

Frederica Academy Upper School
Summer Reading 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Grades
Common Read*

Summer reading is an important part of the curriculum in the Frederica Academy Upper School. Not only does it provide us with a common ground on which to stand at the beginning of the school year, it also keeps young minds active and engaged during the summer. This year, we are thrilled to introduce a “Common Read” for all Upper School students, *The Fox Hunt* by Mohammed Al Samawi, which follows the exciting and compelling true story of the author’s escape from Yemen in 2015. To follow our reading, we are also pleased to announce that Mr. Al Sawami will be visiting Frederica Academy to speak to our students in the fall of 2019. Please click [here](#) for a brief introduction to the book by the author.

***AP Instructors may have additional reading requirements and assignments.**

***The Fox Hunt* by Mohammed Al Samawi**

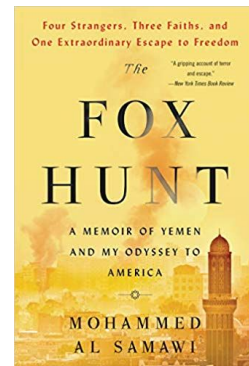
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Born in the Old City of Sana’a, Yemen, to a pair of middle-class doctors, Mohammed Al Samawi was a devout Muslim raised to think of Christians and Jews as his enemy. But when Muhammad was twenty-three, he secretly received a copy of the Bible, and what he read cast doubt on everything he’d previously believed. After connecting with Jews and Christians on social media, and at various international interfaith conferences, Mohammed became an activist, making it his mission to promote dialogue and cooperation in Yemen.

Then came the death threats: first on Facebook, then through terrifying anonymous phone calls. To protect himself and his family, Mohammed fled to the southern port city of Aden. He had no way of knowing that Aden was about to become the heart of a north-south civil war, and the battleground for a well-funded proxy war between Iran and Saudi Arabia. As gunfire and grenades exploded throughout the city, Mohammed hid in the bathroom of his apartment and desperately appealed to his contacts on Facebook.

Miraculously, a handful of people he barely knew responded. Over thirteen days, four ordinary young people with zero experience in diplomacy or military exfiltration worked across six technology platforms and ten time zones to save this innocent young man trapped between deadly forces— rebel fighters from the north and Al Qaeda operatives from the south.

The story of an improbable escape as riveting as the best page-turning thrillers, *The Fox Hunt* reminds us that goodness and decency can triumph in the darkest circumstances. --Taken from *Amazon.com*



Graded Assignments: The following outlines the assignments and requirements for the summer reading. Please meet all due dates and deadlines. These assessments will be your first major grade of the semester.

Reading Assessment: You will take a reading assessment that will cover major plot details as well as information about the characterization, conflict, and themes of the memoir.

Essay: You will write your first essay on *The Fox Hunt* after we finish discussing the novel. Due Date: August 30, 2019