FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS ANNUAL COMPENDIUM

Claremont-Area Book Groups 2025 Reading Lists

Group	Book	Author
AAUW Daytime Book Group	Behold the Dreamers	Imbolo Mbue
	Empress of the Nile: The Daredevil Archaeologist Who Saved Egypt's Ancient Temples from Destruction	Lynne Olson
	Eruption	Michael Crichton and James Patterson
	Hollywood Park	Mikel Jollett
	James	Percival Everett
	River Sing Me Home	Eleanor Shearer
	The Glassmaker	Tracy Chevalier
	The Princess Spy: The True Story of World War II Spy Aline Griffith, Countess of Romanones	Larry Loftis
	The River We Remember	William Kent Krueger
	Tisha: The Wonderful True Love Story of a Young Teacher in the Alaskan Wilderness	Robert Specht
	Women's Hotel	Daniel M. Lavery
Among Friends	Eternal	Lisa Scottoline
	Magic Hour	Kristin Hannah
	** The Book Club for Troublesome Women	Marie Bostwick
	** The Briar Club	Kate Quinn
	The Correspondent	Virginia Evans
	The Grey Wolf	Louise Penny
	The Instrumentalist	Harriet Constable
	The Last Devil To Die	Richard Osman
	Three Days in June	Anne Tyler
	When We Had Wings	Ariel Lawhon, Kristina McMorris, and Susan Meissner

** Group's recommendation to other book groups

For the Love of Books book group reading lists are archived at https://www.claremontlibrary.org/for-the-love-of-books.html

Baja Book Club	**An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s** **Before We Were Yours** **Hollywood Park** **James** **** Remarkably Bright Creatures** **The Friday Afternoon Club: A Family Memoir** **The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store** **The Hippy Trail: Istanbul to Kathmandu and the Making of a Travel Writer** **The Last Thing He Told Me** **The Love of My Life** **West With Giraffes**	**Doris Kearns Goodwin** **Lisa Wingate** **Mikel Jollett** **Percival Everett** **Shelby Van Pelt** **Griffin Dunne** **James McBride** **Rick Steves** **Laura Dave** **Rosie Walsh** **Lynda Rutledge**
Bibliofemmes	**A Good Cry: What We Learn from Tears and Laughter** **An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s** **Intermezzo** **Orbital** **The Club: Where American Women Artists Found Refuge in Belle Epoch Pars** **The Gift of Rain** **The Lion Women of Tehran** **The Lost Masterpiece**	**Nikki Giovanni** **Doris Kearns Goodwin** **Sally Rooney** **Samantha Harvey** **Jennifer Dasal** **Tan Twan Eng** **Marjan Kamali** **B.A. Shapiro**
Book Lovers Table	**Before We Were Yours** **Four Winds** **James** **Joyride** **Memorial Days** **My Friends** **Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend** **Sipsworth** **The Berry Pickers** **The Frozen River** **The Library Book** **The Lost Masterpiece** **The Orchid Thief** **Three Days in June**	**Lisa Wingate** **Kristin Hannah** **Percival Everett** **Susan Orlean** **Geraldine Brooks** **Fredrik Backman** **Susan Orlean** **Simon Van Booy** **Amanda Peters** **Ariel Lawhon** **Susan Orlean** **B.A. Shapiro** **Susan Orlean** **Anne Tyler**
Buuk Gruup	**Aflame: Learning from Silence** **** An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s** **Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed, and Lost Idealism** **Colored Television** **Creation Lake** **Every Valley: The Desperate Lives and Troubled Times that Made Handel's Messiah** **Stone Yard Devotional** **The Friend** **The Material** **The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World** **Who is Government? The Untold Story of Public Service**	**Pico Iyer** **Doris Kearns Goodwin** **Sarah Wynn-Williams** **Danzy Senna** **Rachel Kushner** **Charles King** **Charlotte Wood** **Sigrid Nunez** **Camille Bordas** **Robin Wall Kimmerer** **Michael Lewi**

Campus Women Mystery Club	**A Rage in Harlem** **Against The Grain** **Death and Glory** **Double Indemnity** **Farewell, Amethystine** **Guide Me Home** **Knave of Diamonds** **L.A. Confidential** **Strangers on a Train** **The Big Sleep** **The Busybody Book Club** **The Case of the Missing Servant** **The Dark Wives** **The Maltese Falcon** **The Queens of Crime** **Winter Counts**	**Chester Himes** **Peter Lovesey** **Will Thomas** **James Cain** **Walter Mosley** **Attica Locke** **Laurie R. King** **James Ellroy** **Patricia Highsmith** **Raymond Chandler** **Freya Sampson** **Tarquin Hall** **Ann Cleeves** **Dashiell Hammett** **Marie Benedict** **David Heska Wanbli Weiden**
Castaways	**Bug Hollow** **Memorial Days** **Sipsworth** **Table for Two: Fictions** **The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession** **The God of the Woods** **The Leavers** **** The Personal Librarian** **The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA** **The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder** **Wild Dark Shore**	**Michelle Huneven** **Geraldine Brooks** **Simon Van Booy** **Amor Towles** **Michael Finkel** **Liz Moore** **Lisa Ko** **Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray** **Liza Mundy** **David Grann** **Charlotte McConaghy**
CC Book Club	**A Beautiful Place to Die** **All Fours** **** Angle of Repose** **Breath: The New Science of a Lost Art** **** Claire McCardell, the Designer Who Set Women Free** **I'll Push You: A Journey of 500 Miles** **** Jane Eyre** **Man's Search for Meaning** **The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay** **The Tell** **West with Giraffes**	**Malla Nunn** **Miranda July** **Wallace Stegner** **James Nestor** **Elizabeth Evitts Dickinson** **Patrick Gray and Justin Skeesuck** **Charlotte Bronte** **Viktor E. Frankl** **Michael Chabon** **Amy Griffin** **Lynda Rutledge**
Claremont Library Book Club	**A Most Remarkable Creature: The Hidden Life and Epic Journey of the World's Smartest Birds of Prey** **All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me** **Kill Her Twice**	**Jonathan Meiburg** **Patrick Bringley** **Stacey Lee**

