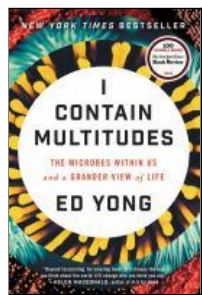


# Rise to the Challenge Reading Program:

## Read a nonfiction book about a topic you don't know much about

Below are recommendations for nonfiction books about topics you might not be familiar with. Find one that sounds interesting and check it out!



### [I Contain Multitudes : the microbes within us and a grander view of life](#)

by Ed Yong

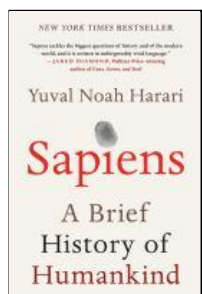
**Descriptors:** Science; Bacteria; Microbiology; Human bodies; Microorganisms; Accessible



### [You Look Like a Thing and I Love You : how artificial intelligence works and why it's making the world a weirder place](#)

by Janelle Shane

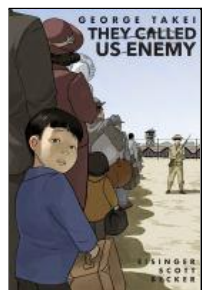
**Descriptors:** Technology; Artificial intelligence; Computer science; Humorous



### [Sapiens : a brief history of humankind](#)

by Yuval Noah Harari

**Descriptors:** History; Anthropology; Evolution; Humans; Cognition; Thought-provoking

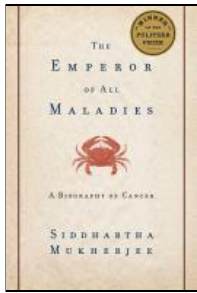


### [They Called Us Enemy](#)

by George Takei

**Descriptors:** History; World War II; Japanese internment; Graphic novel; Moving

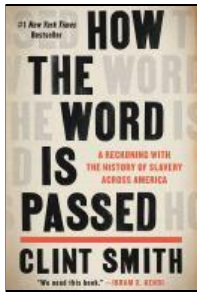




**[The Emperor of All Maladies : a biography of cancer](#)**

by Siddhartha Mukherjee

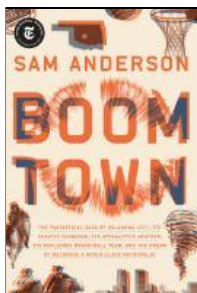
**Descriptors:** Science; Biology; Cancer; Medicine; History; Scholarly



**[How the word is passed : a reckoning with the history of slavery across America](#)**

by Clint Smith

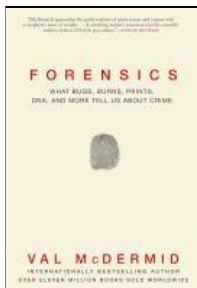
**Descriptors:** History; United States; Slavery; African Americans; Compelling



**[Boom Town : the fantastical saga of Oklahoma City, its chaotic founding, its apocalyptic weather, its purloined basketball team, and the dream of becoming a world-class metropolis](#)**

by Sam Anderson

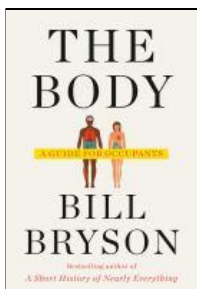
**Descriptors:** Oklahoma City; Urban planning; History; Sports; Human geography; Engaging



**[Forensics : what bugs, burns, prints, DNA, and more tell us about crime](#)**

by Val McDermid

**Descriptors:** Forensic science; True crime; Crime scenes; Criminal investigation



**[The Body : a guide for occupants](#)**

by Bill Bryson

**Descriptors:** Science; Human anatomy; Health; Conversational; Humorous

