

WHY WE CHOSE THIS BOOK

The Dean's Readers, 2007-2008

The Dean's Book course is designed to bring together Commonwealth College students from diverse academic disciplines. Therefore, it was important to select a book that will inspire and instruct students from all majors and backgrounds. We had the opportunity to review over forty books, and through lively discussion we agreed that *Monique and the Mango Rains* would make an outstanding Dean's Book Course selection.

As a volunteer with the Peace Corps, Kris Holloway spent two years working at a rudimentary health clinic in Nampossela, Mali. She worked alongside Monique Dembele, a passionate midwife and mentor. In writing *Monique and the Mango Rains*, Holloway examines the humanitarian consequences of economic underdevelopment and the challenges that women face in patriarchal societies. We believe that *Monique and the Mango Rains* is the right choice for the Dean's Book Course because it offers a unique perspective on global issues of inequality. Furthermore, as a female author, Holloway identifies universal gender equality concerns that need to be addressed.

Having completed the three components of the Dean's Book Course, we approached the selection process critically. We chose *Monique and the Mango Rains* because it was enjoyable to read while meeting the educational requirements of the course. We strongly believe that every Commonwealth College student will find *Monique and the Mango Rains* to be challenging, engaging and rewarding.

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