	Libby Lost and Found **Mrs. March** **Perestroika in Paris** **The Book Club for Troublesome Women** **The Chaperone** **The Lincoln Highway** **** Young Jane Young**	**Stephanie Booth** **Virginia Feito** **Jane Smiley** **Marie Bostwick** **Laura Moriarty** **Amor Towles** **Gabrielle Zevin**
Claremont Literary and Noshing Society	**An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s** **Custom of the Country** **Hollywood Park** **** Table for Two: Fictions** **The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store** **** These Precious Days**	**Doris Kearns Goodwin** **Edith Wharton** **Mikel Jollett** **Amor Towles** **James McBride** **Ann Patchett**
Claremont Men's Book Club	**Bread of Angels** **Encore Provence: New Adventures in the South of France** **** Heartbreaker** **** James** **Termination Shock** **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** **The House on Buzzards Bay** **The Robber Barons: A Definitive History of the Gilded Age Titans Who Transformed the American Economy**	**Patti Smith** **Peter Mayle** **Mike Campbell** **Percival Everett** **Neal Stephenson** **Mark Twain** **Dwyer Murphy** **Matthew Josephson**
Covina/Claremont Book Group	**An Empire of Their Own: How Jews Invented Hollywood** **Buckeye** **Joyride** **Lulu Dean's Little Library of Banned Books** **Memorial Days** **Mother-Daughter Murder Night** **My Friends** **On Call: A Doctor's Journey in Public Service** **Presumed Guilty** **Puppy Kindergarten: The New Science of Raising a Great Dog** **Sipsworth** **The Friend** **The Lion Women of Tehran** **The Mysterious Bakery on Rue de Paris** **The Widow** **The Woman Who Knew Everyone: The Power of Perle Mesta, Washington's Most Famous Hostess** **Three Days in June** **We Are All Guilty Here**	**Neal Gabler** **Patrick Ryan** **Susan Orlean** **Kirsten Miller** **Geraldine Brooks** **Nina Simpson** **Fredrik Backman** **Anthony Fauci** **Scott Turow** **Brian Hare and Vanessa Woods** **Simon Van Booy** **Sigrid Nunez** **Marjon Kamali** **Evie Woods** **John Grisham** **Meryl Gordon** **Anne Tyler** **Karin Slaughter**

CW Readers	**A Council of Dolls** **** An Unfinished Love Story: A Personalized History of the 1960s** **Colored Television** **Greek Lessons** **Hollywood Park** **The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War** **The Mighty Red** **The Paris Novel** **The Queens of Crime** **Trust**	**Mona Susan Power** **Doris Kearns Goodwin** **Danzy Senna** **Han Kang** **Mikel Jollett** **Erik Larson** **Louise Erdrich** **Ruth Reichl** **Marie Benedict** **Hernan Diaz**
Eighth Street Book Club	**Absolution** **A Well-Tempered Heart** **Heartwood** **** Long Island** **** Orbital** **Still Life at Eighty: The Next Interesting Thing** **Sorrow and Bliss** **** The Art of Hearing Heartbeats** **The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store** **The Lion Women of Tehran** **The Lions of Fifth Avenue**	**Alice McDermott** **Jan-Philipp Sendker** **Amity Gaige** **Colm Toíbín** **Samantha Harvey** **Abigail Thomas** **Meg Mason** **Jan-Philipp Sendker** **James McBride** **Marjan Kamali** **Fiona Davis**
Foothill Women's Book Group	**Blueprint for Revolution: How to Use Rice Pudding, Lego Men, and Other Nonviolent Techniques to Galvanize Communities, Overthrow Dictators, or Simply Change the World** **Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant** **Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection** **Hollywood Park** **James** **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** **Persuasion** **Remarkably Bright Creatures** **Slaughterhouse Five** **** The Frozen River** **The Thursday Murder Club** **What You Are Looking for Is in The Library** **Yellowface**	**Srdja Popovic** **Curtis Chin** **John Green** **Mikel Jollett** **Percival Everett** **Mark Twain** **Jane Austen** **Shelby Van Pelt** **Kurt Vonnegut** **Ariel Lawhon** **Richard Osman** **Michiko Aoyama** **R.F. Kuang**
Glendora Booksies	**Dungeon Crawler Carl** **Finlay Donovan Is Killing It** **Great Big Beautiful Life** **** James** **Still Lives**	**Matt Dinniman** **Elle Cosimano** **Emily Henry** **Percival Everett** **Maria Hummel**

	**** The Frozen River** **The God of the Woods** **The Measure** **The Midnight Library** **The Road to Tender Hearts** **West with Giraffes** **What the River Knows**	**Ariel Lawhon** **Liz Moore** **Nikki Erlick** **Matt Haig** **Annie Hartnett** **Lynda Rutledge** **Isabel Ibañez**
Hill & Dale	**** James** **Northanger Abbey** **Table For Two: Fictions** **** The Book of Longings** **The Pillars of The Earth** **What You Are Looking for Is in The Library** **When We Had Wings**	**Percival Everett** **Jane Austen** **Amor Towles** **Sue Monk Kidd** **Ken Follett** **Michiko Aoyama** **Ariel Lawhon, Kristina McMorris, and Susan Meissner**
International Book Club	**Heart Lamp: Selected Stories** **Measuring the World** **The Leopard** **The Pillow Book: The Diary of a Courtesan in Tenth Century Japan** **The Radiance of the King** **The Shadow of the Wind**	**Banu Mushtaq** **Daniel Kehlmann** **Giuseppe di Lampedusa** **Sei Shonagon** **Camara Laye** **Carlos Ruiz Zafón**
Into Mysteries Book Group	**Blacklist** **Crocodile on the Sandbank** **Indemnity Only** **Raising Hare** **The Fourth Daughter** **The Grey Wolf** **The Long Call** **West with Giraffes**	**Sara Paretsky** **Elizabeth Peters** **Sara Paretsky** **Chloe Dalton** **Lyn Liao Butler** **Louise Penny** **Ann Cleeves** **Lynda Rutledge**
Jane Austen Book Club	**Demon Copperhead** **Faith Bass Darling's Last Garage Sale** **Gaudy Night** **How to Read a Book** **Playground** **The Great Gatsby** **The Road from Coorain** **Tom Lake** **Until August** **West with Giraffes** **** When the Cranes Fly South**	**Barbara Kingsolver** **Lynda Rutledge** **Dorothy Sayers** **Monica Wood** **Richard Powers** **F. Scott Fitzgerald** **Jill Ker Conway** **Ann Patchett** **Gabriel Garcia Marquez** **Lynda Rutledge** **Lisa Ridzén**

