

## Books That Change Lives!

Students in our programs asked faculty in our programs, “What did you read that changed your life?” With delight, we share this list. If you want to add to it, please e-mail [elaine.nocks@furman.edu](mailto:elaine.nocks@furman.edu).

Gil Allen (English)

*Court of Memory* by James McConkey  
*The Death of Ivan Ilych* by Leo Tolstoy  
*Collected Poems* by Wallace Stevens

Erik Anderson (Philosophy)

*After Virtue* by Alasdair MacIntyre  
*Discipline and Punish* by Michael Foucault  
*In a Different Voice* by Carol Gilligan  
*The Awakening* by Kate Chopin  
*A Room of One's Own* by Virginia Woolf  
*On the Subjection of Women* by John Stuart Mill  
*All That Is Solid Melts Into Air* by Marshall Berman

Karni Bhati (English)

*Far From the Maddening Crowd* by Thomas Hardy  
*Hamlet* by William Shakespeare  
*My Experiment With Truth* by M. K. Gandhi

Mike Bressler

Chekhov's short stories (too many to list)  
*The Death of Ivan Ilich*, Leo Tolstoy  
Theological works by Paul Tillich and Henri Nouwen  
*Philippians*

Sam Britt (Religion)

*Tragic Sense of Life* by Miguel de Unamuno  
*Absolam, Absolam* by William Faulkner  
*The Possessed* by Dostoyevsky  
*Autobiography of a Yogi* by T. Yogananda  
*Varieties of Religious Experience* by William James  
*Tales of Hasidim* by Martin Buber

David Bost (Modern Languages and Literature)

*One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez  
*The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Maurice Cherry (Modern Languages and Literature)

*Othello* by William Shakespeare  
*King Lear* by William Shakespeare  
*Our Town* by Thornton Wilder  
*Salvador* by Jean Didion  
*The Crucible* by Arthur Miller  
*Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes

Denise Crockett (Education)

*Envisioning a Sustainable Society* by Milsrath

Doug Cummins (Theatre Arts)

*Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by Robert Persig  
*The Empty Space* by Peter Brook  
*The Magus* by John Fowles  
*The Seven Storey Mountain* by Thomas Merton  
The works of Henri Nouwen

Charles Delancey (Speech and Communication)

*The Population Bomb* by Paul Erlich

*The Different Drum* by M. Scott Peck  
*The Art of Loving* by Erich Fromm  
The movie *Babe*

Timothy Fehler (History)  
*The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
*Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut  
*Five Biblical Portraits* by Elie Wiesel

John Harris (Mathematics)  
*A Spiritual Autobiography* by William Barclay

Vince Hausmann (English)  
*To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf  
*Unclaimed Experience* by Cathy Caruth  
*Trauma, Narrative, History* by Atom Egoyan  
The film *Family Viewing*

Lon Knight (Chemistry)  
*Abraham* by Bruce Feiler

Cherie Maiden (Modern Languages and Literature)  
*Invisible Life* by E. Lynn Harris  
*Just As I Am* by E. Lynn Harris  
*Kehinde* by Buchi Emecheta  
*New Tribe* by Buchi Emecheta

Gary Malvern (Music)  
*The Abolition of Man* by C.S. Lewis  
*The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence  
*Arrowsmith* by Sinclair Lewis  
*That Hideous Strength* (Book 3 in C.S. Lewis' *Space Trilogy*)

Shelly Matthews (Religion)  
*The Trial of God* by Elie Wiesel  
*In Memory of Her* by Elizabeth Schussler-Fiorenza

Melinda Menzer (English)  
*The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer  
*The Talmud and the Internet*

Bob McNamara (Sociology)  
*Serpico* by Maas  
*Forgive for Life*  
*The Life You Always Wanted* by Ortberg  
*Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis  
*The Case for Christ* by Strobel  
*The Case for Faith* by Strobel  
*Manchild in the Promised Land* by Brown  
*The Police and the Public* by Reiss  
*The Courage to Teach* by Parker Palmer  
*The Protestant Force* by Klockars  
*The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

Elaine Nocks (Psychology)  
*Man's Search for Himself* by Rollo May  
*Memories, Dreams, and Reflections* by Carl Jung  
*The Courage to Be* by Paul Tillich  
*Models of God* by Sallie McFague  
*The Human Being* by Walter Wink

Si Pearman (Health and Exercise Science)  
*Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom  
*October Sky* by Homer Hickam  
*Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley  
*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

*The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien  
*The Precious Present* by Spencer Johnson  
Ken Peterson (Economics and Business Administration)  
*The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck  
*Hard Heads and Soft Hearts* by Blunder  
*Free to Choose* by Friedman  
*Methodology of Positive Economics* by Friedman  
*Geography and Trade* by Krugman  
*Geography and Development* by Krugman  
*Smart Mobs* by Rheingold  
*East of Eden* by John Steinbeck  
*Winner Take All Society* by Franck and Cook  
*Strategic Thinking* by Dixit and Natebuff  
Richard Prior (Classics)  
*The Lottery* by Shirley Jackson  
Paul Rasmussen (Psychology)  
*New Guide for Rational Living* by A. Ellis and R. Harper  
*Beyond Success and Failure* by M. and W. Beecher  
*The Stranger* by Albert Camus  
*Conversations with God* by Walsh  
David Rutledge (Religion)  
*Letters and Papers from Prison* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
*Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard  
*The Long Loneliness* by Dorothy Day  
*Personal Knowledge* by M. Polanyi  
*The Wilderness World of John Muir* (ed., E. Teale)  
*Irrational Man*, William Barrett  
*Fear and Trembling*, Soren Kierkegaard  
*Cry, the Beloved Country*, Alan Paton  
*A Death in the Family*, James Agee  
Lynne Shackelford (English)  
*Moby Dick* by Herman Melville  
John Shelley (Religion)  
*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane  
*All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren  
Claude Stulting (English)  
*For the Life of the World* by Alexander Schmemmann  
*Babette's Feast* by Isak Dinesen  
Ty Tessitore (Political Science)  
*The Brothers Karamasov* by Dostoyevsky  
*The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene  
*Apology of Socrates* by Plato  
*Letters of Paul* (New Testament)  
Kevin Treu (Computer Science)  
*Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis  
*The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis  
*The Great Divorce* by C. S. Lewis  
*Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
David Turner (Physics)  
*Symposium* by Plato  
*From X-Ray to Quarks* by Emilio Segre  
*Guns, Germs, and Steel* by Jared Diamond  
Helen Lee Turner (Religion)  
*For the Life of the World* by Schmemmann  
*Heart of Darkness*

*Ambassadors Report*  
*Return of the Native*  
*David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens  
*Christ and Culture* by Rheinhold Niebuhr  
Wade Worthen (Biology)  
*The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemmingway  
*The Origin of Species* by Charles Darwin