Many admitted 1L law students wonder what they should read in the summer before entering law school. We have asked our Wayne Law experts for their opinion. The list that follows was compiled from suggestions of Wayne Law faculty members and administrators. By no means do we suggest that you read the entire list or any of these books for that matter. We offer the list as suggested reading for those who wish to immerse themselves in the law before classes begin.

From Professor Sedler: *Simple Justice*, by Richard Kluger. This is a lengthy book about the history of Brown v. Board. It demonstrates how good lawyering can bring about fundamental change in American society.

From Professor Hammer: The Biography of Judge Keith, *Crusader for Justice*.

*Death of Contract*, by Grant Gilmore

From Professor Long: “I have found that reading poetry encourages students to pay attention to precise language, to appreciate ambiguity in linguistic meaning, to search for and recognize symbols and metaphors, and to begin to see the nearly limitless possibilities for creative expression that can flourish even within very rigorous formal constraints. These are all incredibly useful skills to bring to the study of cases and statutes. My own favorite is Seamus Heaney’s *Death of a Naturalist*” (1996).

From Professor Rothchild: “I advise you to read whatever it is that you read for pleasure, whether it be *A Song of Ice and Fire*, *Shakespeare*, or *Aristotle*. There’s nothing you can read in advance that will make it any easier for you to get through your first case or statute. Moreover, you will be assigned so much to read during law school that you won’t have time available to read for pleasure, so use what little time you have left to do your fun reading.”

*Gideon’s Trumpet*, by Anthony Lewis

From Professor Fox: *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme court*, by Jeffrey Toobin

Other Recommended Books:

*One L*, by Scott Turow

*1L of a Ride: A Well-Traveled Professor’s Roadmap to Success in the First Year of Law School*, by Andrew J. McClurg

*A Crime of Self Defense*, by George Fletcher