Joslyn Readers	**A Confederacy of Dunces** **Between Two Kingdoms: A Memoir of a Life Interrupted** **Code Name Hélène** **Euphoria** **** Kafka on the Shore** **** LESS** **The Frozen River** **The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History** **** The Personal Librarian** **The Women** **This is Happiness**	**John Kennedy Toole** **Suleika Jaouad** **Ariel Lawhon** **Lily King** **Haruki Murakami** **Sean Andrew Greer** **Ariel Lawhorn** **Robert M. Edsel** **Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray** **Kristin Hannah** **Niall Williams**
Liber Amantes	**Atmosphere** **Horse** **How It All Began** **Let Us Descend** **The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue** **The Lion Women of Tehran**	**Taylor Jenkins Reid** **Geraldine Brooks** **Penelope Lively** **Jesmyn Ward** **V.E. Schwab** **Marjan Kamali**
Lit Collective	**** All Fours** **Cloud Cuckoo Land** **** Fourth Wing** **** Hester** **In the Dream House** **** James** **** North Woods** **Sunrise on the Reaping** **The First Day of Spring** **The Lost Daughter** **The Wedding People**	**Miranda July** **Anthony Doerr** **Rebecca Yarros** **Laurie Lico Albanese** **Carmen Maria Machado** **Percival Everett** **Daniel Mason** **Suzanne Collins** **Nancy Tucker** **Elena Ferrante** **Alison Espach**
Lit Ladies	**** Dreams of Joy** **James** **** Sipsworth** **** The Boys of Riverside: A Deaf Football Team and a Quest for Glory** **The Lion Women of Tehran** **The Messy Lives of Book People** **The Queens of Crime** **The Vineyard at Painted Moon** **** The War That Saved My Life**	**Lisa See** **Percival Everett** **Simon Van Booy** **Thomas Fuller** **Marjan Kamali** **Phaedra Patrick** **Marie Benedict** **Susan Mallery** **Kimberly Brubaker Bradley**
Mountain Village Book Group	**Catch and Kill: Lies, Spies, and a Conspiracy to Protect Predators** **Mother-Daughter Murder Night** **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society**	**Ronan Farrell** **Nina Simon** **Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows**

	The Lincoln Highway **The Once and Future Witches** **The Shadow of the Wind** **The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane** **The Women** **West with Giraffes** **Where the Crawdads Sing**	**Amor Towles** **Alix E. Harrow** **Carlos Ruiz Zafón** **Lisa See** **Kristin Hannah** **Lynda Rutledge** **Delia Owens**
Mt. San Antonio Book Lovers Club	**Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants** **Horse** **James** **Measuring the World** **Mercury Pictures Presents** **Small Things Like These** **Table for Two: Fictions** **The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek** **The Good Lord Bird** **The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club** **West with Giraffes**	**Robin Wall Kimmerer** **Geraldine Brooks** **Percival Everett** **Daniel Kehlmann** **Anthony Marra** **Claire Keegan** **Amor Towles** **Kim Michele Richardson** **James McBride** **Helen Simonson** **Lynda Rutledge**
Next Chapter Book Club	**Absolution** **Becoming Mrs. Lewis** **Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood** **Dirtbag Queen: A Memoir of My Mother** **Eddie Winston is Looking for Love: A 90-Year-Old's First Kiss Quest** **Hollywood Park** **** James** **The 100 Years of Lennie and Margot** **** The Frozen River** **The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau** **When the Jessamine Grows**	**Alice McDermott** **Patti Callahan** **Trevor Noah** **Andy Corren** **Marianne Cronin** **Mikel Jollett** **Percival Everett** **Marianne Cronin** **Ariel Lawhon** **Kristin Harmel** **Donna Everhart**
PEO Chapter	**Culpability** **Love stories [various]** **The Boys of Riverside: A Deaf Football Team and a Quest for Glory** **The Lion Women of Tehran** **The Rose Code** **We All Live Here**	**Bruce Holsinger** **[Members' personal choices]** **Thomas Fuller** **Marjan Kamali** **Kate Quinn** **JoJo Moyes**
Prose Before Bros	**James** **Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse** **Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore** **My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry** **** Once I Was You: A Memoir** **The Book of Lost Friends** **The God of the Woods**	**Percival Everett** **Louise Erdrich** **Robin Sloan** **Fredrik Backman** **Maria Hinojosa** **Lisa Wingate** **Liz Moore**

