# 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

### 2019-2020

The Dressmaker's Gift, Fiona Valpie

Crossing to Safety, Wallace Stegner

Before We Were Yours, Lisa Wingate

The Echo Maker, Richard Powers

The Diary of a Bookseller, Shaun Bythell

The Dutch House, Ann Patchett

Olive, Again, Elizabeth Strout

The Night Watchman, Louisa Erdrich

*American Dirt*, Jeannine Cummins

The Giver of Stars, Jojo Moyes

The Starless Sea, Erin Morgenstern

### 2020-2021

Eight Perfect Murders by Peter Swanson Old Filth by Jane Gardam Ashley's War by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell A Burning by Megha Majumdar
Signs of Life by Stephen Fabes
All Adults Here by Emma Straub
The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline
Plainsong by Kent Haruf
The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue, V.E. Schwab
When I Was You by Amber Garza

### 2021-2022

Gilead, Marilynne Robinson
The Daughters of Erietown, Connie Schultz
Lolita, Vladimir Nabokov
Harry's Trees, Jon Cohen
God on the Rocks, Jane Gardam
The Lincoln Highway, Amor Towles
Oh, William!, Elizabeth Strout
Harlem Shuffle, Colson Whitehead
Apples Never Fall, Liane Moriarty
Every Day is a Gift: A Memoir, Tammy Duckworth
The Sentence, Louise Erdrich

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Any Human Heart, William Boyd
Cloud Cuckoo Land, Anthony Doerr
Crying in H Mart, Michelle Zauner
In Polite Company, Geervais Hagerty
L.A. Weather, Maria Amparo Escandon
Moon and Mars, Kai Cothron
Spilled Milk, K.L. Randis
The Beekeeper of Aleppo, Christy Lefteri
The Girl with the Louding Voice, Abi Dare
The Midnight Library, Matt Haig

The Night Portrait: A Novel of WWI and da Vinci's Italy, Laura Morelli

The Paris Library, Janet Skeslien

The Second Life of Mirielle West, Amanda Skenandore

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo, Taylor Jenkins Reid