

MUWC Afternoon Book Group Reading List (Inception 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 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 18th Century America, Alan Pell Crawford
Snow in August, Pete Hamill
Thirteen Moons: A Novel, Charles Frasier

2007-2008

1776, David McCollough
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 Ondaatje

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

2019 – 2020

After The Party, Cressida Connolly
Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir, Ruth Reichl
The Night Tiger, Yangsze Choo
This Tender Land, William Kent Krueger
The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West, David McCullough
Southernmost, Silas House
The Shadow King, Maaza Mengiste
Naamah: A Novel, Sarah Blake
The Dutch House, Ann Patchett
Normal People, Sally Rooney
The Ten Thousand Doors of January, Alix E. Harrow

2020-2021

The Silent Patient, Alex Michaelides
Writers and Lovers, Lily King
The Most Beautiful Book in the World, Eric-Emmanuel Schmit
They May Not Mean to, But They Do, Cathleen Schine
The Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty, Susan Page
Redhead at the Side of the Road, Ann Tyler
The Vanishing Half, Brit Bennett
The Weight of a Piano: A Novel, Chris Cander
Ways of Going Home, Alejandro Zambra
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek, Kim Michelle Richardson
The Girl with Seven Names, Hyeonseo Lee with David John

2021-2022

Where You Once Belonged, Kent Haruf
Golden Hill; a Novel of Old New York, Francis Spufford
Anxious People, Fredrik Backman
Shuggie Bain, Douglas Stuart
Ordinary Grace, William Kent Krueger
Great Circle, Maggie Shipstead
Matrix, Lauren Groff
The Four Winds, Kristin Hannah
The Bridge of San Luis Rey, Thornton Wilder
Cold Sassy Tree, Olive Ann Burns
All that She Carried, the Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake, Tiya Miles