	The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece **The Measure** **The Orphan Collector** **We Used to Live Here**	**Tom Hanks** **Nikki Erlick** **Ellen Marie Wiseman** **Marcus Kliewer**
Reading Between the Lines	**Brooklyn** **** James** **Sipsworth** **** The Briar Club** **The Frozen River** **The Last Devil to Die** **What You Are Looking for Is in The Library** **When We Had Wings**	**Colm Tóibin** **Percival Everett** **Simon Van Booy** **Kate Quinn** **Ariel Lawhon** **Richard Osman** **Michiko Aoyama** **Ariel Lawhon, Kristina McMorris, and Susan Meissner**
Seferettes	**A Death in Cornwall** **By Any Other Name** **Feeling Jewish: (A Book for Just About Anyone)** **Happily: A Personal History—with Fairy Tales** **I Want You to Know We're Still Here: A Post-Holocaust Memoir** **** In the Shadow of the Greenbrier** **My Life in Recipes: Food, Family, and Memories** **Nobody Will Tell You This But Me: A True (As Told to Me) Story** **Send for Me** **** The Chateau** **The Little Liar** **The Talented Mrs. Mandelbaum: The Rise and Fall of an American Organized-Crime Boss**	**Daniel Silva** **Jodi Picoult** **Devorah Baum** **Sabrina Orah Mark** **Esther Safran Foer** **Emily Matchar** **Joan Nathan** **Bess Kalb** **Lauren Fox** **Jaclyn Goldis** **Mitch Albom** **Margalit Fox**
Shakespeare Readers	**All's Well That Ends Well** **As You Like It** **Henry V** **Hamlet** **Julius Caesar** **Othello** **Pericles** **Richard III** **Rosencranz and Guildenstern are Dead** **Taming of a Shrew**	**William Shakespeare** **William Shakespeare** **William Shakespeare** **William Shakespeare** **William Shakespeare** **William Shakespeare** **William Shakespeare** **William Shakespeare** **Tom Stoppard** **William Shakespeare**
Shelf Care	**A Memory Called Empire** **And Then There Were None** **Challenger: A True Story of Heroism and Disaster on the Edge of Space** **** Culpability** **James** **Mistborn**	**Arkady Martine** **Agatha Christie** **Adam Higginbotham** **Bruce Holsinger** **Percival Everett** **Brandon Sanderson**

	Mort **** Red Rising** **The Life Impossible** **Tom Lake**	**Terry Pratchett** **Pierce Brown** **Matt Haig** **Ann Patchett**
Sycamore Book Club	**A Marriage at Sea: A True Story of Love, Obsession, and Shipwreck** **Aflame: Learning from Silence** **Conquistador: Hernan Cortes, King Montezuma, and the Last Stand of the Aztecs** **Horse** **In the Country of Women** **Long Island Compromise** **River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile** **** The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession** **The English Understand Wool** **The Storyteller's Secret** **The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook**	**Sophie Elmhirst** **Pico Iyer** **Buddy Levy** **Geraldine Brooks** **Susan Straight** **Taffy Brodesser-Akner** **Candice Millard** **Michael Finkel** **Helen DeWitt** **Sejal Badani** **Hampton Sides**
Sycamore Moms Book and Coffee Club	**A Visit from the Goon Squad** **At the Edge of the Haight** **Lady Tan's Circle of Women** **** Our Missing Hearts** **Sandwich** **The God of the Woods** **The Women** **Uncharted: How Trump Beat Biden, Harris, and the Odds in the Wildest Campaign in History** **** West with Giraffes**	**Jennifer Egan** **Katherine Seligman** **Lisa See** **Celeste Ng** **Catherine Newman** **Liz Moore** **Kristin Hannah** **Chris Whipple** **Lynda Rutledge**
Temple Beth Israel Readers	**** A Backpack, A Bear and Eight Crates of Vodka** **Apples From the Desert** **Letter From an Unknown Woman** **Man's Search for Meaning** **Swimming in Paris** **** The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl** **The Goddess of Warsaw** **** The Jew Store** **The Melting Point: Family, Memory, and the Search for a Promised Land** **The Story of the Jews** **The Thinking Heart** **** The Wolf Hunt**	**Lev Golinkin** **Savyon Liebrecht** **Stefan Zweig** **Victor Frankl** **Colombe Schneck** **Marra Gad** **Lisa Barr** **Stella Suberman** **Rachel Cockerell** **Stan Mack** **David Grossman** **Ayelet Gundar-Goshen**
The Chick's Libris	**James** **My Life in France** **Not My Type: One Woman vs. A President** **Perestroika in Paris**	**Percival Everett** **Julia Child** **E. Jean Carroll** **Jane Smiley**

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Upland Public Library Book-Enders	**How the Irish Saved Civilization: The Untold Story of Ireland's Heroic Role from the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe** **How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen** **Life with Picasso** **Native Son** **Playing Under the Piano: From Downton to Darkest Peru** **The Big Sleep** **The Friend** **The Other Einstein** **Winter Counts**	**Thomas Cahill** **David Brooks** **Françoise Gilot and Carlton Lake** **Richard Wright** **Hugh Bonneville** **Raymond Chandler** **Sigrid Nunez** **Marie Benedict** **David Heska Wanbli Weiden**
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Wednesdays at Five	**** Buckeye** **Gone Before Goodbye** **Lovely One** **My Friends** **Never Closer** **Tell Me Everything** **The Great Gatsby** **The Wedding People** **We All Live Here** **** West with Giraffes**	**Patrick Ryan** **Reese Witherspoon and Harlan Coben** **Ketanji Brown Jackson** **Fredrik Backman** **Margot Shepherd** **Elizabeth Strout** **F. Scott Fitgerald** **Alison Espach** **Jojo Moyes** **Lynda Rutledge**
WICHFOB	**All of the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me** **Flights** **Martyr!** **The Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance, 1917-1017** **The Magician** **The Round House** **The Vegetarian** **Time of the Child** **Tomb of Sand**	**Patrick Bringley** **Olga Tokarczuk** **Kaveh Akbar** **Rashid Khalidi** **Colm Toíbín** **Louise Erdrich** **Han Kang** **Niall Williams** **Geetanjali Shree**

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Wednesdays at Five	**** Buckeye** **Gone Before Goodbye** **Lovely One** **My Friends** **Never Closer** **Tell Me Everything** **The Great Gatsby** **The Wedding People** **We All Live Here** **** West with Giraffes**	**Patrick Ryan** **Reese Witherspoon and Harlan Coben** **Ketanji Brown Jackson** **Fredrik Backman** **Margot Shepherd** **Elizabeth Strout** **F. Scott Fitgerald** **Alison Espach** **Jojo Moyes** **Lynda Rutledge**
WICHFOB	**All of the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me** **Flights** **Martyr!** **The Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance, 1917-2017** **The Magician** **The Round House** **The Vegetarian** **Time of the Child** **Tomb of Sand**	**Patrick Bringley** **Olga Tokarczuk** **Kaveh Akbar** **Rashid Khalidi** **Colm Toíbín** **Louise Erdrich** **Han Kang** **Niall Williams** **Geetanjali Shree**

