

**Newport Beach Public Library Foundation
Book Discussion Reading List 1996-2022**

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| Abram, David | The Spell of the Sensuous | 07-08 (night) |
| Achebe, Chinua | Things Fall Apart | 02-03 |
| Ackerman, Diane | The Zookeeper's Wife | 08-09 |
| Adiga, Aravind | The White Tiger | 09-10 |
| Ali, Monica | Brick Lane | 08-09 (night) |
| Atkinson, Kate | Behind the Scenes at the Museum | 98-99 |
| Atwood, Margaret | The Handmaid's Tale | 06-07 |
| Atwood, Margaret | The Blind Assassin | 11-12 |
| Austen, Jane | Pride and Prejudice | 00-01 |
| Baker, Larry | Flamingo Rising | 98-99 |
| Baldwin, James | Go Tell It on the Mountain | 19-20 |
| Baldwin, James | Notes of the Native Son | 21-22 |
| Barbery, Muriel | The Elegance of the Hedgehog | 11-12 |
| Barnes, Julian | The Sense of an Ending | 14-15 |
| Barrett, Andrea | Ship Fever | 97-98 |

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| Baume, Sara | Spill Simmer Falter Wither | 16-17 |
| Baxter, Charles | The Feast of Love | 05-06 |
| Bellow, Saul | Henderson, the Rain King | 13-14 |
| Bellow, Saul | Herzog | 00-01 |
| Benioff, David | City of Thieves | 09-10 |
| Benjamin, Chloe | The Immortalists | 18-19 |
| Bennett, Brit | The Mothers | 21-22 |
| Berger, John | Pig Earth/Once in Europa/Lilac and Flag | 01-02 |
| Berger, John | To the Wedding | 04-05 |
| Berger, John | Here is Where We Meet | 07-08 |
| Berlin, Lucia | A Manual for Cleaning Women: Selected Stories | 16-17 |
| Boo, Katherine | Behind the Beautiful Forevers | 13-14 |
| Boyle, T. Coraghessan | Tortilla Curtin | 97-98 |
| Bradley, Marion Zimmer | The Mists of Avalon | 01-02 (night) |
| Bragg, Rick | All Over But the Shoutin' | 99-00 |
| Bronte, Emily | Wuthering Heights | 08-09 (night) |

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| Brookner, Anita | Hotel du Lac | 97-98 |
| Brooks, Geraldine | People of the Book | 08-09 (night) |
| Brooks, Geraldine | Year of Wonders | 09-10 |
| Butler, Octavia | Kindred | 06-07/ 20-21 |
| Butler, Robert Olen | A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain | 00-01 |
| Cadwalladr, Carole | The Family Tree | 05-06 |
| Campbell, Lisa | A Charmed Life: Growing Up in MacBeth's Castle | 14-15 |
| Carlson, Ron | Five Skies | 10-11 |
| Casey, John | Spartina | 98-99 |
| Cather, Willa | Death Comes for the Archbishop | 04-05 |
| Chabon, Michael | The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay | 06-07 |
| Cheever, John | The Wapshot Chronicle | 99-00 |
| Cleave, Chris | Little Bee | 10-11 |
| Coetzee, J.M. | Disgrace | 04-05 |
| Connell, Evan S. | Mrs. Bridge | 04-05 |
| Conrad, Joseph | The Heart of Darkness | 02-03 |

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| Conway, Jill Ker | The Road from Coorain | 96-97 |
| Corchado, Alfredo | Homelands: Four Friends, Two Countries, And the Fate of the Great Mexican-American Migration | 20-21 |
| Crane, Stephen | Red Badge of Courage | 07-08 (night) |
| Cunningham, Michael | The Hours | 00-01 |
| Davenport, Kiana | Shark Dialogs | 00-01 |
| Davies, Peter Ho | The Fortunes | 17-18 |
| Davis, Kathryn | Hell | 08-09 |
| De Bernieres, Louis | Corelli's Mandolin | 99-00 |
| Defore, Daniel | Moll Flanders | 07-08 |
| Delillo, Don | White Noise | 99-00 |
| di Lampedusa, Guiseppe | The Leopard | 01-02 |
| Diament, Anita | The Red Tent | 00-01 |
| Diaz, Junot | The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao | 09-10/ 20-21 |
| Didion, Joan | Democracy | 06-07 |
| Diffenbaugh, Vanessa | The Language of Flowers | 14-15 |

