

# Thompson Public Library

## Afternoon Book Group Reading List

September 2000 – June 2023

### 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
March 13 <sup>th</sup> *	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
September	The Overstory by Richard Powers
October	The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V. E. Schwab
November	Yellow wife by Sadeqa Johnson
December	The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis

**2022**

January	The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West by David McCullough
February	A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende
March	The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate
April	Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation by Cokie Roberts
May	The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi
June	Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
September	Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War by Nathaniel Philbrick

October Mercy Street by Jennifer Haigh  
November The Love of My Life by Rosie Walsh  
December The Other Black Girl by Zakiya Dalila Harris

**2023**

January The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid  
February One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez  
March The Midnight Library by Matt Haig  
April The Lost Boys of Montauk: The True Story of the Wind Blown, Four Men Who Vanished at Sea, and the Survivors They Left Behind by Amanda Fairbanks  
May Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus  
June Horse by Geraldine Brooks

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