For the Love of Books – 2025 Book Group Lists by Genre

[= books recommended by groups to other groups]**

2025 FICTION

Akbar, Kaveh	***Martyr!***
Alam, Rumann	***Leave the World Behind***
**** Albanese, Laurie Lico**	***Hester***
Albom, Mitch	***The Little Liar***
Amity Gaige	***Heartwood***
Aoyama, Michiko	***What You Are Looking for Is in the Library***
Austen, Jane	***Northanger Abbey***
Austen, Jane	***Persuasion***
Babb, Sanora	***Whose Names Are Unknown***
**** Backman, Fredrick**	***My Friends***
Backman, Fredrick	***My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry***
Badani, Sejal	***The Storyteller's Secret***
Barr, Lisa	***The Goddess of Warsaw***
Barry Dave	***Big Trouble***
Benedict, Marie	***The Other Einstein***
**** Benedict, Marie & Victoria Christopher Murray**	***The Personal Librarian***
Booth, Stephanie	***Libby Lost and Found***
Bordas, Camille	***The Material***
**** Bostwick, Marie**	***The Book Club for Troublesome Women***
Boyne, John	***All the Broken Places***
**** Bradley, Kimberly B.**	***The War That Saved My Life***
Brammer, Mikki	***The Collected Regrets of Clover***
**** Bronte, Charolotte**	***Jane Eyre***
Brooks, Geraldine	***Horse***
**** Brown, Pierce**	***Red Rising***
Brodesser-Akner, Taffy	***Long Island Compromise***
Butler, Lyn Liao	***The Fourth Daughter***
Callahan, Patti	***Becoming Mrs. Lewis***
Chabon, Michael	***The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay***
Chambers, Diane R.	***The Secret War of Julia Child***
Chevalier, Tracy	***The Glassmaker***
Chevalier, Tracy	***The Lady and the Unicorn***
Collins, Suzanne	***Sunrise on the Reaping***
Constable, Harriet	***The Instrumentalist***
Crichton, Michael & James Patterson	***Eruption***
Cronin, Marianne	***Eddie Winston is Looking for Love: A 90-Year-Old's First Kiss Quest***
Cronin, Marianne	***The 100 Years of Lennie and Margot***
Dave, Laura	***The Last Thing He Told Me***
Davis, Fiona	***The Lions of Fifth Avenue***
DeWitt, Helen	***The English Understand Wool***
Diaz, Hernan	***Trust***
Dinniman, Matt	***Dungeon Crawler Carl***
Doerr, Anthony	***Cloud Cuckoo Land***
Dolan, Lian	***Helen of Pasadena***
Egan, Jennifer	***A Visit from the Goon Squad***
Eng, Tan Twan	***The Gift of Rain***
Erdrich, Louise	***Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse***
Erdrich, Louise	***The Mighty Red***
Erdrich, Louise	***The Round House***
Erlick, Nikki	***The Measure***
Espach, Alison	***The Wedding People***
Evans, Virginia	***The Correspondent***
**** Everett, Percival**	***James***
Everhart, Donna	***When the Jessamine Grows***
Feito, Virginia	***Mrs. March***
Ferrante, Elena	***The Lost Daughter***
Fitzgerald, F. Scott	***The Great Gatsby***
Follett, Ken	***The Pillars of The Earth***
Fox, Lauren	***Send for Me***
**** Goldis, Jaclyn**	***The Chateau***
**** Greer, Sean Andrew**	***LESS***
Grisham, John	***The Widow***
**** Gundar-Goshen, Ayelet**	***The Wolf Hunt***
Haig, Matt	***The Life Impossible***
Haig, Matt	***The Midnight Library***
Hanks, Tom	***The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece***
Hannah, Kristin	***Four Winds***
Hannah, Kristin	***Magic Hour***
Hannah, Kristin	***The Women***
Harmel, Kristin	***The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau***
Harrow, Alix E.	***The Once and Future Witches***
Hartnett, Annie	***The Road to Tender Hearts***
**** Harvey, Samantha**	***Orbital***
Henry, Emily	***Great Big Beautiful Life***
Hesse, Herman	***The Glass Bead Game (Magister Ludi)***
**** Holsinger, Bruce**	***Culpability***
Huneven, Michelle	***Bug Hollow***
Ibañez, Isabel	***What the River Knows***
**** Ishiguro, Kazuo**	***Never Let Me Go***
**** July, Miranda**	***All Fours***
Kamali, Marjan	***The Lion Women of Tehran***
Kang, Han	***The Vegetarian***
Kang, Han	***Greek Lessons***
Keegan, Claire	***Small Things Like These***
Kehlmann, Daniel	***Measuring the World***
**** Kidd, Sue Monk**	***The Book of Longings***
King, Lily	***Euphoria***
Kingsolver, Barbara	***Demon Copperhead***
Kliewer, Marcus	***We Used to Live Here***
Ko, Lisa	***The Leavers***
Krueger, William Kent	***The River We Remember***

