

Thompson Public Library

Afternoon Book Group Reading List

September 2000 – June 2021

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 Guiliano
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
 March 13th* Library Closed due to Covid-19 Pandemic
 State ILL services suspended until July
 Virtual Meetings held via Zoom going forward
 April Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover
 May Recent Reads
 June Recent Reads
 September A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
 October The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict
 November The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
 December Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

2021

January The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson
 February American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins
 March The Witch Elm by Tana French
 April Redhead by the Side of the Road by Anne Tyler
 May The Optimist's Daughter by Eudora Welty (in-person meetings resume)
 June White Fragility: Why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism
 by Robin DiAngelo

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