

**Reading Across
Rhode Island**

NORWEGIAN BY NIGHT

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**2015 RESOURCE
GUIDE
For
Talking Books Plus
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Introduction

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BOOKS ON RELATED THEMES FOR ADULTS

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FICTION

Vietnam War –

***The Things They Carried* by Tim O’Brien**

DB034768

A classic work of American literature that has not stopped changing minds and lives since it burst onto the literary scene, *The Things They Carried* is a ground-breaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling.

***Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War* by Karl Marlantes**

DB070845 RC070845

High in the mountains of South Vietnam, a young lieutenant is flown to an isolated, anonymous hill between Laos and the DMZ where a company of Marines is building a fire-support base. It is his first day in the jungle.

***Tree of Smoke* by Denis Johnson**

DB065444

(National Book Award 2007)

This is the story of Skip Sands—spy-in-training, engaged in Psychological Operations against the Vietcong—and the disasters that befall him thanks to his famous uncle.

Korean War –

***The Coldest Night* by Robert Olmstead**

DB075262

Henry Childs is just seventeen when he falls into a love affair so intense it nearly destroys him. To escape the wrath of the young girl’s father, Henry joins the Marines, arriving in Korea on the eve of the brutal battle of the Chosin Reservoir—the defining moment of the Korean War.

***The Marines of Autumn* by James Brady**

DB052311

When USMC Captain Thomas Verity is called back to action, he must leave his Georgetown home, career, and young daughter and rush to Korea to monitor Chinese radio transmissions. At first acting in an advisory role, he is abruptly thrust into MacArthur's last daring and disastrous foray - the Chosin Reservoir campaign

***The Bridges at Toko-ri* by James Michener**

DB044004 BRM01335

Young and innocent, they came to a place they had barely heard of, prepared for war. They were American fighter pilots, trained but frightened, facing an enemy they couldn't understand, and waging a war they had to win....

Norwegian Authors –

***Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson**

DB066733

This novel tells the story of Trond Sander, a sixty-seven-year-old man who has moved from the city to a remote, riverside cabin, only to have all the turbulence, grief, and overwhelming beauty of his youth come back to him one night while he's out on a walk.

***Eva's Eye* by Karin Fossum**

DB077587

(The first in the Inspector Sejer series)

Investigating the murder of a man who had been missing for months, Inspector Sejer and his team discover that his death is linked to the murder of a prostitute and to Eva, a struggling artist who holds the key to solving both murders.

Other Fiction –

***Still Alice* by Lisa Genova**

DB068429 RC068429

A hauntingly accurate portrayal of a young woman's descent into Alzheimer's disease from the prime of life and the loftiest of cerebral heights.

***Turn of Mind* by Alice LaPlante**

DB074120

Implicated in the murder of her best friend, Jennifer White, a brilliant retired surgeon with dementia, struggles with fractured memories of their complex relationship and wonders if she actually committed the crime.

NON-FICTION

Non-Fiction Suggestions based on identified themes from *Norwegian by Night*

***Blue-Eyed Boy: a memoir* by Robert Timberg**

DB079842 In Process

In January 1967, Robert Timberg was a short-timer, counting down the days until his combat tour ended. He had thirteen days to go before he got to go back home to his wife in Southern California. That homecoming would eventually happen, but not in thirteen days, and not as the person he once was. The moment his vehicle struck a Vietcong land mine divided his life into before and after. He survived, barely, with third-degree burns over his face and much of his body. It would have been easy to give up. Instead, Robert Timberg began an arduous and uncertain struggle back-not just to physical recovery, but to a life of meaning.

BOOKS ON RELATED THEMES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

***Compiled by Dr. Joan Glazer, Professor Emerita, RI College
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***Adem's Cross* by Alice Mead, 1998.**

DB049747

After Adem, an Albanian, sees his sister shot to death for reading a poem against Serbian control of Kosovo, he feels a secret guilt that he might have prevented her death.

***After the Rain* by Norma Fox Mazer, 1987.**

DB028762

Rachel, at fifteen, only gets to really know her blunt and taciturn grandfather after he has been diagnosed with cancer but the relationship brings her to a better understanding of her family.

***The Day of the Pelican* by Katherine Paterson, 2009.**

DB071578 BR018598

Mali, a thirteen-year-old Albanian girl living in Kosovo, is driven with her family from her home by the Serbs, living first in a refugee camp and then immigrating to the United States. Basic background is presented early in the book and historical notes are included at the end.

***Into the Dark: an Echo Falls Mystery* by Peter Abrahams, 2008.**

DB067021

After Grampy is arrested for murder, Ingrid searches for clues to establish his innocence and in the process learns of her grandfather's heroic actions as a soldier in the Second World War.

***Stand Tall* by Joan Bauer, 2002.**

DB061672 BRC00092

Tree finds that his Vietnam veteran grandfather has the wisdom, insight and humor to help him adjust to living in two households after his parents' divorce.

***Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow* by Jessica Day George, 2008.**

SUT01018

In this adapted and expanded traditional Norwegian tale, Lass accepts the offer of a great white bear to live in his ice palace for a year and a day in exchange for wealth for her family, but soon becomes aware of sinister undertones.

***Tamar* by Mal Peet, 2007.**

DB064879

Set in 1995, with flashbacks to 1945, fifteen-year-old Tamar, grief stricken over the death of her beloved grandfather, gradually

uncovers the secrets of his life in the Dutch resistance and the events that had cast a shadow on his life and that of his family.