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Dear USC Students,

As the *Los Angeles Times Festival of Books* returns to our University Park Campus this weekend, I encourage you to take advantage of its many offerings, including author readings, panel discussions, and musical performances. USC is so fortunate to be this annual event's home, and I hope you will join us for the exciting festivities.

On a related note, I am delighted to share this year's summer reading list. This is a list of stellar, thought-provoking works that we can read together, creating a common ground for discussions in the coming academic year. Although these books are not required for your classes, we'll have a number of opportunities to reflect on them as a community:

*Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood*

by Alexandra Fuller

*Socrates: A Man for Our Times* by Paul Johnson

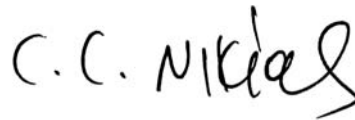
*Democracy in America* by Alexis de Tocqueville

*Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel

*Right You Are If You Think You Are*, a play by Luigi Pirandello

All of these books are available in the USC bookstore. I look forward to seeing you at the Festival of Books this weekend!

Fight On!



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