

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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

### **2022-2023**

Coming soon

## **2023-2024**

*The Wager; A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder*, by David Gann

*Romantic Comedy*, by Curtis Sittenfield

*Arc of Justice; a Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age*, Kevin G. Boyle

*The Henna Artist*, by Alka Joshi

*Covenant of Water*, by Abraham Verghese

*Where the Children Take Us; How One Family Achieved the Unimaginable*, by Zain E. Asher

*The Beekeeper of Aleppo*, by Christy Lefteri

*Hello Beautiful*, by Ann Napolitano

*The Daughters of Yalta; The Churchill, Roosevelt and Harrimans; A Story of Love and War*,

by Catherine Grace Katz

*Remarkably Bright Creatures*, by Shelby Van Pelt

*Our Missing Hearts*, by Celeste Ng