Kuang, R.F.	***Yellowface***
Kushner, Rachel	***Creation Lake***
Lampedusa, Giuseppe di	***The Leopard***
Lavery Daniel M.	***Women's Hotel***
Lawhon, Ariel	***Code Name Hélène***
**** Lawhon, Ariel**	***The Frozen River***
Lawhon, Ariel, Kristina McMorris, & Susan Meissner	***When We Had Wings***
Laye, Cameron	***The Radiance of the King***
Lively, Penelope	***How It All Began***
Mallery, Susan	***The Vineyard at Painted Moon***
Marquez, Gabriel Garcia	***Until August***
Marra, Anthony	***Mercury Pictures Presents***
Martine, Arkady	***A Memory Called Empire***
**** Mason, Daniel**	***North Woods***
Mason, Meg	***Sorrow and Bliss***
**** Matchar, Emily**	***In the Shadow of the Greenbrier***
Maugham, W. Somerset	***Of Human Bondage***
Mbue, Imbolo	***Behold the Dreamers***
McBride, James	***The Good Lord Bird***
McBride, James	***The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store***
McConaghy, Charlotte	***Wild Dark Shore***
McDermott, Alice	***Absolution***
Miler, Kirsten	***Lulu Dean's Little Library of Banned Books***
Miller, Madeline	***Circe***
Moore, Liz	***The God of the Woods***
Moriarty, Laura	***The Chaperone***
Morrison, Toni	***A Mercy***
Moyes, JoJo	***We All Live Here***
**** Murakami, Haruki**	***Kafka on the Shore***
Murphy, Dwyer	***The House on Buzzards Bay***
Newman, Catherine	***Sandwich***
**** Ng, Celeste**	***Our Missing Hearts***
Nguyen, Viet Thang	***The Sympathizer***
Nunez, Sigrid	***The Friend***
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Nunn, Nalla	***A Beautiful Place to Die***
Owens, Delia	***Where the Crawdads Sing***
Patchett, Ann	***Tom Lake***
Patrick, Phaedra	***The Messy Lives of Book People***
Peters, Amanda	***The Berry Pickers***
Picoult, Jodi	***By Any Other Name***
Power, Mona Susan	***A Council of Dolls***
Powers, Richard	***Playground***
Pratchett, Terry	***Mort***
**** Quinn, Kate**	***The Briar Club***
Quinn, Kate	***The Rose Code***
Reichl, Ruth	***The Paris Novel***
Reid, Taylor Jenkins	***Atmosphere***
Richardson, Kim Michele	***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek***
**** Ridzén, Lisa**	***When the Cranes Fly South***
Ringland, Holly	***The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart***
Rooney, Sally	***Intermezzo***
Rutledge, Lynda	***Faith Bass Darling's Last Garage Sale***
**** Rutledge, Lynda**	***West With Giraffes***
**** Ryan, Patrick**	***Buckeye***
Sanderson, Brandon	***Mistborn***
Sardar, Gian	***Take What You Can Carry***
Schwab, V.E.	***The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue***
Scottoline, Lisa	***Eternal***
**** See, Lisa**	***Dreams of Joy***
See, Lisa	***Lady Tan's Circle of Women***
See, Lisa	***The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane***
Seligman, Katherine	***At the Edge of the Haight***
Sendker, Jan-Philipp	***A Well-Tempered Heart***
**** Sendker, Jan-Philipp**	***The Art of Hearing Heartbeats***
Senna, Danzy	***Colored Television***
Shaffer, Mary Ann & Annie Barrows	***The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society***
Shapiro, B.A.	***The Lost Masterpiece***
Shearer, Eleanor	***River Sing Me Home***
Sheppard, Margot	***Never Closer***
Shree, Geetanjali	***Tomb of Sand***
Silva, Daniel	***A Death in Cornwall***
Simonson, Helen	***The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club***
Slaughter, Karin	***We Are All Guilty Here***
Sloan, Robin	***Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore***
Smiley, Jane	***Perestroika in Paris***
**** Stegner, Wallace**	***Angle of Repose***
Stephenson, Neal	***Termination Shock***
Straight, Susan	***In the Country of Women***
Strout, Elizabeth	***Abide With Me***
Strout, Elizabeth	***Tell Me Everything***
Sullivan, Mark	***The Last Green Valley***
**** Toíbín, Colm**	***Long Island***
Toíbín, Colm	***The Magician***
Tóibin, Colm	***Brooklyn***
Tokarczuk, Olga	***Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead***
Tokarczuk, Olga	***Flights***
Toole, John Kennedy	***A Confederacy of Dunces***
Towles, Amor	***Rules of Civility***
Towles, Amor	***The Lincoln Highway***
Tucker, Nancy	***The First Day of Spring***
Turow, Scott	***Presumed Guilty***
Twain, Mark	***The Adventures of Huckleberry Fin***
Tyler, Anne	***Three Days in June***
**** Van Booy, Simon**	***Sipsworth***
**** Van Pelt, Shelby**	***Remarkably Bright Creatures***
Vonnegut, Kurt	***Slaughterhouse Five***
Walsh, Rosie	***The Love of My Life***
Ward, Jesmyn	***Let Us Descend***
Wharton, Edith	***Custom of the Country***
Wilde, Oscar	***The Picture of Dorian Gray***
Williams, Niall	***This is Happiness***
Williams, Niall	***Time of the Child***
Wingate, Lisa	***Before We Were Yours***
Wingate, Lisa	***The Book of Lost Friends***
Wiseman, Ellen Marie	***The Orphan Collector***
Witherspoon, Reese & Harlan Coben	***Gone Before Goodbye***
Wood, Monica	***How to Read a Book***

Wood, Charlotte	***Stone Yard Devotional***
Woods, Evie	***The Lost Bookshop***
Woods, Evie	***The Mysterious Bakery on Rue de Paris***
Wright, Richard	***Native Son***
**** Yarros, Rebecca**	***Fourth Wing***
Zafón, Carlos Ruiz	***The Shadow of the Wind***
**** Zevin, Gabrielle**	***Young Jane Young***
Zweig, Stefan	***Letter From an Unknown Woman***

SHORT STORIES

Liebrecht, Savyon	***Apples From the Desert***
Mushtaq, Banu	***Heart Lamp: Selected Stories***
Shattuck, Ben	***The History of Sound: Short Stories***
**** Towles, Amor**	***Table for Two: Fictions***

2025 POETRY

Giovanni, Nikki	***A Good Cry: What We Learn from Tears and Laughter***

2025 PLAYS

Shakespeare, William	***All's Well That Ends Well***
Shakespeare, William	***As You Like It***
Shakespeare, William	***Henry V***
Shakespeare, William	***Hamlet***
Shakespeare, William	***Julius Caesar***
Shakespeare, William	***Othello***
Shakespeare, William	***Pericles***
Shakespeare, William	***Richard III***
Shakespeare, William	***Taming of a Shrew***
Stoppard, Tom	***Rosencranz and Guildenstern are Dead***

