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Book Discussion 2017

September 25

Dark Matter

Crouch, Blake

A mind-bending, relentlessly paced science-fiction thriller, in which an ordinary man is kidnapped, knocked unconscious--and awakens in a world inexplicably different from the reality he thought he knew.

October 23

The Witches

Schiff, Stacy

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Cleopatra* analyzes the Salem Witch Trials to offer key insights into the role of women in its events while explaining how its tragedies became possible.

November 27

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End

Gawande, Atul

Modern medicine has transformed the dangers of childbirth, injury, and infectious disease from harrowing to manageable. But in the face of our inevitable aging and death, what it can do often runs counter to what it should do. Now Atul Gawande reveals the suffering this has produced. He examines the profession's limitations and failures as life draws to a close, and he shows how the ultimate goal is not a good death, but a good life -- until the very end.

December 18

Midnight's Children

Salman Rushdie

In India, one thousand and one children are born in the hour following the midnight commemorating the country's independence from British rule. Of those children, none is more entwined with the destiny of that land than Saleem Sinai, of dubious birth. He recounts a life both reflecting and re-creating the modern history of his homeland.



Join us! Pick up your copy from the front desk. The book is usually available in book, large print and audiobook format. The Book Discussion Group usually meets on the fourth Monday of each month.

Discussion begins at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments are served.

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January 23

Japanese Lover

Allende, Isabel

In 1939, as Poland falls under the shadow of the Nazis and the world goes to war, young Alma Belasco's parents send her away to live in safety with an aunt and uncle in their opulent mansion in San Francisco. There she meets Ichimei Fukuda, the son of the family's Japanese gardener, and between them a tender love blossoms. Following Pearl Harbor, the two are cruelly pulled apart when Ichimei and his family - like thousands of Japanese Americans - are declared enemies by the US government and relocated to internment camps.

February 27

Homegoing

Gyasi, Yaa

Two half sisters, Effia and Esi, unknown to each other, are born into two different tribal villages in 18th century Ghana. Effia will be married off to an English colonial, and will live in comfort in the sprawling, palatial rooms of Cape Coast Castle, raising half-caste children who will be sent abroad to be educated in England before returning to the Gold Coast to serve as administrators of the Empire. Her sister, Esi, will be imprisoned beneath Effia in the Castle's women's dungeon, and then shipped off on a boat bound for America, where she will be sold into slavery.

March 27

The Underground Railroad

Whitehead, Colson

A magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South.

April 24

Night

Eli Wiesel

Elie Wiesel is the internationally celebrated author, Nobel laureate, and spokesperson for humanity whose decision to dedicate his life to bearing witness for the Holocaust's martyrs and survivors found its earliest and most

enduring voice in *Night*, his penetrating and profound account of his personal experience in the Nazi death camps.

May 22

Woman in Cabin 10

Ware, Ruth

From New York Times bestselling author of the "twisty-mystery" (Vulture) novel *In a Dark, Dark Wood*, comes *The Woman in Cabin 10*, an equally suspenseful and haunting novel from Ruth Ware--this time, set at sea.

June 26

Before the Fall

Hawley, Noah

Eleven people - ten privileged, one down-on-his-luck painter - depart Martha's Vineyard on a private jet headed for New York. Sixteen minutes later, the unthinkable happens: the plane plunges into the ocean. The only survivors are Scott Burroughs - the painter - and a four-year-old boy, who is now the last remaining member of an immensely wealthy and powerful media mogul's family.

July 24

Small Great Things

Picoult, Jodi

Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?

August 28

Shakespeare Play Play reading and performance