MUWC Book Group Reading List (1997 to Present)

1997-1998
Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil, John Berendt (+ excursion to Savannah)
Snow Falling on Cedars, David Guterson
The Christmas Box, Richard Paul Evans
Dreams of Sleep, Josephine Humphries
Cold Mountain, Charles Fraiser
High Tide in Tucson, Barbara Kingsolver
*At Home in Mitford, Jan Karon
A Virtuous Woman and Ellen Foster, Kay Gibbons

1998-1999
Poland, James Michner
The Stone Diaries, Carol Shields
Angela’s Ashes, Frank McCort
*Under the Tuscan Sun, Frances Mayes
The Education of Little Tree, Forrest Carter
Keeper of the House, Rebecca Godwin
A Man in Full, Tom Wolfe
Memoirs of a Geisha, Arthur Golden

1999-2000
Pears in a Willow Tree, Leslie Pietrzyk
In the Lake of the Woods, Tim O’Brien
*The Ballad of Frankie Silver, Sharon McCrumb
At Home in the World, Joyce Maynard (about J.D. Sallinger)
Tuesdays with Morrie, Mitch Albom
Faith of My Fathers, John McCain
*Slaves in the Family, Edward Ball
*Sullivan’s Island, Dorothea Frank

2000-2001
The Red Tent, Anita Diamant
Fanny Kemble’s Civil Wars, Catherine Clinton
Fatal Flowers: On Sin, Sex, and Suicide in the Deep South, Rosemary Daniel
Mary’s World: Love, War, & Family Ties in 19th Century Charleston, Richard Cote (guest speaker)
The Hours, Michael Cunningham
The Greatest Generation, Tom Brokaw
*Dairy Queen Days, Robert Inman #
*Here We Are in Paradise, Tony Earley #
*Gap Creek, Robert Morgan #
*Sullivan’s Island, Dorothea Benton Frank#
*Outfoxed, Rita Mae Brown#
*Booked to Die, John Dunning #
(# For May we read a selection of P&C authors’ works and discussed preferences) *

2001-2002
The Poisonwood Bible, Barbara Kingsolver
Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women, Geraldine Brooks
Corelli’s Mandolin, Louise de Bernieres
Sharing of works of Eudora Welty
Galileo’s Daughter, Dava Sobel
Portrait in Sepia, Isabel Allende

2002-2003
John Adams, David McCullough
The Prodigal Summer, Barbara Kingsolver
Nickeled and Dimed, Barbara Ehrenreich
The Poet and the Murderer, Simon Worrell
The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd (guest speaker)
The Beach House, Mary Alice Monroe (guest speaker)
Empire Falls, Richard Russo

2003-2004
Savage Beauty: The Life of Edna St. Vincent Millay, Nancy Mitford
Atonement, Ian McEwan
Leap of Faith, Queen Noor
Naked in Baghdad, Anne Garels
Bel Canto, Ann Pachett
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon

2004-2005
The Jane Austen Book Club, Karen Joy Fowler
Devil in the White City, Erik Larson
The Little Friend, Donna Tartt
Life of Pi, Yann Martel
Evidence of Things Unseen, Marianne Wiggins
The Birth of Venus, Sarah Dunant
Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths, Bruce Feiler
All Over But the Shoutin’, Rick Bragg
100 Years of Solitude, Gabriel Garcia Marquez
The Kite Runner, Klaaled Hosseini
The Book of Salt, Monique Truong
A Thread of Grace, Mary Doria Russell

2005-2006
The Piano Tuner, Daniel Mason
The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse, Louise Erdrich
The Sunday Philosophy Club: An Isabel Dalhousie Mystery, Alexander McCall Smith
Balzac & the Little Chinese Seamstress, Da Sijie
Their Eyes Were Watching God, Zora Neale Hurston (+video)
The Shadow of the Wind, Carlos Ruiz Zafon
Broken for You, Stephanie Kallos
The Giver, Lois Lowery
So Far Back, Pam Durban
Waiting, Ha Jin
The Illuminator, Brenda R. Vantrease
Garlic and Sapphires, Ruth Reichl (+ tasting luncheon)

2006-2007
I am the Messenger, Markus Zusak
A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian, Marina Lewycka
Ella Minnow Pea, Mark Dunn
March, Geraldine Brooks
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, Lisa See
West with the Night, Beryl Markham
Unwise Passions: A True Story of a Remarkable Woman & the first Great Scandal of 18th Century America, Alan Pell Crawford
Snow in August, Pete Hamill
Thirteen Moons: A Novel, Charles Frasier

2007-2008
1776, David McCoullough
Water for Elephants, Sara Gruen
Interpreter of Maladies, Jhumpa Lahiri
The History of Love, Nicole Krauss
A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini
Waiting for Show in Havana, Carlos Eire
The Glass Castle, Jeannette Walls
The Book Thief, Markus Zusak
Eat, Pray, Love, Elizabeth Gilbert
The Pavilion of Women, Pearl S. Buck
The Island, Victoria Hislop

