One Book, One College Presents

**Daytripper: An Essay Contest**

In their acclaimed graphic novel *Daytripper*, brothers Fábio Moon and Gabriel Bá present Brás de Oliva Domingos, an aspiring author who pursues work, family, friendship, romance, and self-actualization while mired in a job he can’t stand: writing obituaries for a Brazilian newspaper. Brás dies at the end of every chapter, only to reappear in the next one at a different point in his life. Chaffey’s 2014-2015 College Book is a tale of life’s great adventure, its mishmash of plans and accidents, and the sorrows and joys of an unpredictable journey.

The One Book, One College Committee encourages you to share your own original nonfiction writing that relates to *Daytripper*. You might describe a unique locale, a foreign holiday or tradition, or a place to which you have strong emotional ties. You may narrate the events of a minute, hour, or day that changed your life; argue for or against risk taking, the importance of travel, or graphic novels as literature; define friendship, love, or happiness; or reflect on parenthood, marriage, or death. You are welcome to analyze imagery from the novel, Bras’s relationship with his father, or the book’s arrangement of chapters. You can compose an obituary for yourself, someone you know, or a historical figure; explain one’s responsibility to family, the difference between a job and a career, or what it means to live a full life; compare and contrast two periods from your own life, *Daytripper* and another work of art, or any aspect of Brazil and the United States; or research the history of graphic novels, the present economic climate in Brazil, or the future of print journalism. In fact, you are invited to write any essay that clearly connects to this year’s College Book.

**Deadline:** **Wednesday, March 25, 2015 by 1:00 pm**

Submit a hard copy of your essay to Mary Thomas in Language Arts Room 107 on the Rancho Campus any time before the deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please do not write your name on the essay; instead, include a separate cover sheet with the title of your essay, your name, phone number, and student ID number. Please also include your title on the first page of the essay and number your pages. Essays should be between two and five double-spaced pages and will be judged on originality, compelling content, and the quality of written expression.

**Finalists will receive a cash prize and will read their essays at an awards ceremony in April, 2015.**

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