

**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, students and faculty will be immersed in the legal world that Stevenson, a Harvard trained lawyer, creates as he explores our criminal justice system. His relentless search for justice serves as an inspiration for all of us.

***Rising Seniors and AP Instructors will have additional reading requirements and assignments.**

***Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson**

A story of one man defending wrongly convicted death row inmates

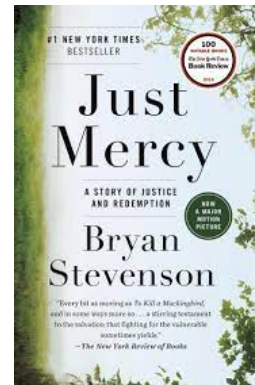
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Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.

Just Mercy is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

Winner of the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction • Winner of the NAACP Image Award for Nonfiction • Winner of a Books for a Better Life Award • Finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize • Finalist for the Kirkus Reviews Prize • An American Library Association Notable Book



Students will discuss *Just Mercy* at the start of the school year. Please click [here](#) for the 9th/10th Discussion Questions and [here](#) for the 11th/12th Discussion Questions. These questions guide your reading and understanding of the text. Assignments and assessments will be given at the discretion of the instructor.