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THE DELTA BOOKMARK SUMMER 2010

Below you will find the next installment of *The Delta Bookmark*, a national book club and recommended reading list compiled by the National Commission on Arts and Letters. *The Delta Bookmark* is sure to peak your interest no matter what your literary preference may be. As a reminder, here's what each installment of *The Delta Bookmark* will offer:

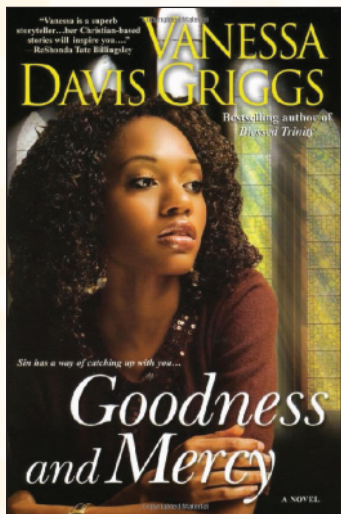
WHAT: Quarterly selections of recommended reading selections. Featuring

- Delta Bookmark Featured Selections – “**Must Read**”
- Delta **Spotlight Author**
- Delta **Pick-Up Again Classics**
- Delta **Children's/Young Adult's Choice**
- Delta **Self-Help & Inspirational Selection**

WHY: To encourage and promote a life-long love of reading.

HOW: *The Delta Bookmark* can be accessed on the National Web site.

Featured Selections

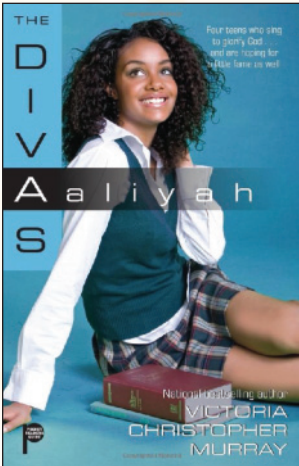


Goodness and Mercy BY VANESSA DAVIS GRIGGS

Sin has a way of catching up with you...

Gabrielle Mercedes has dreamed of being a dancer since she was a little girl. But when her life takes a very different turn, it's not the future she'd envisioned for herself. Feeling a void she can't fill, she finds the salvation she's been seeking in church and decides to start anew. Learning that her church has a dance ministry, she's thrilled to have her first love back in her life. Then she meets handsome and the professionally accomplished Zachary Wayne Morgan, and finally everything seems to be falling into place—until a past secret threatens to tear it all apart, and her newfound faith is put to the ultimate test.

Delta Spotlight Author



Aaliyah (Diva) BY VICTORIA CHRISTOPHER MURRAY

When Diamond first thought up the Divine Divas, Aaliyah wasn't sure this was her thing. She loves singing, and everyone says her voice is pretty fine, but since Aaliyah is planning on Harvard and a degree in nuclear physics, winning a recording contract could actually put a crimp in her dreams. Diamond has been her BFF all her life, though, and when Diamond wants something bad, saying no just isn't a choice. Now, with the Divas just winning and winning, even Aaliyah is fired up.

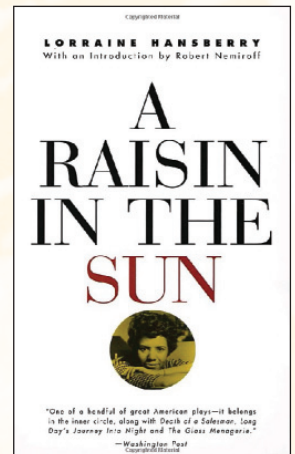
Then they hear the big news. Each top group will have a professional mentor, and the Divine Divas are getting superstar singer Zena. Leading to a secret Aaliyah never thought would get out. Her mother isn't dead: she just chose a singing career over her marriage and her baby girl. So if being a Diva means accepting the mother she can't remember, the mother who didn't care enough to stay, then Aaliyah isn't sure she can bear to stay a Diva even one day longer....

Delta Pick Up Again Classic

A Raisin in the Sun BY LORRAINE HANSBERRY

The story opens as the Younger family anxiously awaits the arrival of a check. It is the life insurance check of \$10,000, made payable to Lena (Mama) Younger, the matriarch of the family, because of the death of her husband. The entire family lives within the walls of a tiny apartment and the play takes place entirely in its worn out, lived-in living room.

Travis, the young son of Ruth and Walter Lee, sleeps on the couch in the living room and is constantly awoken by noise from the adults. Walter Lee and Beneatha are Lena's children. Walter Lee is married to Ruth, and works as a chauffeur, while Beneatha, much younger and energetic, plans to study to become a doctor. Each member of the family wants to do something different with the money, and therefore, waits anxiously for his/her new life to start.



Delta Children's/Young Adult's Choice



The Lion and the Mouse BY JERRY PINKNEY

In award-winning artist Jerry Pinkney's wordless adaptation of one of Aesop's most beloved fables, an unlikely pair learn that no act of kindness is ever wasted. After a ferocious lion spares a cowering mouse that he'd planned to eat, the mouse later comes to his rescue, freeing him from a poacher's trap. With vivid depictions of the landscape of the African Serengeti and expressively-drawn characters, Pinkney makes this a truly special retelling, and his stunning pictures speak volumes.

Delta Self-Help & Inspirational Selections



Dear Success Seeker: Wisdom from the Outstanding Women

BY DR. MICHELE R. WRIGHT

When facing obstacles to her own success, Michele R. Wright quickly discovered how valuable it is to have success warriors in your life who can inspire and guide you. With this in mind, Wright assembled luminaries from the entertainment, arts, business, and sports worlds to offer words of inspiration and invaluable advice to those seeking victory in their personal and professional journeys.

In these original pieces, the eighty-three contributors—representing a diverse range of age, background, and experience—share intimate stories of the challenges and triumphs, adventures and mishaps they faced that marked the road to their achievements. Mae Jemison, MD, the first female African-American astronaut, cautions that “‘You can’t’ and ‘You have to’ are two deadly phrases that are stumbling blocks for many success seekers,” and encourages those seeking success to “remain curious and inquisitive.” Tennis great Billie Jean King suggests, “Use your talents to win, not only for yourself, but for generations to come.” These women and award-winning actresses Shirley Jones, Ruby Dee, Mo’Nique, and Phylicia Rashad, Senator Mary L. Landrieu, Nobel Prize winner Rosalyn S. Yalow, **New York Times** bestselling author Joyce Meyer, and entertainer Patti LaBelle are just a few of the many women offering such pearls of wisdom.

Better Choices

BY DR. FAYE HARGROVE

Dr. Faye Hargrove has created a “Game Changer” in the realm of self help books.

Her techniques won’t take months to master or years to yield results. She doesn’t have time for that. In a matter of minutes, her clients overcome obstacles that were preventing them from true happiness and personal success.

For the first time, these remarkable techniques are explored and explained so the reader can experience them exactly as they are presented in private sessions. Whether you or someone you know is hampered by anger, resentment, sadness and grief, fear and insecurities or limiting beliefs—BETTER CHOICES can be your guide to releasing these negative influences and capturing the positive energy required to allow the fulfillment you have been denied.

Let’s face it, we all have “stuff” but life is too short to allow “stuff” to hold you hostage. Read this book. If you want to, you can help yourself, right now.

