

## **Book Club Books**

### **Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**

by Mark Twain

Huck and Jim's adventures along the Mississippi River lead them into a world of excitement, danger, and self-discovery.

### **After You**

by Jojo Moyes

In the wake of an accident that leaves her back at home and in a support group, Louisa meets a man who might finally understand her, but she is forced to change her plans when someone from her past reappears.

### **The Alice Network**

by Kate Quinn

Charlie St. Clair arrives in London to find out what happened to her cousin Rose who disappeared in Nazi-occupied France during the war, and meets a former spy who agrees to help her on her mission.

### **Before We Were Yours**

by Lisa Wingate

A tale inspired by firsthand accounts of the notoriously corrupt Tennessee Children's Home Society follows the efforts of a Baltimore assistant D.A. to uncover her parents' fateful secrets in the wake of a political attack and a chance encounter with a stranger.

### **Big Little Lies**

by Liane Moriarty

An annual school Trivia Night ends in a disastrous riot leaving one parent dead in what appears to be a tragic accident, but evidence shows it might have been premeditated.

### **The Book Thief**

by Markus Zusak

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

### **City of Thieves**

by David Benioff

Documenting his grandparents' experiences during the siege of Leningrad, a young writer learns how his grandfather and a military deserter endeavored to secure their pardons by gathering hard-to-find ingredients for a powerful colonel's daughter's wedding cake.

### **Cleopatra's Daughter**

by Michelle Moran

When Marc Antony and Cleopatra choose to die by their own hands, their three orphaned children are taken in chains to Rome, where two of the siblings cling to each other and to the hope that they will return one day to their rightful place on the throne of Egypt.

### **Commonwealth**

by Ann Patchett

A five-decade saga that traces the impact of an act of infidelity on the parents and children of two Southern California families and tells of their shared summers in Virginia and the disillusionment that shapes their lasting bond.

### **Crazy Rich Asians**

by Kevin Kwan

When her boyfriend takes her to meet his family in Singapore, Chinese American Rachel Chu is unexpectedly introduced to a rich and scheming clan that viciously competes against other wealthy

families and strongly opposes their son's relationship with an American girl.

### **Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania**

by Erik Larson

A 100th-anniversary chronicle of the sinking of the Lusitania that discusses the factors that led to the tragedy and the contributions of such figures as President Wilson, bookseller Charles Lauriat, and architect Theodate Pope Riddle.

### **The Dinner**

by Herman Koch

Meeting at a restaurant for dinner, two couples move from small talk to the shared challenge of their teenage sons' violent act that has triggered a police investigation and revealed the extent to which each family will go to protect those they love.

### **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine**

by Gail Honeyman

A socially awkward loner teams up with a bumbling IT guy from her office to assist an elderly accident victim, forging a friendship that saves all three from lives of isolation and secret unhappiness.

### **The Girl on the Train**

by Paula Hawkins

Obsessively watching a breakfasting couple every day to escape the pain of her losses, Rachel witnesses a shocking event that inextricably entangles her in the lives of strangers.

### **The Glass Castle**

by Jeannette Walls

The second child of a scholarly, alcoholic father and an eccentric artist mother discusses her family's nomadic upbringing and how she

and her siblings had to fend for themselves while their parents outmaneuvered bill collectors and the authorities.

### **Gone Girl**

by Gillian Flynn

When a woman goes missing on her fifth wedding anniversary, her diary reveals hidden turmoil in her marriage and a mysterious illness, while her husband, desperate to clear himself of suspicion, realizes that something more disturbing than murder may have occurred.

### **The Great Alone**

by Kristin Hannah

When her volatile father impulsively moves the family to mid-1970s Alaska to live off the land, young Leni is forced to confront the dangers of their lack of preparedness in the wake of a dangerous winter season.

### **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society**

by Mary Ann Shaffer

In 1946, as England emerges from the shadow of World War II, writer Juliet Ashton finds inspiration for her next book in her correspondence with a native of Guernsey and his eccentric friends.

### **The Handmaid's Tale**

by Margaret Atwood

A chilling look at an oppressive world in the near future where women are no longer allowed to read and are valued only as long as they are viable for reproduction.

### **Hidden Figures**

by Margot Lee Shetterly

An account of the pivotal contributions of NASA's African-American women mathematicians to America's space program describes how

they were segregated from their white counterparts by Jim Crow laws in spite of their groundbreaking successes.

### **Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis**

by J. D. Vance

The story of the author's family and upbringing, describing how they moved out of poverty while navigating the demands of middle-class life and the collective demons of the past.

### **Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet**

by Jamie Ford

When artifacts from Japanese families sent to internment camps during World War II are uncovered in Seattle, Henry Lee embarks on a quest that leads to memories of growing up Chinese in a city rife with anti-Japanese sentiment.

### **The Husband's Secret**

by Liane Moriarty

Discovering a tattered letter that says she is to open it only in the event of her husband's death, Cecelia, a successful family woman, is unable to resist reading the letter and discovers a secret that shatters her life and the lives of two other women.

### **The Inn at Lake Devine**

by Elinor Lipman

When her mother receives a notice about a Vermont inn that caters especially to non-Jewish guests, Natalie Marx becomes obsessed with the once-restricted, family-owned resort and wangles an invitation to join a friend on a vacation there.

