

## 2010 Hopkinton READS! Committee

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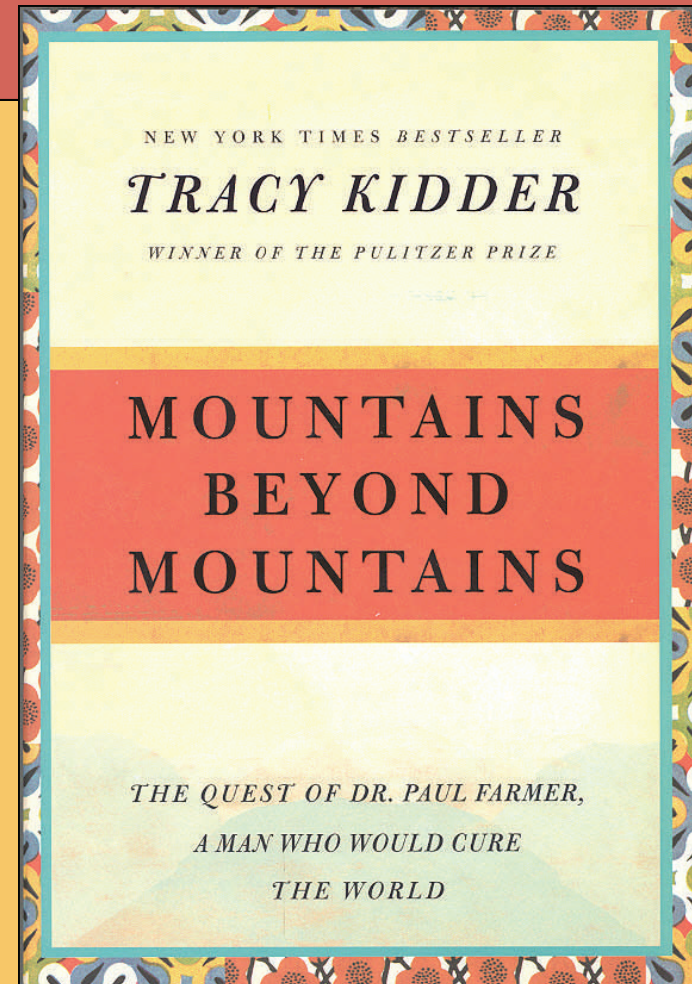
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# A GUIDE TO Hopkinton READS! 2010



## A COMMUNITY-WIDE READING PROGRAM

## About the Book

**"Inspiring, disturbing, daring and completely absorbing."**

*--The New York Times Book Review*

**"A true-to-life fairy tale, one that inspires you to believe in happy endings ... Its stark sense of reality comes as much from the grit between the pages as from the pure gold those pages spin."**

*--Boston Sunday Globe*

**"Easily the most fascinating, most entertaining and yes, most inspiring work of nonfiction I've read this year."**

*--San Jose Mercury News*

**"Kidder's wonderful book is an antidote for cynics."**

*--BookPage*



## About the Author: Tracy Kidder

Tracy Kidder graduated from Harvard and studied at the University of Iowa. He has won the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award for non-fiction for *the Soul of a New Machine*, the Robert F. Kennedy Award for *Among Schoolchildren*, and many other literary prizes. Other titles include *Strength in What Remains* and *House*.

## About Hopkinton READS!

Welcome to the seventh annual Hopkinton READS! program. We are very excited by the title chosen this year: *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder. The thought-provoking book and associated programs promise to inspire and enrich all who participate.

### What is the "Community Reads" Program?

The objectives of a Community Reads program are to strengthen community ties and promote literacy. In 1998, Nancy Pearl of the Seattle Public Library, pioneered the idea of having everyone in a city read the same book at the same time and then meet for discussion groups. She called the campaign a "City Read" and her model was copied successfully, first in Buffalo and Rochester and then, to much acclaim, in Chicago and in other cities and towns around the country. Although launching a campaign like this requires a commitment from both the library and community partners, the results can be very gratifying.

### What is the Hopkinton READS! Program?

Hopkinton READS! is a program designed to bring members of our community together to read and discuss the same book at the same time. As has happened here since 2002, a committee of community residents and the Library Director creates a ballot of book titles. Titles that appear on the ballot must meet certain criteria, such as: local interest, timeliness of topics, broad community appeal, topics which lend themselves to associated programming, etc. In July, the community is given the opportunity to cast their vote on the book of their choice. Ballots are available in the Hopkinton Town Library and on the library website. When all votes are counted and the title chosen, the committee proceeds with the planning of programs for October, and November. All programs are free and open to the public. By the beginning of September, copies of the title chosen are available for purchase at the library at a reduced cost. There are also copies of the book available for borrowing at the Library. The committee encourages input and participation of community members during the title selection process as well as during associated programming. Happy Reading!

*The Hopkinton READS! Committee*

## Resources at the Library (partial listing)

A complete selection is on display in the reading area.