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| Dillard, Annie | An American Childhood | 98-99 |
| Doctorow, E.L. | The March | 11-12 |
| Doig, Ivan | This House of Sky: Landscapes of a Western Mind | 04-05 |
| Doig, Ivan | The Whistling Season | 10-11 |
| Dorris, Michael | A Yellow Raft in Blue Water | 97-98 |
| Egan, Timothy | The Worst Hard Time | 08-09 (night) |
| Eggers, Dave | A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius | 01-02 |
| Eggers, Dave | Zeitoun | 12-13 |
| Ehrlich, Gretal | The Solace of Open Spaces | 97-98 |
| El Akkad, Omar | What Strange Paradise | 22-23 |
| Ellison, Ralph | Invisible Man | 07-08 (night) |
| Ellman, Richard | Oscar Wilde | 01-02 (night) |
| Endicott, Marina | The Voyage of the Morning Light | 21-22 |
| Enger, Leif | Peace Like a River | 03-04 |
| Erdrich, Louise | The Round House | 13-14 |
| Eugenides, Jeffrey | Middlesex | 05-06 |

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| Fisher, M.F.K. | The Boss Dog | 01-02 (night) |
| Fisher, M.F.K. | Sister Age | 05-06 |
| Fitzgerald, F. Scott | The Great Gatsby | 97-98 |
| Fitzgerald, F. Scott | The Last Tycoon | 08-09 |
| Fitzgerald, Penelope | The Bookshop | 15-16 |
| Flaubert, Gustave | Madame Bovary | 03-04 |
| Flournoy, Angela | The Turner House | 16-17 |
| Foer, Jonathan Safran | Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close | 08-09 |
| Forna, Aminatta | Happiness | 20-21 |
| Forster, E.M. | A Passage to India | 06-07 |
| Fountain, Ben | Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk | 19-20 |
| Frank, Robert | Richistan | 08-09 (night) |
| Frazier, Charles | Cold Mountain | 98-99 |
| Freese, Barbara | Coal | 08-09 |
| Friedman, Thomas | From Beirut to Lebanon | 03-04 |
| Fuller, Alexandra | Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight | 03-04 |

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| Gaines, Steven | Philistines at the Hedgerow | 02-03 |
| Gayford, Martin | Yellow House | 07-08 |
| Gilchrist, Ellen | Victory Over Japan | 99-00 |
| Gladwell, Malcolm | Blink | 08-09 (night) |
| Godon, Noah | The Last Jew | 14-15 |
| Goldberg, Myla | Bee Season | 01-02 |
| Goolrick, Robert | A Reliable Wife | 12-13 |
| Gopnik, Adam | Paris to the Moon | 02-03 |
| Gore, Vidal | Palimpsest | 96-97 |
| Graham, Katherine | Personal History | 98-99 |
| Greer, Andrew Sean | The Story of a Marriage | 12-13 |
| Greer, Andrew Sean | Less | 20-21 |
| Groff, Lauren | The Monsters of Templeton | 08-09 |
| Gunsekera, Romesh | Reef | 97-98 |
| Guterson, David | Snow Falling On Cedars | 96-97 |
| Gyasi, Yaa | Homegoing | 17-18 |

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| Haddon, Mark | The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime | 04-05 |
| Haigh, Jennifer | Heat and Light | 17-18 |
| Hamid, Mohsin | Exit West | 19-20 |
| Hannah, Kristin | The Great Alone | 20-21 |
| Hansen, Eric | Orchid Fever | 01-02 |
| Harding, Paul | Tinkers | 10-11 |
| Harrison, Jim | Legends of the Fall | 07-08 |
| Harrison, Jim | The English Major | 16-17 |
| Haruf, Kent | The Tie That Binds/Plainsong | 01-02 |
| Haslet, Adam | Imagine Me Gone | 18-19 |
| Hawthorne, Nathaniel | The Scarlet Letter | 07-08 (night) |
| Hazzard, Shirley | The Great Fire | 04-05 |
| Heller, Zoe | The Believers | 18-19 |
| Helprin, Mark | Memoir From Antproof Case | 96-97 |
| Hessler, Peter | River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze | 03-04 |
| Hochschild, Adam | King Leopold's Ghost | 01-02 |