2008-2009
Suite Française, Irene Nemirovsky
Bridge of Sighs, Richard Russo
Loving Frank, Nancy Horan
*Manhunt: The 12 Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer, James L. Swanson
The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, Junot Diaz
River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey, Candace Millard
Time is a River, Mary Alice Monroe (guest speaker)
People of the Book, Geraldine Brooks
The Story of Edgar Sawtelle, David Wroblewski
Brick Lane, Monica Ali
2009-2010
The Help, Kathryn Stockett
Sarah’s Key, Tatiana de Rosnay
Same Kind of Different As Me, Ron Hall and Denver Moore
Shanghai Girls, Lisa See
The Madonnas of Leningrad, Debra Dean
Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to promote Peace...One School at a Time, Greg Mortenson
Olive Kitteridge, Elizabeth Strout
Cutting for Stone, Abraham Verghese
1000 White Women: The Journals of May Dodd, Jim Fergus
Pied Piper, Nevil Shute

2010-2011
Tinkers, Paul Harding
American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House, Jon Meacham
The School of Essential Ingredients, Erica Bauermeister
The Elegance of the Hedgehog, Muriel Barbery
Little Bee: A Novel, Chris Cleave
The Solitude of Prime Numbers, Paolo Giordino
That Old Cape Magic, Richard Russo
The Island Under the Sea, Isabel Allende
The Warmth of Other Suns, Isabel Wilkerson
Freedom: A Novel, Jonathan Franzen

2011-2012
*The Language of Flowers, Vanessa Diffenbaugh
A Walk in the Woods, Bill Bryson
Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West, Dorothy Wickenden
The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay, Michael Chabon
*The Paris Wife, Paula McLain
Unbroken, Laura Hillenbrand
In the Garden of Beasts, Eric Larson
Mamba’s Daughters, DuBois Heyward
Upheaval in Charleston: Earthquake and Murder on the Eve of Jim Crow, Stephen Hoffius and Susan Millar Williams (guest speakers)
Blind Assassin, Margaret Atwood
Cleopatra’s Daughter: A Novel, Michelle Moran

2012-2013
Cloud Atlas, David Mitchell
Yes, Chef, Marcus Samuelsson
The Lacuna, Barbara Kingsolver
The Red House, Mark Haddon
The Art of Fielding, Chad Harbach
The Dream of the Celt, Mario Vargas Llosa
Three Wishes, Liane Moriarty
This is How You Lose Her, Junot Diaz
The Garden of Evening Mists, Tan Twan Eng
Caveat Emptor: The Secret Life of an American Forger, Ken Perenyi
13 Reasons Why, Jay Asher

2013-2014
Beautiful Ruins: A Novel, Jess Walter
The Sense of an Ending, Julian Barnes
The Orchardist: A Novel, Amanda Coplin
Baroness of Hobcaw: The Life of Belle Baruch, Mary E. Miller (+ tour of Hobcaw Barony)
The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance, Edmund de Waal
Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker, Jennifer Chiaverini
The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans & Their Quest for Gold in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, Daniel James Brown
Telex From Cuba: A Novel, Rachael Kushner
A Tale for the Time Being, Ruth Ozeki
Sea of Poppies, Amitav Ghosh
American Empress: The Life & Times of Marjorie Merriweather Post, Nancy Rubin Stuart

2014-2015
The Invention of Wings, Sue Monk Kidd
Orphan Train: A Novel, Christina Baker Kline
The Good Lord Bird, James McBride
One Summer: America, 1927, Bill Bryson
We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves: A Novel, Karen Joy Fowler
The Miniaturist: A Novel, Jessie Burton
Catherine de Medici: Renaissance Queen of France, Leonie Frieda
All the Light We Cannot See, Anthony Doerr
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith
Thunderstruck, Eric Larson
Soldier Girls: The Battles of Three Women at Home and at War, Helen Thorpe

2015 – 2016
In the Time of the Butterflies, Julia Alvarez
My Kitchen Year, Ruth Reichl
The Wright Brothers, David McCollough
The Courtesan, Alexandra Curry
The Nightingale, Kristin Hannah
The Moor’s Account, Laila Lalami
Fate Moreland’s Widow, John Lane
Dead Wake, Eric Larson
Euphoria, Lilly King
The All Of It, Jeannette Hain
Circling the Sun, Paula McLain

2016 – 2017
Night, Elie Wiesel
The End of Your Life Book Club, Will Schwalbe
*The Secret Chord, Geraldine Brooks
The Marriage of Opposites, Alice Hoffman
Serena, Ron Rash
A Gentleman in Moscow, Amor Towles
Commonwealth, Ann Patchett
Homegoing: A Novel, Yaa Gyasi (yar jassi)
My Brilliant Friend: Neapolitan Novels, Book One, Elena Ferrante
The Sympathizer, Viet Thanh Nguyen
The 19th Wife: A Novel, David Ebershoff

2017 – 2018
Rules of Civility, Amor Towles
The Spy: A Novel, Paulo Coelho
Anything is Possible, Elizabeth Strout
America’s First Daughter, Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie
Little Fires Everywhere, Celeste Ng
History of Wolves, Emily Fridlung
One Foot in Eden, Ron Rash
Before the Fall, Noah Hawley
Miss Burma, Charmaine Craig
In the Midst of Winter, Isabel Allende
Manhattan Beach, Jennifer Egan

2018 – 2019
Less, Andrew Sean Greer
The Baker's Secret, Stephen Kiernan
Warlight, Michael Ondaaje
The Great Alone, Kristin Hannah
Pachinko, Min Jin Lee
The Overstory, Richard Powers
The Paris Bookshop, Nina George
Killers of the Flower Moon: David Grann
Artemis, Andy Weir
Bridge of Clay, Marcus Zusak
Florida, Lauren Goff