

Sweater Weather means Reading Weather:

a list of books you should check out

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Summer has officially come to a close as of September 22 and the leaves are beginning to spill from the trees. That being said, we all know that fall is sweater weather and reading weather. Whether you prefer having a nice read through a no sweat fiction novel, a frantic psychological thriller or tales recounting adventures from far away lands, here are some suggestions for you. Check out these books as they come as recommendations from students and staff members on LMU's campus.

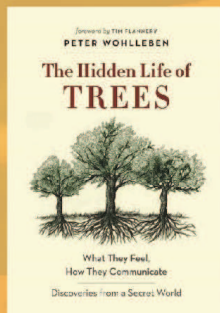


Communications professor Susan McDaniel's book suggestions

A novel about a seven-year-old girl named Elsa whose grandmother dies. She leaves behind a series of letters to everyone she has wronged and sends Elsa on a journey that brings to life the world of her grandmother's many stories. Elsa's grandmother's letters

lead her to interesting places: an apartment full of drunks, monsters, attack dogs, and totally ordinary old crones, but also to the truth about fairy tales and kingdoms and a grandmother like no other.

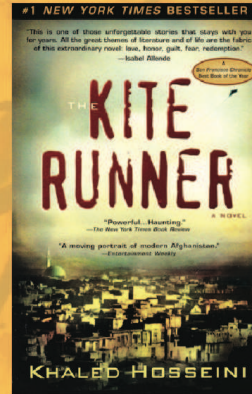
Professor McDaniel stated, "If you like to get lost in stories that take you to an entirely new place in terms of complicated, beautiful, searing relationships expressed through a magical and mesmerizing story then this is the book for you."



Peter Wohlleben shares his deep love of woods and forests and explains the amazing processes of life and death as he has observed in the woods. He goes into depth about how tree parents live together with their children, much like human families do. The trees have their own way of communicating with one another and supporting each other as they grow.

Senior political science major Sarah Markowitz's book suggestion:
"The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini

A story about Amir, the son of a wealthy Kabul merchant and a member of the ruling caste of Pashtuns. His one true friend happens to be a servant and belongs to a despised and impoverished caste. Their uncommon bond and friendship is torn when Amir makes the decision to cut all ties to his friend amidst the increasing ethnic, religious and political tensions that are taking place within the monarchy. Their bond proves to be so strong that Amir journeys back, to attempt to undo his wrongs against the only true friend he's ever had. "Everyone should read this book because of how well it is written and even though it is a tough read, it's worth it," Markowitz said.



Junior theatre major, Kevin Slowey's book suggestion:
"Me Earl and the Dying Girl" by Jesse Andrews



Greg Gaines and Earl are each other's only friends who spend the majority of their time together making movies. That is until Greg's mom forces him to rekindle his childhood friendship with Rachel, who was just diagnosed with leukemia. When Rachel puts a halt to her treatment, Greg and Earl decide to make a film dedicated to her.

It turns into the Worst Film Ever Made and becomes the turning point in each of their lives.

Kevin loved this book because "it dealt with a serious topic but was able to find the comedic side to the horrible situation that was Rachel's leukemia. The characters were also each very quirky and interesting."

Happy fall and happy reading.