

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 Moriarty

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

2022-2023

The Optimist's Daughter, Eudora Welty
Lessons in Chemistry, Bonnie Garmus
Our Missing Hearts, Celeste Ng
Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury
Horse, Geraldine Brooks
The Johnstown Flood, David McCullough
Demon Copperhead, Barbara Kingsolver
The Dolphin House, Audrey Schulman
South to America: A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon Line to Understand the Soul of A Nation, Amani Perry
Olga Dies Dreaming, Xochiti Gonzalez
Shrines of Gaiety, Kate Atkinson

2023-2024

Tom Lake, Ann Patchett
All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me, Patrick Bringley
Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President, Candace Millard
Fear of Flying, Erica Jong
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store: A Novel, James McBride
Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom, Ilyon Woo
Hello Beautiful: A Novel, Ann Napolitano
The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts, Loren Grush
The River We Remember: A Novel, William Kent Krueger
Solito: A Memoir, Javier Zamora
The Voyage of the Narwhal: A Novel, Andrea Barrett