

**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 Moriarty

**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 MacDonalld  
*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