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| Hoffman, Alice | The Ice Queen | 07-08 |
| Honeyman, Gail | Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine | 21-22 |
| Hooper, Emma | Etta and Otto and Russell and James | 17-18 |
| Horan, Nancy | Loving Frank | 08-09 |
| Hosseini, Khaled | The Kite Runner | 05-06 |
| Hosseini, Khaled | A Thousand Splendid Suns | 07-08 |
| Howells, William Dean | The Rise of Silas Lapham | 07-08 (night) |
| Hurston, Zora Neale | Their Eyes Were Watching God | 08-09/ 22-23 |
| Irving, John | A Prayer for Owen Meany | 99-00 |
| Jiles, Paulette | News of the World | 19-20 |
| Joo, Cho Nam | Kim Jiyong, Born 1982 | 21-22 |
| Jonasson, Jonas | The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared | 15-16 |
| Jones, Edward P. | The Known World | 04-05 |
| Jones, Lloyd | Mr. Pip | 12-13 |
| Jones, Tayari | An American Marriage | 18-19 |
| Jordan, Hillary | Mudbound | 13-14 |

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| Joyce, Rachel | The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry | 13-14 |
| Kallos, Stephanie | Broken for You | 12-13 |
| Karr, Mary | The Liar's Club | 96-97 |
| Karr, Mary | Lit | 11-12 |
| Kendi, Irahim | How to be an Antiracist | 20-21 |
| Kerouac, Jack | On the Road | 05-06 |
| Kidd, Sue Monk | The Secret Life of Bees | 03-04 |
| Kiernan, Denise | The Girls of Atomic City | 19-20 |
| Kingsolver, Barbara | The Poisonwood Bible | 99-00 |
| Kingsolver, Barbara | Flight Behavior | 15-16 |
| Klay, Phil | Redeployment | 15-16 |
| Krueger, William Kent | Ordinary Grace | 18-19 |
| Kurlansky, Mark | Cod | 08-09 |
| Kushner, Tony | Angels in America | 07-08 |
| Lagnado, Lucette Matalon | The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit | 12-13 |
| Larson, Erik | Devil in the White City | 05-06 |

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| Larson, Erik | In the Garden of the Beasts | 12-13 |
| Latiolais, Michelle | Widow: Stories | 11-12 |
| Lee, Chang-rae | A Gesture Life | 11-12/17-18 |
| Lee, Harper | To Kill a Mockingbird | 15-16 |
| Lee, Min Jin | Pachinko | 20-21/22-23 |
| LeGuin, Ursula K. | The Left Hand of Darkness | 20-21 |
| Lethem, Jonathan | The Fortress of Solitude | 19-20 |
| Lethem, Jonathan | Motherless Brooklyn | 01-02 (night) |
| Lewis, C.S. | The Screwtape Letters | 01-02 |
| Lively, Penelope | Moon Tiger | 12-13 |
| Llosa, Mario Vargas | Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter | 01-02 |
| Lowry, Lois | The Giver | 19-20 |
| Malamud, Bernard | The Natural | 01-02 (night) |
| Manchester, William | A World Lit Only By Fire | 08-09 (night) |
| Mandel, Emily St. John | Station Eleven | 15-16 |
| Mantel, Hilary | Bring Up the Bodies | 18-19 |