### **Killers of the Flower Moon**

by David Grann

A true account of the early 20th-century murders of dozens of wealthy Osage and law-enforcement officials that cites the contributions and missteps of a fledgling FBI that eventually uncovered one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

### **The Lake House**

by Kate Morton

Decades after the disappearance of her young brother, successful author Alice Edevane is approached by a young London police force detective who triggers a series of events that leads to a shocking revelation.

### **A Lesson Before Dying**

by Ernest J. Gaines

Grant Wiggins, a college-educated man who returns to his hometown to teach, visits a black youth on death row for a crime he didn't commit and together they come to understand the heroism of resisting.

### **The Light Between Oceans**

by M. L. Stedman

Moving his young bride to an isolated lighthouse home on Australia's Janus Rock, Tom allows his wife to claim an infant who has washed up on the shore only to witness a rift in their marriage that is further complicated by a search by the baby's desperate mother.

### **Lilac Girls**

by Martha Hall Kelly

The lives of three women converge at the Ravensbrück concentration camp as one resolves to help from her post at the French consulate, one becomes a courier in the Polish resistance, and one takes a German government medical position.

### **A Man Called Ove**

by Fredrik Backman

A curmudgeon hides a terrible personal loss beneath a cranky and short-tempered exterior while clashing with a boisterous family whose chattiness and habits lead to unexpected friendship.

### **Me Before You**

by Jojo Moyes

Taking a job as an assistant to extreme sports enthusiast Will, Louisa struggles with her employer's acerbic moods, learns of his shocking plans, and must demonstrate to him that life is still worth living.

### **The Nest**

by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney

Gathering to confront an older sibling who has been recently released from rehab after a drunk driving accident, the Plum siblings watch as the trust fund left by their father rises and falls according to self-inflicted problems.

### **News of the World**

by Paulette Jiles

In the wake of the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd is offered fifty dollars to bring an orphan girl who was kidnapped by Kiowa raiders back to her family in San Antonio.

### **The Nick Adams Stories**

by Ernest Hemingway

Based on Hemingway's own experiences as a boy and as a member of the Red Cross Ambulance Corps during World War I, this collection follows Nick Adams' life from child to parent, and features some of Hemingway's earliest work and some of his best known short stories.

### **The Nightingale**

by Kristin Hannah

Reunited when the elder's husband is sent to fight in World War II, French sisters Vianne and Isabelle find their bond as well as their respective beliefs tested by a world that changes in horrific ways.

**Nine Women, One Dress**

by Jane L. Rosen

Nine unrelated women whose circumstances are shaped by unrequited love, infidelity, and fame find their lives touched by the same little black dress and its seemingly magical properties.

**The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared**

by Jonas Jonasson

Confined to a nursing home and about to turn 100, Allan Karlsson climbs out of the window in his slippers and embarks on an unforgettable adventure.

**Orphan Train**

by Christina Baker Kline

Close to aging out of the foster care system, Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer takes a community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home and discovers that they aren't as different as they seem to be.

**The Paris Wife**

by Paula McLain

A deeply evocative story of ambition and betrayal, this book follows the life of Ernest Hemingway's first wife, Hadley, as she navigates 1920s Paris.

**The Rosie Project**

by Graeme C Simson

A socially awkward genetics professor sets out to find the perfect wife, but instead finds Rosie, a fiercely independent barmaid who is on a quest to find her biological father.

### **Small Great Things**

by Jodi Picoult

Hesitating to treat the newborn of a white supremacist couple who has demanded that a white nurse assist them, a black nurse is placed on trial in the tragic aftermath and is aided by a white public defender in a case that becomes racially charged.

### **Still Alice**

by Lisa Genova

Feeling at the top of her game when she is suddenly diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's Disease, Harvard psychologist Alice Howland struggles to find meaning and purpose in her everyday life as her concept of self gradually slips away.

### **Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things**

by Randy O. Frost

Two respected psychologists analyze the sources of compulsive hoarding behaviors and also outline typical ineffective treatments and the impact of the disorder on families.

### **Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption**

by Laura Hillenbrand

The story of a U.S. airman who survived a plane crash during World War II and spent forty-seven days adrift in the ocean before being rescued by the Japanese Navy.

### **A Walk in the Woods**

by Bill Bryson

A wry account of the author's adventurous and arduous trek along the Appalachian Trail and of its natural pleasures, human eccentrics, and offbeat comforts.

**The Way-Back Room: A Memoir of a Detroit Childhood**

by Mary Minock

An American memoir that tells the story of a girl, born in the mid-1940s, and is set against the blue-collar grit and texture of multi-ethnic, pre-Vatican II, southwest Detroit.

**Wild**

by Cheryl Strayed

The story of an ambitious 1,100-mile solo hike on the Pacific Crest Trail that broke down a young woman reeling from personal crisis and catastrophe, and built her back up again.

**Winter's Bone**

by Daniel Woodrell

Ree Dolly's father, who is facing a drug charge and has put their house up as bond, has gone missing and Ree, who is caring for her two younger brothers and a mentally ill mother, must find him to save her family.

**The Woman in the Window**

by A.J. Finn

An agoraphobic recluse languishes in her home, drinking wine and spying on her neighbors, before witnessing a terrible crime through her window that exposes her secrets and raises questions about her perceptions of reality.