### BOOKS

- Allende, Isabel. **Islands Beneath the Sea.** (FIC ALL)  
Danticat, Edwidge. **Breath, Eyes, Memory.** (FIC DAN)  
Marxsen, Patti. **Tales from the Heart of Haiti.** (J FIC MAR)  
Ng Cheong-Lum, Roseline. **Cultures of the World. Haiti.** (J972.94 NGC)  
Temple, Frances. **Taste of Salt: A Story of Modern Haiti.** (J FIC TEM)  
Wolkstein, Diane. **Magic Orange Tree: And Other Haitian Folktales.** (J398.209 WOL)  
**World Volunteers. The World Guide to Humanitarian and Development Volunteering.** (361.76 WOR)  
Yurnet, Mirta. **A Taste of Haiti.** (641.597 YUR)

### MOVIES

- The Agronomist.** (DVD AGR)  
**The Road to Fondwa.** (DVD ROA)  
**60 Minutes. Haiti 1/17/10** (DVD 60)

### WEBSITES

**www.pih.org.** Partners in Health was founded by Paul Farmer in 1987, in Cange, Haiti, to deliver health care to the residents of the mountainous Central Plateau. PIH co-founders had been working in the area for years; the clinic was just the first of an arc of successful projects designed to address the health care needs of the residents of the poorest area in Haiti.

**www.freerice.com/index.php.** This is a fun vocabulary building game website that is dedicated to donating rice to the United Nations World Food Program, including Haiti.

**www.worldvolunteers.org.** The World Guide to Humanitarian and Development Volunteering.

*Check the Library for a complete list of resources.*

## ***Mountains Beyond Mountains***

### **The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World**

This compelling and inspiring book shows how one person can work wonders. In *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder tells the true story of a gifted man who loves the world and has set out to do all he can to cure it.

In medical school, Paul Farmer found his life's calling: to cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most. Kidder's magnificent account takes us from Harvard to Haiti, Peru, Cuba and Russia as Farmer changes minds and practices through his dedication to the philosophy that "the only real nation is humanity." At the heart of this book is the example of a life based on hope and on an understanding of the truth of the Haitian proverb "Beyond mountains there are mountains"—as you solve one problem, another problem presents itself, and so you go on and try to solve that one too.

"*Mountains Beyond Mountains* unfolds with a force of gathering revelation," says Annie Dillard; and Jonathan Harr notes, "The central character of this marvelous book is one of the most provocative, brilliant, funny, unsettling, endlessly energetic, irksome, and charming characters ever to spring to life on the page. [Paul Farmer] wants to change the world. Certainly this luminous and powerful book will change the way you see it."

## Programs

### Friday, October 1, 6:30 pm

**Film Showing. "The Agronomist."** A Jonathan Demme film with original score by Wyclef Jean tells the story of Haitian national hero, journalist and freedom fighter Jean Dominique who owned and operated his nation's oldest and only free radio station. "The Agronomist is a wonderful gift! Compelling! An unexpectedly moving and exciting story." (Kenneth Turan, *Los Angeles Times*.) Refreshments.

### Thursday, October 7, 7pm

**Haitian Art with Kurk Landry.** Frequent traveler to Haiti turned Haitian art collector Kurk Landry will talk about his collection and what makes Haitian art so distinctive. Examples of his collection will be on display.

### Wednesday, October 13, 7pm

**"Local Aide Group Brings Hope to Haitian Children" with Harry Stewart.** Through poignant photos, local volunteer aide worker, Harry Stewart, speaks of his five trips to Haiti with a Londonderry-based relief organization that helps feed and school some of Haiti's poorest children—his most recent trip this past May. Harry provides a eyewitness account of an achingly impoverished country and its hopeful, spirited people. When not volunteering, Harry is director of the state's Water Division.

### Tuesday October 19, 7pm

#### **Providing Public Health Care in the Third World—Panel.**

A diverse panel of health care providers will talk about their experiences in Haiti and other areas hard hit by poverty. A "60 Minutes" episode from January 2010 on the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti will also be shown.

### Thursday October 21, 7pm

**Film Showing. "The Road to Fondwa."** "Up against centuries of oppression and decimated natural resources, the people of Fondwa have taken matters into their own hands. Children, mothers, priests and students all pitch in for a better tomorrow in this film of hope." "A better Haiti is possible ... and indeed, it is on the way." Fr. Joseph Philippe, Fondwa, Haiti. Discussion to follow.

### Tuesday October 26, 1pm

#### **Thursday October 28, 7pm**

#### **Community Book Discussion of *Mountains Beyond Mountains* with book discussion leader Betsy Burtis**

**from the NH Humanities Council.** Burtis is a skilled discussion leader who facilitates both the Humanities Council Literature & Medicine Series and their immigration discussion series. She is also an adjunct faculty member at Granite State College teaching communications classes and the current chairperson of the New Hampshire Medical Interpretation Advisory Board (MIAB).

### Sunday November 7, 2pm-5pm

**Closing Celebration! Music, Food and Local Craft Fair,** with partial proceeds going to benefit Partners in Health, founded by Paul Farmer, to support ongoing work in Haiti.



**All programs are free of charge.**