



THE NON-OBVIOUS GUIDE TO SELECTING THE PERFECT COMMON READ (CHECKLIST VERSION)

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BOOK TITLE: _____

REVIEWER NAME: _____

SCORE:

How many
boxes were
checked?

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Which of these qualities accurately describe this book/author?

☐ **APPROACHABLE:**

Can every student relate to the topic, tone and style of the book and is it relevant to the first-year experience?

☐ **PRACTICAL:**

Will the book help students develop key skills they can use throughout their lives and is it easily actionable?

☐ **ENGAGING:**

Is the book's tone and writing style down-to-earth and interesting? Is it challenging without being overwhelming?

☐ **IMPORTANT:**

Does the book address a topic that is significant in the lives and futures of the students, as well as the world?

☐ **FLEXIBLE:**

Can the book be easily applied to FYE programming and can faculty members incorporate it into reading lists?

☐ **AVAILABLE:**

Is the author (a) living! and (b) a dynamic speaker willing to customize a program and visit campus?

☐ **NON-OBVIOUS:**

Does the book offer a unique perspective and are students unlikely to have already read the book in high-school?

☐ **PROVOKING:**

Does the book inspire students to grow intellectually, foster empathy and spark discussion without being divisive?

☐ **DIVERSE:**

Is the book written from a diverse or global perspective and does it encourage more inclusive thinking?

☐ **SUBSTANTIAL:**

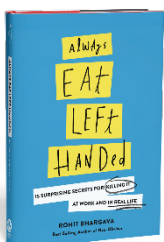
Is there enough depth to sustain a semester (or full year) of discussion without being too long (ie – under 300 pgs)?

☐ **ACCESSIBLE:**

Is the book available as paperback, ebook + audio for students (regardless of disability) for under \$20 per book?

☐ **CREDIBLE:**

Has the book/author won awards or critical acclaim to underscore the credibility of the book and author overall?



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