

**Thompson Public Library**  
**Afternoon Book Discussion MASTER BOOK LIST**  
**September 2000 – June 2020**

**2000**

September The perfect storm by Sebastian Junger  
November The soul's code by James Hillman

**2001**

January The reader by Bernhard Schlink  
March Galileo's daughter by Dava Sobel  
May Their eyes were watching God by Zora Neale Hurston  
September Georgiana: Duchess of Devonshire by Amanda Foreman  
November Anil's ghost by Michael Ondaatje

**2002**

January Without reservation by Jeff Benedict  
March Fig eater by Jody Shields  
May Protect and defend by Richard North Patterson  
September French lessons, adventures with knife, fork & corkscrew by Peter Mayle  
October John Adams by David G. McCullough  
November Possession by A. S. Byatt

**2003**

January Road from Coorain by Jill Ker Conway  
February Empire falls by Richard Russo  
March In the fall by Jeffrey Lent  
April Plain truth by Jodi Picoult  
May Sea glass by Anita Shreve  
September Leap of faith by Queen Noor  
October My Antonia by Willa Cather  
November An equal music by Vikram Seth

**2004**

January No certain rest by Jim Lehrer  
February Curriculum vitae by Muriel Spark  
March Benjamin Franklin: an American life by Walter Isaacson  
April House of sand and fog by Andre Dubus III  
May The apprentice: my life in the kitchen by Jacques Pepin  
September Girls of slender means by Muriel Spark  
October Emma by Jane Austen  
November The Jane Austen book club by Karen Joy Fowler

**2005**

January Mornings on horseback by David McCullough  
February The five people you meet in heaven by Mitch Albom  
March Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books by Azar Nafasi  
April Mary, Queen of Scots by Antonia Fraser  
May Founding mothers: the women who raised our nation by Cokie Roberts  
September The good earth by Pearl Buck  
October Color of water: a black man's tribute to his white mother by James McBride  
November The piano tuner by Daniel Mason

**2006**

January The island at the center of the world by Russell Shorton  
February The other Boleyn girl by Philippa Gregory  
March One writer's beginnings by Eudora Welty  
April The kite runner by Khaled Hosseini  
May The clearing by Tim Gautreaux  
September American Prometheus by Kai Bird & Martin J. Sherwin  
October Idyll banter: weekly excursions to a very small town by Chris Bohjalian  
November Snowflower and the secret fan by Lisa See

**2007**

January 1776 by David McCullough  
February Brideshead revisited by Evelyn Waugh  
March Known world by Edward P. Jones  
April Blink: the power of thinking without thinking by Malcolm Gladwell  
May My life in France by Julia Child  
September In an instant: a family's journey of love and healing by Lee & Bob Woodruff  
October Saving fish from drowning by Amy Tan  
November The book thief by Markus Zusak

**2008**

January Three cups of tea by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin  
February A farewell to arms by Ernest Hemingway  
March Slave: my true story by Mende Nazer & Damien Lewis  
April Measure of a man: A spiritual autobiography by Sidney Poitier  
May The most famous man in America: The biography of Henry Ward Beecher by Debby Applegate  
September Uncle Tom's cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe  
October Frankie's place: a memoir by Jim Sterba  
November Afternoons with Emily by Rose MacMurray

**2009**

January One thousand white women: the journals of May Dodd by Jim Fergus  
February A thousand splendid suns by Khaled Hosseini  
March Out of the dust by Karen Hesse  
April Ladies of liberty: the women who shaped our nation by Cokie Roberts

May Unaccustomed earth by Jhumpa Lahiri  
September Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali  
October Night train to Lisbon by Pascal Mercier  
November The Guernsey literary and potato peel pie society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

## 2010

January French women for all seasons: a year of secrets, recipes and pleasures  
by Mireille Guilia  
February The third angel by Alice Hoffman  
March Mr. Emerson's wife by Amy Belding Brown  
April At home in Mitford by Jan Karon  
May The lottery by Patricia Wood  
September The big house: a century in the life of an American summer home  
by George Howe Colt  
October Still Alice by Lisa Genova  
November Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

## 2011

January My house in Umbria by William Trevor  
February Mennonite in a little black dress: a memoir of going home by Rhoda Jantzen  
March The house at Sugar Beach: In search of a lost African childhood  
by Helene Cooper  
April This time together: laughter and reflection by Carol Burnett  
May The help by Kathryn Stockett  
September As I lay dying by William Faulkner  
October Half broke horses by Jeanette Walls  
November Sarah's key by Tatiana de Rosnay

## 2012

January Cleopatra by Stacy Schiff  
February Major Pettigrew's last stand by Helen Simonson  
March The Paris wife by Paula McLain  
April Cutting for stone by Abraham Verghese  
May Left neglected by Lisa Genova  
September Citizens of London by Lynne Olson  
October A girl named Zippy, growing up small in Moreland, Indiana by Haven Kimmel  
November Lady Almina and the real Downton Abbey by Countess of Carnarvon

## 2013

January The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
February Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard  
March The diary of Mattie Spenser by Sandra Dallas  
April Hotel on the corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford  
May The old man and the sea by Ernest Hemingway  
September In a sunburned country by Bill Bryson

October Beneath a marble sky by John Shors  
November In the garden of beasts: love, terror, and an American family in Hitler's Berlin  
by Erik Larson

## 2014

January The aviator's wife by Melanie Benjamin  
February The light between oceans by M. L. Stedman  
March The razor's edge by W. Somerset Maugham  
April The tender bar: a memoir by J.R. Moehringer  
May Gone girl by Gillian Flynn  
September Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts  
October Unbroken, A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption  
by Laura Hillenbrand  
November The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That  
Changed America by Erik Larson

## 2015

January Old Filth by Jane Gardam  
February Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline  
March Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed  
April One Summer: America, 1927 by Bill Bryson  
May A Fighting Chance by Elizabeth Warren  
September Far from the madding crowd by Thomas Hardy  
October Lone wolf by Jodi Picoult  
November Philomena: a mother, her son, and a fifty-year search by Martin Sixsmith

## 2016

January The 100-year-old man who climbed out the window and disappeared  
by Jonas Jonasson  
February The man in the wooden hat by Jane Gardam  
March The invention of wings by Sue Monk Kidd  
April Dead wake: the last crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson  
May A spool of blue thread by Anne Tyler  
September Day after night by Anita Diamant  
October The road to Little Dribbling by Bill Bryson  
November Me before you by Jojo Moyes

## 2017

January All the light we cannot see by Anthony Doerr  
February Snobs by Julian Fellowes  
March Last friends by Jane Gardam  
April Fall of giants by Ken Follett  
May Breathing lessons by Anne Tyler  
September The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin  
October Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng  
November Empress Dowager Cixi: The Concubine Who Launched Modern China by Jung Chang

## 2018

January	Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
February	1984 by George Orwell
March	Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
April	Winter of the World by Ken Follett
May	The Wright Brothers by David McCullough
June	A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
September	Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
October	Rules of Civility by Amor Towles
November	The Dollhouse by Fiona Davis

## 2019

January	Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict
February	Count of Monte Cristo by A. Dumas
March	Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
April	The Great Bridge by David McCullough
May	House of Mirth by Edith Wharton
June	Widower's Tale by Julia Glass
September	The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt
October	The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See
November	Leap of Faith-Memoirs of AN Unexpected Life by Queen Noor

## 2020

January	Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
February	Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark T. Sullivan
March	Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
April	Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover
May	The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict
June	A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

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