

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Patchett  
*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*, Khaled 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  
*Reading Lolita in Tehran*, Azar Nafisi  
*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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Ondaajje  
*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