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Walton, Izaak & Cotton, Charles. *The Compleat Angler*. Modern Library, 1996

Associate Professor Dolence chose this book because:

It's likely you have never heard of Izaak Walton's *The Compleat Angler*, and given its relative obscurity in the early 21 century, it's hard to believe that Walton's book has been in continuous publication for nearly 350 years. *The Compleat Angler* does not appear on undergraduate syllabi; its popularity and longevity can largely be credited to its own narrative - communicated one-to-one with its readers. I have selected the *Compleat Angler* for its subject matter, explained in the subtitle: "The Contemplative Man's Recreation," and for the idiosyncratic place the book holds in the canon of English language classics.

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