2026-2027 FIS Host Program Booklist

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

A Man of the People by Chinua Achebe (a student from **Rwanda**)

A Submarine in the Night by Chen Chuncheng (a student from **China**)

Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan (a student from **Singapore**)

Culture and Customs of Somalia by Mohamed Diriye Abdullahi (a student from **Ethiopia**)

Dream of the Red Chamber (also translated as ***A Dream of Red Mansions***) by Cao Xueqin (a student from **China**)

Fortress Besieged by Qian Zhongshu (a student from **China**)

From the Soil by Fei Xiaotong (a student from **China**)

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez (a student from **Paraguay**)

Prince Siddhartha: The Story of Buddha by Jonathan Landaw (a student from **Bhutan**)

Strange Stones: Dispatches from East and West by Peter Hessler (a student from **China**)

The Brothers Lionheart (Bröderna Lejonhjärta) by Astrid Lindgren (a student from **Sweden**)

The Gates of Europe: A History of Ukraine by Serhii Plokhy (a student from **Ukraine**)

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini (a student from **Afghanistan**)

The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George (a student from **France**)

The Queen of Katwe by Tim Crothers (a student from **Uganda**)

We Need New Names by NoViolet Bulawayo (a student from **Kenya**)

What You Are Looking for Is in the Library (a collection of five interconnected short stories) by Michiko Aoyama (a student from **Japan**)