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On Facebook and around at least one water cooler on the morning of April 18, discussion of Salman Rushdie's lecture the night before quickly turned to the list. Rushdie's lecture, larded with reading suggestions, had many in the chapel wishing they had a pen and paper.

We did.

The Rushdie Reading List

Gabriel Garcia Marquez - One Hundred Years of Solitude
Phil Klay - Redeployments (best, real stories from Iraq)
Khalid Hosseini - Afghanistan - real deal
Nadeem Aslam - more authentic Afghani stories
"If you want to know what's happening in Pakistan, read:
Kamila Shamsie, Mohammed Hanif, Daniyal Mueenuddin."
Adam Johnson - The Orphan Master's Son (North Korea)
Yiyun Li - Kinder Than Solitude (Chinese-American experience)
Nan Le - The Boat (Vietnamese-American)
Jumpa Lahiri - conveys Bengali culture and
makes that a part of American culture.
Teju Cole - Open Cities - Every Day Is for the Thief
Laila Lalami - The Moor's Account (Nigerian-American)
(Morocco)

Asked by Maya Rauakrishnan '16 what he was reading, Rushdie said he was revisiting "the wonder tales of the East" - the Ramayana, the Panchatantra, The Arabian Nights, and Katha Sarit Sagara, the latter literally the ocean of the streams of stories. "They're all so goddauned wonderful."