Veterans Book Group Syllabus
War and the Human
Towson Branch
Baltimore County Public Library
Facilitator: James Schelberg
February – April 2016

Session 1 (2/2): Reconnecting with Home and Loved Ones

- “Shiloh” by Bobbie Ann Mason from Shiloh and Other Stories by Bobbie Ann Mason, 1982. (Short story)
- 7 Greeks translations by Guy Davenport, 1995. (participants will be reading Archilochus fragments throughout the sessions, including fragments 32, 35, 38, 70, 79)

Session 2 (2/23): Understanding Others’ Experiences

- “Cathedral” by Raymond Carver in Cathedral by Raymond Carver, 1983. (Short story)

Session 3 (3/15): Alienation

- “Soldier’s Home” by Ernest Hemingway from In Our Time by Ernest Hemingway, 1925. (Short story)

Session 4 (4/5): Race

- Moby Dick (Chapters 3, 4, 10, 11) by Herman Melville. Preferably the edition with commentary by Howard Mumford Jones, text and notes by Harrison Hayford and Hershel Parker. Illustrated by Warren Chappell. Published by WW Norton & Co. NY.
- “The Battler” by Ernest Hemingway. (Short story)

Session 5 (4/26): Guilt and Conscienec

- “Ambush”, a short story from The Things They Carried by Tim O’Brien.