# APPROVED COURSE OF STUDY BOOK LIST ABRIDGED

## June 2020


## July 2020

*A Patriot’s Handbook: Songs, Poems, Stories and Speeches celebrating the Land we Love*, by Caroline Kennedy  
*Emma Lazarus, Selected Poems: (American Poets Project #13)* by Emma Lazarus, John Hollander (Editor)

## August 2020

*Wearing the Morning Star: Native American Song-Poems*, by Brian Swann (Preface)  
*Emily Dickinson’s Poems: As She Preserved Them* by Emily Dickinson, Cristanne Miller (Editor)

## September 2020

*Our Jenny: A Story for Young People (1854)* Alice Hawthorne, Septimius Winner (Considered Rare – Kessinger Publishing Legacy Reprint Series offer)  
*Oxford Student Texts: G(erard) M(anley) Hopkins: Selected Poems* by Peter Feeney (Editor)

## October 2020

*Ernest L Thayer’s Casey at the Bat: A Ballad of the Republic Sung in the Year 1888*  
*Baseball’s Greatest Hit: The Story of “take me out to the Ball Game”* by Robert Thompson, Tim Wiles, Andy Strasberg  
*A Child’s Garden of Verses* by Robert Louis Stevenson (2020 Independently Published)

## November 2020

*George M Cohan: boy theatre genius*, by Gertrude H Winders, Jim Cummins  
*Cecil Spring Rice: A Diplomat’s Life* by David H Burton also *Cecil Spring-Rice in Memoriam* by Sir Valentine Chirol (public domain)

## December 2020

*I heard the Bells on Christmas Day* by Lloyd D Newell, Karmel H Newell and Dan Burr (Illustrator)  
*Alfred Lord Tennyson: Selected Poems* by Alfred Lord Tennyson, Penguin Classics, Christopher Ricks (Editor)

## January 2021

*Spoon River Anthology: Edgar Lee Masters* by Edgar Lee Masters  
*Edgar Lee Masters: A Biography*, by Herbert K Russell Ph.D. or Beyond Spoon River: The Legacy of Edgar Lee Masters by Ronald Primeau

## February 2021

*Say it With Music: The Story of Irving Berlin* by Nancy Furstinger  
*Anne Bradstreet and Her Time* by Helen Stuart Campbell (2018 Outlook Verlag) or *To My Husband and other Poems* by Anne Bradstreet, Robert Hutchinson (Editor)

## March 2021

*The Melodic Tradition of Ireland* by James R Cowdery (Kent State University Press)  
*Poems of James Russell Lowell* with Biographical Sketch by Nathan Haskell Dole or *James Russell Lowell and his Friends* by Edward Everett Hale
April 2021
Tony Pastor, Father of Vaudeville by Armond Fields
Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience by William Blake (Afterword) Peter Harness (Lector House 2019)

May 2021
Memoir of the Life of Henry Ware, Jr. by John Ware
The favorite verses of Edgar A Guest by Edgar A Guest or Edgar A Guest by Royce Howes (Foreword) John S Knight

June 2021
The Story of Dr Dolittle by Hugh Lofting
Amy Lowell: Selected Poems by Amy Lowell, American Poets Project #12

July 2021
The Complete Poems of Carl Sandburg: Revised and Expanded Edition by Carl Sandburg or Carl Sandburg: A Biography by Milton Meltzer

August 2021
King of Ragtime: Scott Joplin and his Era by Edward A Berlin or Scott Joplin: King of Ragtime by Mary Ann Hoffman
The collected works of William Butler Yeats, Vol III Autobiographies by Douglas Archibald (Editor) William O'Donnell (Editor) and W B Yeats

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