GREAT BOOKS

My Adventures with Homer,
Rousseau, Woolf, and Other
Indestructible Writers of
the Western World

DAVID DENBY

FROM THE BOOKNOTES LIBRARY OF

dulour of the mudia

24 students abel Kam (pinh) charlis Kim - Korean Boy Durish (India) Noah Marty acer P Leora Cohen Hamiltin Ransit Felecia Parker (O.C.) Miss Wn Christin Wone Sine Joseph - Coth from al. Shulberg (col prof.) Mayore Finder

Rob Liberthal Sally - woold sed hair Jack Mckeon-testimal Marriel alon-plind Judith Stemgold Vanessa-ablash women Lucas-Jouthen Derry - a black from Both Rebecco-hudger from midwer Francesca-Dante

Whey are next Alach European White Make? Member of SDS of blanford Maring Van Zery len Jehn twent anden Stephensen Tto be graded to Kning Lear and my nother P294 Edward Taylor - Lit Hum James Shapiro Welfore p 372 Ti-Share althinson absolution relativism essentialist (Plats) My teaching was a floop Please Son I cous look p 326 Moyart - bluck student John S. Null - at loleuntice was they were curriculars Aun-Mox 13

Tommy 9

392. David Denby <u>Great Books</u> Taped: 11/8/96 Aired: 12/22/96 Tape #: 70522



SIMON & SCHUSTER Rockefeller Center 1230 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020

Copyright © 1996 by David Denby All rights reserved, including the right of reproduction in whole or in part in any form

SIMON & SCHUSTER and colophon are registered trademarks of Simon & Schuster Inc.

Designed by Leslie Phillips Manufactured in the United States of America

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data Denby, David.

Great books: my adventures with Homer, Rousseau, Woolf, and other indestructible writers of the Western world / David Denby.

- p. cm. Includes bibliographical references and index.
- 1. Civilization, Western—History—Sources—Study and teaching (Higher)—United States.
- 2. Humanities-Study and teaching (Higher)-United States.
- 3. Literature-Study and teaching (Higher)-United States.
- 4. Denby, David—Books and reading. I. Title.

CB245.D44 1996 909'.09812—dc20 96-18634 CIP ISBN 0-684-80975-3

Three of these chapters appeared in *The New Yorker* in slightly different form: chapter 1 (as "Does Homer Have Legs?," September 6, 1993), chapter 21 (as "Queen Lear," October 3, 1994), and chapter 27 (as "Jungle Fever," November 6, 1995). An earlier version of chapter 4 appeared in *Columbia College Today* as "Confronting the *Odyssey*" (winter–spring 1994).

(continued on page 493)