

2025-2026 FIS Host Program Booklist

Books recommended by FIS students to give you
a glimpse of life in their home countries

A Bittersweet Journey Through Culture by Yu Qiuyu (a student from **China**)

Bushido: The Soul of Japan by Inazō Nitobe (a student from **Japan**)

Diary of a Madman by Lu Xun (a student from **China**)

Grendel by John Gardner (a student from **China**)

I Deliver Parcels in Beijing by Hu Anyan (a student from **China**)

Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust by Immaculée
Ilibagiza (a student from Rwanda)

My Neighbor Totoro by Hayao Miyazaki (a student from **Japan**)

Oracle Bones: A Journey Through Time in China by Peter Hessler (a student from
China)

So Long a Letter by Mariama Bâ (a student from **Senegal**)

Taipei People by Pai Hsien-Yung (a student from **China**)

The Analects by Confucius (a student from **China**)

The Life of Lazarillo de Tormes by Anonymous (a student from **Spain**)

The Short End of the Sonnenallee by Thomas Brussig (a student from **Germany**)

The Successor by Ismail Kadare (a student from **Kosovo**)

The Suns of Independence by Amadou Kourouma (a student from **Côte d'Ivoire**)

The Keeper of Sheep by Alberto Caeiro (a student from **Portugal**)

The Tales of Harun al-Rashid by Antoine Galland (a student from **Cyprus**)

The Wayward Daughter by Shradha Ghale (a student from **Nepal**)

Vera by Krisztián Grecsó (a student from **Romania**)

Why the Dutch Are Different: A Journey into the Hidden Heart of the Netherlands
by Ben Coates (a student from **the Netherlands**)