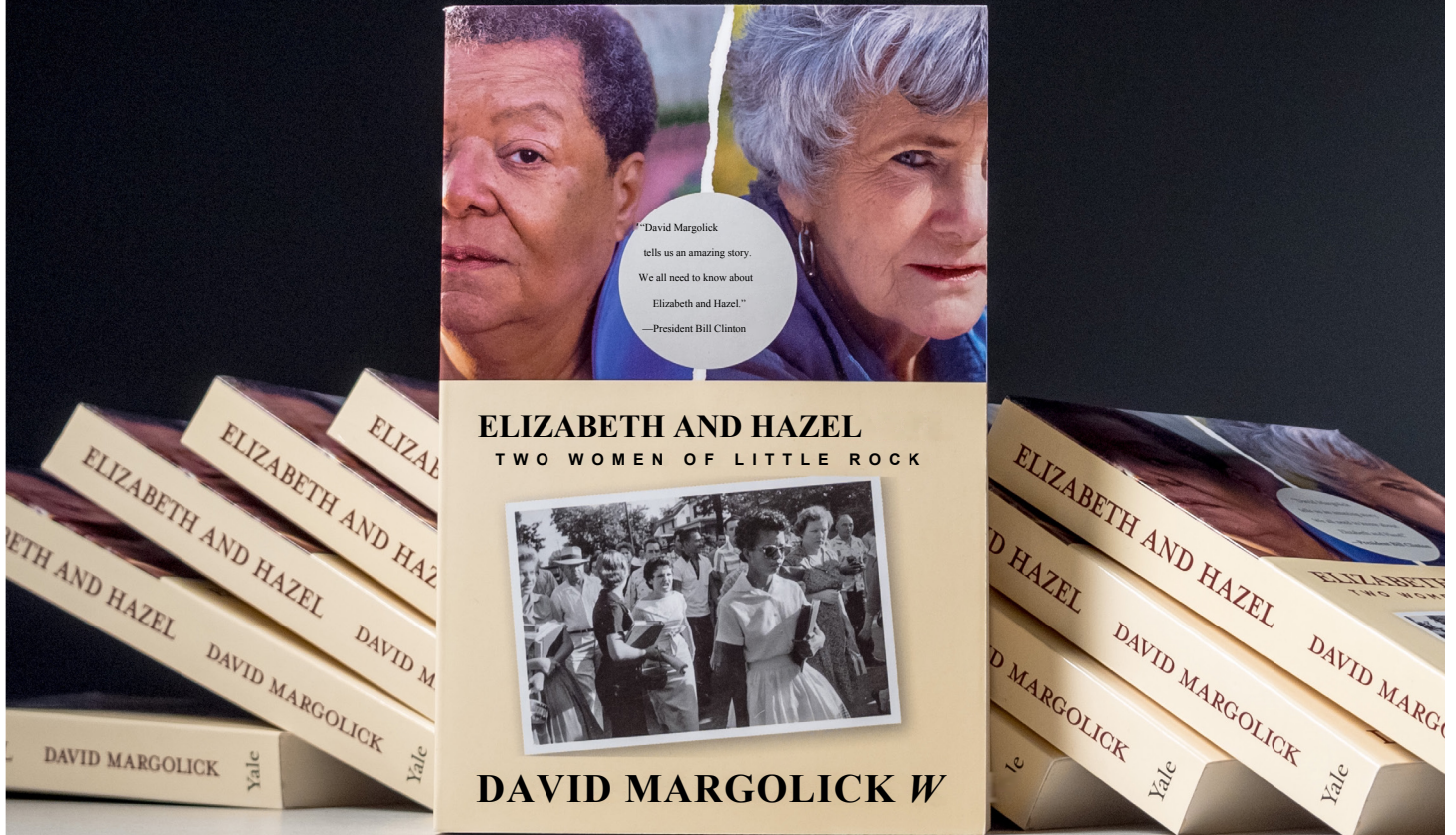


# Montclair Book 2015

A common reading experience for first-year students



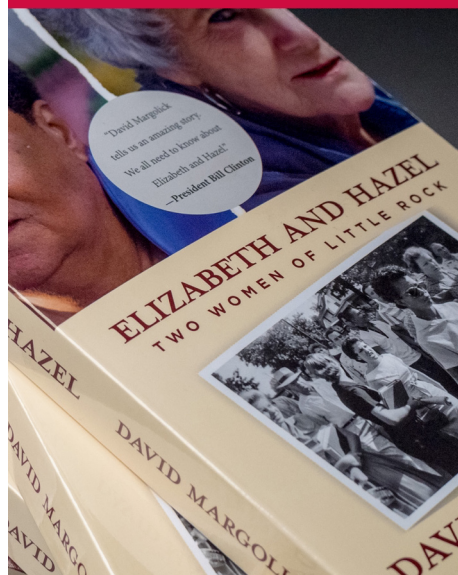
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### What is Montclair Book 2015?

Montclair Book 2015 is a campus-wide program for the Montclair State community, jointly sponsored by the Center for Writing Excellence, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the First-Year Writing Program, and Student Development and Campus Life. Each year, a faculty advisory committee selects a book to be read by all incoming first-year students. The entire Montclair State community is also invited to participate in this common reading experience.

The goals for this program are to:

- Provide a common intellectual experience
- Engage in interdisciplinary dialogue and debate
- Build community around a shared understanding of relevant issues
- Celebrate the written word
- Offer opportunities for students to reflect on their roles as readers and learners
- Encourage campus-wide engagement with the book's theme

# FAQ for New Students

## Which book was chosen?

The faculty advisory committee chose *Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock* as our 2015 selection. Here is a description of the book:

*The names Elizabeth Eckford and Hazel Bryan Massery may not be well known, but the image of them from September 1957 surely is: a black high school girl, dressed in white, walking stoically in front of Little Rock Central High School, and a white girl standing directly behind her, face twisted in hate, screaming racial epithets. This famous photograph captures the full anguish of desegregation — in Little Rock and throughout the South — and an epic moment in the civil rights movement. In this gripping book, David Margolick tells the remarkable story of two separate lives unexpectedly braided together. He explores how the haunting picture of Elizabeth and Hazel came to be taken, its significance in the wider world, and why, for the next half-century, neither woman has ever escaped from its long shadow.*

## Where do I get the book?

Copies of *Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock* will be available in the Montclair State bookstore beginning in early April.

## When should I read it?

Your first assignment for college is to read *Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock*. You should purchase the book before the beginning of the fall semester, as you will be using it for the first several weeks of your first-year writing class.

## How will I use this book?

Several ways:

- Discussions in the New Student Seminar and other courses
- Theme-related events on campus
- Keynote event
- Essay contest
  - First-year writing classes (you will write an essay based on the book)

## Where can I find more information?

For more information about *Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock* or about author David Margolick, please visit [montclair.edu/cwe/MontclairBook](http://montclair.edu/cwe/MontclairBook)