

Book Selections for Future Discussions

Fiction:

The Paris Wife by Paul McLain

A deeply evocative story of ambition and betrayal. *The Paris Wife* captures a remarkable period of time and a love affair between two unforgettable people; Ernest Hemingway and his wife Hadley. *The Paris Wife* is all the more poignant because we know that, in the end, Hemingway wrote that he would rather have died than fallen in love with anyone but Hadley.

Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks

In 1665 a young man from Martha's Vineyard became the first native American to graduate from Harvard College. Upon this slender factual scaffold Brooks has created a luminous tale of love, faith, magic and adventure.

Marriage Plot by Jeffery Eugenides

Author of the acclaimed novel *Middlesex* in 2002. "Eugenides new novel spins Austen Anew. She marries him, but who does Madeleine Hanna, the heroine of Jeffrey Eugenides novel decide to spend her life with?"

Winter Garden by Kristen Hannah

A powerful heartbreaking novel that illuminates the intricate mother-daughter bond and explores the enduring links between the present and the past.

Biography/Memoirs

Cleopatra by Stacey Schiff

By Pulitzer Prize winning biographer brings to life one of the most intriguing women in the history of the world, Cleopatra, the last queen of Egypt. Her palace shimmered with onyx, garnets and gold, but was richer still in political and sexual intrigue. She was a shrewd strategist and ingenious negotiator.

Those Who Saved Us by Jenna Blum

Anna Brandt is 18 years old in 1939. In her hometown of Weimar, Germany where relationships between Germans and Jews are outlawed, Anna and the man she loves are committing the crime of race defilement. She takes refuge in a bakery owned by a Resistance member.

Nothing Daunted , The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West by Dorothy Wickenden Dorothy Woodruff and Rosamond Underwood were best friends from Kindergarten. They shared an upper middle class childhood in Auburn, N. Y. went to Smith College together and took part in one of the most common coming of age rituals of their class- the European tour. It was 1916, a time when women were expected to settle down young . Seven years later, unmarried and longing for adventure they moved to a pioneer settlement in Elkhead, Colorado. Woodruff's daughter tells their story

Non Fiction:

Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

Focus on the life, death and legacy of the 16th president. The authors reconstruct the final days of Lincoln's life and examine the plot against the President at the end of the Civil War.

Mystery

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley

Award winning author Alan Bradley returns with another beguiling novel starring the insidiously clever and unflappable eleven year old sleuth Flavia de Luce.