

New Student Book Experience

2006 Book Selection

Call for Nominations

The Book Selection Committee for the August, 2006 New Student Book Experience seeks nominations of potential books. The New Student Book Experience invites all students new to UMBC in the fall (freshmen and transfer students) to read the selected book and engage in formal and informal discussion of the book at the start of the school year. **Any member of the UMBC community may nominate any book, using the form on the reverse side or via e-mail containing the same information.** More than one nomination may be submitted by the same person.

The following criteria will guide the Book Selection Committee in evaluation of nominations:

⇒ Goals of the New Student Book Experience include:

- Welcome new students into the intellectual life of the university.
- Provide an experience common to all incoming students, aiding them in connecting with each other.
- Through the discussion sections, provide a connection for each student to at least one faculty or staff member.
- Provide students with an active learning opportunity that relates to the academic expectations of the campus.

⇒ Books nominated (and finally selected) should be

- Widely available in paperback.
- Compelling, intellectually stimulating, able to generate interesting discussion.
- Appropriate for the developmental level of incoming students.
- Likely to speak in a meaningful way to people of many backgrounds, including our international students.
- Something the bookstore can and will obtain and offer at a reasonable price.
- Relatively short.
- Not widely required as reading in Maryland public high schools.
- Not made into a movie recently.
- Not straightforwardly offensive to any significant portion of the UMBC student population.

Forward hard copy submissions to Janet McGlynn, UC 207, Fax 5-1115. Forward e-mail submissions to mcglynn@umbc.edu. Nomination Deadline: Monday, October 31, 2005.

New Student Book Experience 2006 Book Selection Nomination Form

Required information:

Book to Nominate:

Title: _____

Author: _____

Optional information:

Length of the book: _____

Price of book in paperback, if known: _____

Tell us a little about the book: _____

What specific benefits do you believe this book brings to the New Student Book Experience?

Nominator:

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Extension: _____

Faculty _____ Staff _____ Student _____

Date: _____

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