDavid Slayton

Little Souls: A Novel by Sandra Dallas

The Immortal King Rao by Vauhini Vara

The Shining by Stephen King

Youth

Alone by Megan Freeman (Grades 4-7)

Cold the Night, Fast the Wolves: A Novel by Meg Long (Grades 9-12)

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