

## Some Sources of Banned Books Week Readings

- *Against Forgetting*, edited by Carolyn Forché (1993)
- **The Beauty of Humanity Movement**, Viet Nam novel by Camilla Gibb (Doubleday, 2010)
- *Between Two Worlds: My Life and Captivity in Iran*, by Roxana Saberi (2010)
- *The Blessing Next to the Wound: A Story of Art, Activism, and Transformation*, by Hector Aristizábal & Diane Lefer (2010)
- *The Blindfold's Eyes: My Journey from Torture to Truth*, a memoir by Sister Dianna Ortiz, with Patricia Davis (Orbis)
- *Conscience Be My Guide - An Anthology of Prison Writings*, edited by Geoffrey Bould (London, Zed Books Ltd, 1991)
- *Detained: A Writer's Prison Diary*, by Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o (1982)
- *Dreams in a Time of War*, memoir by Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o (2010)
- *Escape from Slavery: The True Story of My Ten Years in Captivity and My Journey to Freedom in America*, by Francis Bok from Sudan (St. Martin's Press, 2003)
- *Fire in the Soul: 100 Poems for Human Rights*, edited by Dinyar Godrej, presented by Amnesty International (2009)
- "The Fringe Benefits of Failure, and the Importance of Imagination", by J.K. Rowling (<http://harvardmagazine.com/go/jkrowling>)
- *From the Republic of Conscience - An International Anthology of Poetry* (White Pine Press, 1993, with Amnesty International)
- *From the Land of Green Ghosts: A Burmese Odyssey*, by Pascal Khoo Thwe (2002)
- *A Human Being Died That Night: A South African Story of Forgiveness*, by Paula Gobodo-Madikizela, about South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (2003)
- "Human Landscapes", an epic poem by Turkish poet and human rights activist, Nazim Hikmet
- *Letters From Robben Island* by Ahmed Kathrada, friend of Nelson Mandela (Michigan State University Press, 1999)
- *Literature From the "Axis of Evil"*, Words Without Borders anthology (2006) <[www.wordswithoutborders.org](http://www.wordswithoutborders.org)>
- *The Lizard Cage*, novel by Karen Connelly (2008)
- *Love, Death & Exile*, Abdul Wahab al-Bayati's poems translated by Bassam K. Frangieh (Georgetown University Press, 1991)
- *A Love Story of Wind and Rain*, by Lou Hongwei (2008)
- *A Map of Hope: Women's Writings on Human Rights*, edited by Marjorie Agosin (Rutgers University, 1999 [benefits AIUSA])
- *The Mountain: Stories of Terror, Betrayal, and Forgetting in Guatemala*, by Daniel Wilkinson (Houghton Mifflin, 2004)
- *My Prison, My Home*, by Haleh Esfandiari, Evin Prison in 2007
- *Naphtalene*, by Alia Mamdouh, whose work has been banned in Iraq (CUNY Feminist Press, 2005, 20 years after the novel was written)
- "The Ordeal of a Fragrant Soul", by filmmaker Hua Ze (January 2011 article about her detention in China); ask BBW editor for pdf
- *Poems from Guantánamo: The Detainees Speak*, edited by Marc Falkoff (University of Iowa Press, 2007)
- *The Red Azalea*, by Anchee Min, memoir banned in China (2006)
- *Secrets in the Sand: the Young Women of Juárez*, poems by Marjorie Agosin (White Pine Press, 2006)
- *Shadow of a Saint: A Son's Journey to Understand His Father's Legacy*, by Ken Wiwa (Knopf, 2000)
- *Speak Truth to Power — Human Rights Defenders Who Are Changing Our World*, by Kerry Kennedy (Crown Publishers, 2000)
- *Thoughts on Human Freedom and Dignity*, edited by Amnesty International; forward by Arthur Miller (Universe, 1991)
- *We wish to inform you that tomorrow we will be killed with our families: Stories from Rwanda*, by Philip Gourevitch (1998)
- *Writings from Prison*, by Leyla Zana, Elena Bonner, and Betty Williams (1999)
- *Writers Under Siege: Voices of freedom from around the world - A PEN Anthology* (2007), edited by Popescu & Seymour-Jones
- "Vietnamese Dissidents: Absent form the Western Mind", by Dustin Roasa in *Dissent* (Summer 2010, U-Pennsylvania Press)

To work on cases similar to those in this packet or on broader censorship issues outside Amnesty International's purview, check a library or the Internet for organizations such as:

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 Article 19 <[www.article19.org](http://www.article19.org)>  
 Committee to Protect Journalists <[www.cpj.org](http://www.cpj.org)>  
 Index on Censorship <[www.oneworld.org/index\\_oc](http://www.oneworld.org/index_oc)>  
 Intellectual Freedom Committees (local or state)  
 International Freedom of Expression Clearinghouse <[www.ifex.org](http://www.ifex.org)>  
 International Press Institute <[www.freemedia.at](http://www.freemedia.at)>  
 Journalists for Human Rights <[www.jhr.ca](http://www.jhr.ca)>  
 PEN International <[www.internationalpen.org.uk](http://www.internationalpen.org.uk)>  
 Reporters Sans Frontières <[www.rsf.fr](http://www.rsf.fr)>  
 World Press Freedom Committee <[www.wpfc.org](http://www.wpfc.org)>

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