MUWC Evening (Scarf-tying, Movie-going) Book Group
Reading List Since the Beginning

2011-2012
Room, Eleanor Donoghue
A Walk in the Woods, Bill Bryson
The Weird Sisters, Eleanor Brown
Midnight in Paris - movie
The Marriage Plot, Jeffrey Eugenides
State of Wonder, Ann Patchett
Everything Beautiful Began After, Simon Van Booy
Fifty Shades of Grey, E.L. James
The Sense of an Ending, Julian Barnes
Folly Beach, Dorothea Benton Frank (+ visit to DuBose Heyward House & Bowen’s Island Restaurant)

2012-2013
Gone Girl, Gillian Flynn
Night Circus, Erin Morgenstern
Yellow Birds, Kevin Powers
And When She was Good, Laura Lipman
The Gift of Rain, Tan Twan Eng
Walking Out on the Boys, Frances K. Conley
Old School, Tobias Wolff
Lone Survivor, Marcus Luttrell
Sweet Tooth, Ian McEwan
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, Jonathan Foer
NW, Zadie Smith
Aleph, Paolo Coehlo
Honorable Mention:
Lionel Asbo: State of England, Martin Amis
The Queen’s Love, Francine de Plessix Gray
As Meat Loves Salt, Maria McCann
The Unforgiving Minute: A Soldier’s Education, Craig Mullaney
The Memoirs of Joseph Anton, Salman Rushdie
The Shoemaker’s Wife, Adriana Trigiani

2013-2014
The Last Lecture, Randy Pausch
Cat’s Eye, Margaret Atwood
Let the Great World Spin, Colum McCann
The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II, Denise Kiernan

The Dinner, Herman Koch
The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox, Maggie O'Farrell  
The Goldfinch, Donna Tartt  
The House on Mango Street, Sandra Cisneros

Honorable Mention:
- The Middlesteins: A Novel, Jami Attenberg  
- Longbourne: A Novel, Jo Baker  
- Little, Big, John Crowley  
- The Round House, Louise Erdrich  
- Night Road, Kristin Hannah  
- Escape from Camp 14, Blane Harden  
- The Orphan Master's Son, Adam Johnson  
- Doctor Sleep: A Novel, Stephen King  
- The Dante Club, Matthew Pearl  
- The Echo Maker, Richard Powers  
- Night, Elie Wiesel

2014-2015
The Orphan Train, Christina Baker Kline  
The Miniaturist, Jesse Burton  
The Secret History, Donna Tartt  
The Children Act, Ian McEwan  
Just Kids, Patti Smith  
The Photograph, Penelope Lively  
The Round House, Louise Erdrich  
City of Thieves, David Benihoff

Honorable Mention:
- Middlemarch, George Sand  
- My Life in Middlemarch, Rebecca Mead  
- For the Last Tea in China, Sarah Rose  
- Clara and Mr. Tiffany, Susan Vreeland  
- Dear Abigail, Diane Jacobs  
- The Paying Guests, Sarah Waters  
- The Storied Life of AJ Kifry, Gabrielle Zevin  
- This is the Story of a Happy Marriage, Ann Patchett  
- Second Star to the Right, Mary Alice Monroe  
- Summer Island, Kristin Hannah  
- The Surface of the Earth, Reynolds Price  
- The Husband's Secret, Liane Moriarity

2015-2016
A Man Called Ove, Fredrik Backman  
Astrid and Veronika, Linda Ollson  
Life After Life, Kate Atkinson  
The Long Goodbye, Raymond Chandler  
The Death of Bees, Lisa O'Donald
The Buried Giant, Kazuo Ishiguro
The Dante Club, Mathew Pearl
Fates and Furies, Lauren Groff
Truth and Beauty, Ann Patchett - then as a companion book, read Autobiography of a Face, Lucy Grealy

Honorable Mention:
  Purity, Jonathan Frazen
  H is for Hawk, Helen MacDonald
  Wide Sargasso Sea, Jean Rhys
  Pacific, Simon Winchester

2016-2017
The One in a Million Boy, Monica Wood
Margaret Fuller: A New American Life, Megan Marshall
Orphan Girl: The Memoir of a Chicago Bag Lady, Jane Hertenstein
News of the World, Paulette Jiles
Riverine: A Memoir from Anywhere but Here, Angela Palm
Ordinary Grace, William Kent Krueger
Hold Still: A Memoir with Photographs, Sally Mann
Mrs. Simpson: Secret Lives of the Duchess of Windsor, Charles Higham
Lila, Marianne Robinson

Honorable Mention:
  My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry, Fredrik Bachman
  The Luminaries, Eleanor Catton
  Three Sisters, Three Queens, Phillippa Gregory
  Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End, Arul Gwande
  Louisa Catherine: The Other Mrs. Adams, Margery Heffron
  The Nix: A Novel, Nathan Hill
  A High Wind in Jamaica, Richard Hughes
  Lab Girl, Hope Jahren
  My Name is Lucy Barton, Elizabeth Strout
  Brooklyn, Colm Toibin
  The Space Between Us, Thrity Umrigar
  My Marriage, Jakob Wasserman

2017-2018
84 Charing Cross Road, Helene Hanff
Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival, Velma Wallis
Hourglass: Time, Memory, Marriage, Dani Shapiro
Spare Parts – Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot & the Battle for the American Dream, Joshua Davis

Running on Red Dog Road & Other Perils of an Appalachian Childhood, Drema Hall Berkheimer
The Ninth Hour, Alice McDermott
The Known World, Edward P. Jones
Chocolatour: A Quest for the World’s Best Chocolate, Doreen Pendgracs
The Last Ballad, Wiley Cash

Honorable Mention
The Silent Wife, Kerry Fisher
Tender is the Night, F. Scott Fitzgerald
The End of the Affair, Graham Greene
The Things We Keep, Sally Hepworth
Never Let Me Go, Kazuo Ishiguro
The Last Castle: The Epic Story of Love, Loss, & American Royalty in the Nation’s Largest Home,
Denise Kiernan
Forrest Dark, Nicole Krauss
Behold the Dreamers, Imbolo Mbue
One Good Mama Bone, Bren McClain
The Sea of Tranquility, Katja Millay
The Refugees, Viet Thanh Nguyen
The Swamp Fox: How Francis Marion Saved the American Revolution, John Oller
The Rosie Project, Graeme Simsion

2018-2019
Educated, Tara Westover
The Winter Soldier, Daniel Mason
The Indigo Girl, Natasha Boyd
The Library Book, Susan Orlean
Personality Brokers: The Strange History of Myers-Briggs and the Birth of Personality Testing, Merve Emre
Transcription, Kate Atkinson
There There, Tommy Orange
Sometimes I Lie, Alice Feeney

Honorable Mention
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, Gail Honeyman
Barracoon, Zora Neal Hurston
Unsheltered, Barbara Kingsolver
We Were Strangers Once, Betsy Carter
Sabrina, Nick Drnaso
Charming Billy, Alice McDermott
The Woman in the Window, AJ Finn
All We Ever Wanted, Emily Griffin
The Perfect Couple, Elin Hilderbrand