

GCP Summer Suggestions

Movies

- *Life Is Beautiful* – A heart-wrenching story following a Jewish, Italian boy and his father as they experience the Holocaust in drastically different ways
- *Kids With Cameras (Born into Brothels)* – A documentary photographer went to Calcutta, India to depict the home life of women in the brothels, but she develops a connection with their children and offers to teach them photography. The result is an amazing set of photos taken through the eyes of these children, many of whom greatly benefit from the experience.
- *Captain Phillips* – The true story of Captain Richard Phillips and the 2009 hijacking by Somali pirates of the first American cargo ship to be hijacked in two hundred years.
- *Bhutto* – A documentary about Iran's first female Prime Minister, her struggle to power, and her tragic assassination in 2007
- *Russian Ark* – 200 years of Russian history filmed in St. Petersburg's Winter Palace, filmed in one feature-film length shot with no cuts
- *The Battle of Algiers* – Banned in France until five years after its release, this controversial film depicts the liberation of Algeria from France and provides incredible commentary on guerrilla warfare.
- *Usain Bolt: The Fastest Man Alive* – get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at Usain St. Leo Bolt, the Jamaican sprinter who's widely regarded as the fastest man in the world.
- *Ballplayer: Pelotero* – John Leguizamo narrates this documentary that goes inside the world of Major League Baseball training camps in the Dominican Republic

Books

- *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai – A narrative of the life and beliefs of Malala a teenage girl from Pakistan who stood up for her right to have an education, and nearly paid her life
- *My Brother, My Sister, and I* by Yoko Kawashima Watkins – Follow the tale of hopes, successes and failures of three Japanese sisters and their brother struggle with poverty in Japan after WWII
- *Half The Sky Turning Oppression into Opportunity For Women Worldwide* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn – A Pulitzer Prize winning husband-and-wife team speaks out against the oppression of women in the developing world, sharing example stories and victims and survivors who are working to raise awareness, counter abuse and campaign for women's' rights.
- *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros – Deals with Esperanza Cordero, a young Latino girl, and her life growing up in Chicago with Chicanos and Puerto Ricans.