2025 MEMOIR/BIOGRAPHY

Bonneville, Hugh	***Playing Under the Piano: From Downton to Darkest Peru***
Bringley, Patrick	***All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me***
Brooks, Geraldine	***Memorial Days***
**** Campbell, Mike**	***Heartbreaker***
Carroll, E. Jean	***Not My Type: One Woman vs. A President***
Child, Julia	***My Life in France***
Chin, Curtis	***Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant***
Conway, Jill Ker	***The Road from Coorain***
Corren, Andy	***Dirtbag Queen: A Memoir of My Mother***
Dalton, Chloe	***Raising Hare***
**** Dickinson, Elizabeth Evitts**	***Claire McCardell, The Designer Who Set Women Free***
Dunne, Griffin	***The Friday Afternoon Club: A Family Memoir***
Fauci, Anthony	***On Call: A Doctor's Journey in Public Service***
Frankl, Viktor	***Man's Search for Meaning***
**** Gadd, Mara**	***The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl***
Gilot, Françoise & Carlton Lake	***Life with Picasso***
**** Golinkin, Lev**	***A Backpack, A Bear and Eight Crates of Vodka***
**** Goodwin, Doris Kearns**	***An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s***
Gordon, Meryl	***The Woman Who Knew Everyone: The Power of Perle Mesta, Washington's Most Famous Hostess***
Gray, Patrick & Justin Skeesuck	***I'll Push You: A Journey of 500 Miles***
Griffin, Amy	***The Tell***
**** Hinojosa, Maria**	***Once I Was You: A Memoir***
Jackson, Ketanji Brown	***Lovely One***
Jaouad, Suleika	***Between Two Kingdoms: A Memoir of a Life Interrupted***
Jollett, Mikel	***Hollywood Park***
Kalb, Bess	***Nobody Will Tell You This But Me: A True (As Told to Me) Story***
Machado, Carmen Maria	***In the Dream House***
Noah, Trevor	***Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood***
Orlean, Susan	***Joyride***
Schneck, Colombe	***Swimming in Paris***
Smith, Patti	***Bread of Angels***
Specht, Robert	***Tisha: The Wonderful True Love Story of a Young Teacher in the Alaskan Wilderness***
Straight, Susan	***In The Country of Women***
**** Suberman, Stella**	***The Jew Store***
Thomas, Abigail	***Still Life at Eighty: The Next Interesting Thing***

2025 MYSTERY

Benedict, Marie	***The Queens of Crime***
Cain, James	***Double Indemnity***
Chandler, Raymond	***The Big Sleep***
Christie, Agatha	***And Then There Were None***
Cleeves, Ann	***The Dark Wives***
Cleeves, Ann	***The Long Call***
Cosimano, Elle	***Finlay Donovan Is Killing It***
Ellroy, James	***L.A. Confidential***
Hall, Tarquin	***The Case of the Missing Servant***
Hammett, Dashiell	***The Maltese Falcon***
Highsmith, Patricia	***Strangers on a Train***
Himes, Chester	***A Rage in Harlem***
Hummel, Maria	***Still Lives***
King, Laurie	***Knave of Diamonds***
Lee, Stacey	***Kill Her Twice***
Locke, Attica	***Guide Me Home***
Lovesey, Peter	***Against The Grain***
Mosley, Walter	***Farewell, Amethystine***
Osman, Richard	***The Last Devil to Die***
Osman, Richard	***The Thursday Murder Club***
Paretsky, Sara	***Blacklist***
Paretsky, Sara	***Indemnity Only***
Penny, Louise	***The Grey Wolf***
Peters, Elizabeth	***Crocodile on the Sandbank***
Sampson, Freya	***The Busybody Book Club***
Sayers, Dorothy	***Gaudy Night***
Simpson, Nina	***Mother-Daughter Murder Night***
Thomas, Will	***Death and Glory***
Weiden, David Heska Wanbli	***Winter Counts***

2025 NON-FICTION

Baum, Devorah	***Feeling Jewish: (A Book for Just About Anyone)***
Brooks, David	***How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen***
Cahill, Thomas	***How the Irish Saved Civilization: The Untold Story of Ireland's Heroic Role from the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe***
Cockerell, Rachel	***The Melting Point: Family, Memory, and the Search for a Promised Land***
Dasal, Jennifer	***The Club: Where American Women Artists Found Refuge in Belle Epoch France***
Edsel, Robert M.	***The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History***
Elmhirst, Sophie	***A Marriage at Sea: A True Story of Love, Obsession, and Shipwreck***
Fadiman, Anne	***The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures***
Fagone, Jason	***The Woman Who Smashed Codes: A True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America's Enemies***
Farrell, Ronan	***Catch and Kill: Lies, Spies, and a Conspiracy to Protect Predators***
**** Finkel, Michael**	***The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession***
Foer, Esther Safran	***I Want You to Know We're Still Here: A Post-Holocaust Memoir***
Fox, Margalit	***The Talented Mrs. Mandelbaum: The Rise and Fall of an American Organized-Crime Boss***
Frankl, Viktor E.	***Man's Search for Meaning***
**** Fuller, Thomas**	***The Boys of Riverside: A Deaf Football Team and a Quest for Glory***
Gabler, Neal	***An Empire of Their Own: How Jews Invented Hollywood***
Garner, Helen	***This House of Grief: The Story of a Murder Trial***
Goldis, Jaclyn	***The Main Character***
Grann, David	***The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder***
Gray, J. Glenn	***The Warriors: Reflections on Men in Battle***
Green, John	***Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection***
Grossman, David	***The Thinking Heart***
Hare, Brian & Vanessa Woods	***Puppy Kindergarten: The New Science of Raising a Great Dog***
Higginbotham, Adam	***Challenger: A True Story of Heroism and Disaster on the Edge of Space***
Iyer, Pico	***Aflame: Learning from Silence***
Josephson, Matthew	***The Robber Barons: A Definitive History of the Gilded Age Titans Who Transformed the American Economy***
Khalidi, Rashid	***The Hundred Years War on Palestine***
Kimmerer, Robin Wall	***Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants***
Kimmerer, Robin Wall	***The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World***
King, Charles	***Every Valley: The Desperate Lives and Troubled Times that Made Handel's Messiah***
Larson, Erik	***The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War***
Levy, Buddy	***Conquistador: Hernan Cortes, King Montezuma, and the Last Stand of the Aztecs***
Lewis, Michael	***Who is Government? The Untold Story of Public Service***

