**International Day of Peace**

**September 21, 2019**

**A Thousand Splendid Suns**  
by Khaled Hosseini  
Two women born a generation apart witness the destruction of their home and family in wartorn Kabul, incurring losses over the course of thirty years that test the limits of their strength and courage.

**Homegoing**  
by Yaa Gyasi  
Two half sisters, unknown to each other, are born into different villages in eighteenth-century Ghana and experience profoundly different lives and legacies throughout subsequent generations.

**Americanah: A Novel**  
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
Separated by differing ambitions after falling in love in Nigeria, Ifemelu experiences triumph and defeat in America, while Obinze endures an undocumented status in London until the pair is reunited in their homeland years later.

**The illegal: A Novel**  
by Lawrence Hill  
Forced to flee his native country after his journalist father is murdered for criticizing their tyrannical government, Keita, a talented runner, becomes part of an illegal underground network of athletes who participate in competitions to win survival money.
**War on Peace: The End of Diplomacy and the Decline of American Influence**
by Ronan Farrow
The journalist and former U.S. State Department official explores the decline of diplomacy and traditional statecraft, the abdication of global leadership, and how the work of peacemaking has been taken over by the military-industrial complex.

**An Appeal to the World: The Way to Peace in a Time of Division**
by Bstan-'dzin-rgya-mtsho (Dalai Lama)
A noted religious leader addresses the world's time of division, calling on us to draw upon the innate goodness of our shared humanity to overcome the rancor, mistrust and divisiveness that threaten world peace and sustainability.

**Dear World: a Syrian Girl's Story of War and Plea for Peace**
by Bana Alabed
An account of a young Twitter activist's experiences in war-torn Syria describes how her home was decimated by bombings and dwindling supplies before her family embarked on a perilous escape to Turkey.

**When the World Calls: The Inside Story of the Peace Corps and Its First Fifty Years**
by Stanley Meisler
When the World Calls is the first complete and balanced look at the Peace Corps's first 50 years. Revelatory and candid, Stanley Meisler's engaging narrative exposes Washington infighting, presidential influence and the Volunteers' unique struggles abroad, starting with the historic first contingent of volunteers to Ghana on August 30, 1961.

**Creating True Peace: Ending Violence in Yourself, Your Family, Your Community, and the World**
by Nhãát Hòanh
A distillation of the author's years of scholarship and teaching demonstrates how violence is an inappropriate response on every level, offering spiritual guidance on how to promote personal and worldwide change.