This Year's Featured Work

We are delighted to announce that The Handmaid's Tale will be our featured text for 2018. If you are in our entering class, this book has been chosen especially for you. Please read it over the summer, and come to Cal in the fall prepared to discuss it--and to encounter Margaret Atwood in person at her keynote event on August 23.

Margaret Atwood

Margaret Atwood is the author of more than forty books of fiction, poetry, and critical essays. Her latest book of short stories is Stone Mattress: Nine Tales (2014). Her MaddAddam trilogy - the Giller and Booker prize-nominated Oryx and Crake (2003), The Year of the Flood (2009), and MaddAddam (2013) - is currently being adapted for HBO. The Door is her latest volume of poetry (2007). Her most recent non-fiction books are Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth (2008) and In Other Worlds: SF and the Human Imagination (2011). Her novels include The Blind Assassin, winner of the Booker Prize; Alias Grace, which won the Giller Prize in Canada and the Premio Mondello in Italy; The Robber Bride, Cat's Eye, The Handmaid's Tale and The Penelopiad. Her novel The Heart Goes Last was published in September 2015. In 2016 she published Hag-Seed, a novel revisitation of Shakespeare's play The Tempest, for the Hogarth Shakespeare Project, and Angel Catbird - with a cat-bird superhero - a graphic novel with co-creator Johnnie Christmas. (Dark Horse.) Margaret Atwood lives in Toronto with writer Graeme Gibson.