Loewen, James W. & Edward H. Sebesta	***The Confederate and Neo-Confederate Reader: The "Great Truth" about the "Lost Cause"***
Loftis, Larry	***The Princess Spy: The True Story of World War II Spy Aline Griffith, Countess of Romanones***
Mack, Stan	***The Story of the Jews***
Mark, Sabrina Orah	***Happily: Personal History—with Fairy Tales***
Mayle, Peter	***Encore Provence: New Adventures in the South of France***
Meiburg, Jonathan	***A Most Remarkable Creature: The Hidden Life and Epic Journey of the World's Smartest Birds of Prey***
Millard, Candice	***River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile***
Mundy, Lisa	***The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA***
Nathan, Joan	***My Life in Recipes: Food, Family, and Memories***
The or, James	***Breath: The New Science of a Lost Art***
Olson, Lynne	***Empress of the Nile: The Daredevil Archaeologist Who Saved Egypt's Ancient Temples from Destruction***
Orlean, Susan	***Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend***
Orlean, Susan	***The Library Book***
Orlean, Susan	***The Orchid Thief***
**** Patchett, Ann**	***These Precious Days***
Popovic, Srdja	***Blueprint for Revolution: How to Use Rice Pudding, Lego Men, and Other Nonviolent Techniques to Galvanize Communities, Overthrow Dictators, or Simply Change the World***
Schlanger, Zoë	***The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of Life on Earth***
Shonagon, Sei	***The Pillow Book: The Diary of a Courtesan in Tenth Century Japan***
Sides, Hampton	***The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook***
Steves, Rick	***The Hippy Trail: Istanbul to Kathmandu and the Making of a Travel Writer***
Whipple, Chris	***Uncharted: How Trump Beat Biden, Harris, and the Odds in the Wildest Campaign in History***
Wynn-Williams, Sarah	***Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed, and Lost Idealism***

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FICTION MOST SELECTED BY CLAREMONT-AREA BOOK GROUPS

2025	**James (17 groups)** **West With Giraffes (9)** **The Frozen River (6)** **The Lion Women of Tehran (6)**
2024	**The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store (15 groups)** **James (11)** **The Women (10)** **Tom Lake (9)**
2023	**Lessons in Chemistry (18)** **Horse (11)** **Lady Tan's Circle of Women (8)** **Demon Copperhead (7)**
2022	**The Lincoln Highway (10)** **Hamnet (6)** **Klara and the Sun (5)** **The Midnight Library (5)** **The Personal Librarian (5)**
2021	**Anxious People (6)** **The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue (6)** **The Midnight Library (6)** **The Vanishing Half (6)**
2020	**The Dutch House (13)** **Where the Crawdads Sing (7)** **The Island of Sea Women (6)** **The Vanishing Half (6)**
2019	**Where the Crawdads Sing (18)** **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine (5)** **The Island of Sea Women (5)**
2017	**A Gentleman in Moscow (16)** **Commonwealth (7)** **A Man Called Ove (6)**
2016	**All the Light We Cannot See (6)** **My Brilliant Friend (6)** **A Man Called Ove (5)** **The Nightingale (5)**
2015	**All the Light We Cannot See (14)** **The Invention of Wings (7)** **Wonder (5)** **Orphan Train (4)** **The Light Between Oceans (4)**

NON-FICTION MOST SELECTED BY CLAREMONT-AREA BOOK GROUPSz

2025	**An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s (6 groups)** **Hollywood Park (5)** **Memorial Days (3)**
2024	**A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail (2)** **The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder (2)**
2023	**Forager (5)** **Dinners with Ruth (4)** **Solito: A Memoir (3)**
2022	**Always a Song: Singers, Songwriters, Sinners and Saints – My Story of the Folk Music Revival (5)** **These Precious Days: Essays (3)**
2021	**Caste: The Origins of our Discontents (8)** **Always a Song: Singers, Songwriters, Sinners and Saints (6)** **A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II (4)**
2020	**The Library Book (5)** **The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz (5)**
2019	**The Library Book (18)** **Educated (12)** **Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI (7)**
2017	**Hillbilly Elegy (13)** **Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America (8)**
2016	**Between the World & Me (4)** **Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America (4)** **The Japanese Lover (4)** **The Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg (4)**
2015	**The Boys in the Boat (8)** **Dead Wake (4)**

2014	**Orphan Train (6)** **Dear Life: Stories (5)** **The Invention of Wings (5)** **The Light Between Oceans (4)**	**2014**	**The Boys in the Boat (7)** **Unbroken (3)**
2013	**Take One Candle, Light a Room (8)** **The Light Between Oceans (8)** **The Shoemaker's Daughter (5)**	**2013**	**Behind the Beautiful Forevers (2)** **The Favored Daughter: One Woman's Fight to Lead Afghanistan into the Future (2)** **The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth (2)**
2012	**Caleb's Crossing (4)** **Gone Girl (4)** **Major Pettigrew's Last Stand (4)**	**2012**	**The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks (9)** **Still the Best Hope: Why the World Needs America's Values to Triumph (2)** **The Conscience of a Liberal: Reclaiming America from the Right (2)** **Unbroken (2)**
2011	**Into the Beautiful North (10)** **Cutting for Stone (5)**	**2011**	**Cleopatra: A Life (3)** **One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd (2)** **Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion (2)** **The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East (2)**
2010	**The Help (8)** **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society (4)** **Water for Elephants (4)**	**2010**	**John Adams (2)** **The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair that Changed America (2)**

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