

Incoming First-Year Students

History, Literature and Cultures of the Americas

Welcome to Comparative American Studies (CAS)! We look forward to meeting you in October. If you would like to do any preparatory reading before the course starts, we recommend these books as interesting, useful and readable introductions to the history and literature of the Americas.

North America

Angelou, Maya, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Cooper, James Fenimore, *The Last of the Mohicans*

Kerouac, Jack, *On the Road*

McFarlane, Anthony, *The British in the Americas*

Raban, Jonathan, *Hunting for Mr Heartbreak*

Ruland, Richard and Malcolm Bradbury, *From Puritanism to Postmodernism: A History of American Literature*

Temperley, Howard and Bigsby, Christopher, *A New Introduction to American Studies*

Latin America and the Caribbean

*Allende, Isabel, *The House of the Spirits*

*Chasteen, John Charles, *Born in Blood and Fire: A Concise History of Latin America*

Chatwin, Bruce, *In Patagonia*

*Díaz del Castillo, Bernal, *The Conquest of New Spain*

*García Márquez, Gabriel, *One Hundred Years of Solitude*

Heuman, Gad, *The Caribbean (Brief Histories)*

* These books are part of the first-year syllabus

Happy Summer Reading from CAS!

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