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| Marquez, Gabriel Garcia | One Hundred Years of Solitude | 00-01 |
| Martel, Yann | Life of PI | 03-04 |
| Mathis, Ayana | The Twelve Tribes of Hattie | 16-17 |
| Maugham, W. Somerset | The Painted Veil | 08-09 (night) |
| Mayle, Peter | A Year in Provence | 01-02 (night) |
| Mazzeo, Tilar J. | The Widow Clicquot | 19-20 |
| McBride, James | The Color of Water | 98-99 |
| McBride, James | Deacon King Kong | 22-23 |
| McBride, James | The Good Lord Bird | 14-15 |
| McCann, Colum | Let the Great World Spin | 10-11/18-19 |
| McCarthy, Cormac | The Road | 07-08 |
| McCourt, Frank | Angela's Ashes | 97-98 |
| McCullers, Carson | The Heart is a Lonely Hunter | 04-05 |
| McDermott, Alice | Charming Billy | 07-08 |
| McEwan, Ian | Atonement | 03-04 |
| McEwan, Ian | Machines Like Me | 22-23 |

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| McEwan, Ian | Saturday | 06-07 |
| McEwan, Ian | Sweet Tooth | 14-15 |
| McKenzie, Elizabeth | The Portable Veblen | 16-17 |
| Messud, Claire | The Emperor's Children | 08-09 |
| Miles, Jonathan | Dear American Airlines | 09-10 |
| Milford, Nancy | Savage Beauty | 02-03 |
| Mitchell, David | Black Swan Green | 15-16 |
| Moehringer, J.R. | The Tender Bar | 06-07 |
| Moody, Rick | The Ice Storm | 97-98 |
| Morrison, Toni | Song of Solomon | 97-98 |
| Morrison, Toni | Beloved | 06-07 |
| Morton, Brian | Florence Gordon | 17-18 |
| Moyes, JoJo | Me Before You | 13-14 |
| Munro, Alice | Runaway: Stories | 10-11 |
| Murakami, Haruki | Wind/Pinball | 17-18 |
| Nemirovsky, Irene | Suite Francaise | 07-08 |

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| Nemirovsky, Irene | Fire in the Blood | 08-09 |
| Ng, Celeste | Everything I Never Told You | 15-16 |
| Nguyen, Viet Thanh | The Sympathizer | 16-17 |
| O'Brien, Tim | The Things They Carried | 05-06 |
| O'Falain, Nuala | Are You Somebody | 00-01 |
| Offill, Jenny | Weather | 21-22 |
| Ogawa, Yoko | The Memory Police | 21-22 |
| Ondaatje, Michael | The English Patient | 96-97 |
| Orange, Tommy | There, There | 20-21 |
| Orwell, George | Homage to Catalonia | 06-07 |
| Osman, Richard | The Thursday Murder Club | 22-23 |
| Patchett, Ann | Bel Canto | 02-03 |
| Patchett, Ann | Run | 09-10 |
| Pearlman, Edith | Binocular Vision | 12-13 |
| Philbrick, Nathaniel | Mayflower | 07-08 (night) |
| Postman, Neil | Amusing Ourselves to Death | 07-08 (night) |

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| Powers, Richard | The Echo Maker | 10-11 |
| Rachman, Tom | The Imperfectionists | 14-15 |
| Roach, Mary | Stiff | 06-07 |
| Robbins, Tom | Skinny Legs and All | 99-00 |
| Roth, Philip | American Pastoral | 01-02 |
| Roth, Philip | Everyman | 10-11 |
| Rowley, Steven | The Editor | 20-21 |
| Roy, Arundhati | The God of Small Things | 98-99 |
| Rushdie, Salman | Midnight's Children | 01-02 (night) |
| Russell, Karen | Swamplandia! | 16-17 |
| Russo, Richard | Straight Man | 09-10 |
| Russo, Richard | Empire Falls | 10-11 |
| Said, Edward W. | Out of Place | 02-03 |
| Saks, Elyn R. | The Center Cannot Hold | 08-09 (night) |
| Salinger, J.D. | Nine Stories | 01-02 (night) |
| Saltzman, Mark | Lying Awake | 11-12 |

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| Santos, John Phillip | Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation | 05-06 |
| Scherm, Rebecca | A House Between Earth and the Moon | 22 - 23 |
| Schlink, Bernhard | The Reader | 15-16 |
| Schlissel, Lillian | Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey | 97-98 |
| Schlosser, Eric | Reefer Madness | 05-06 |
| Schulman, Helen | This Beautiful Life | 14-15 |
| Schwartz, Christina | All Is Vanity | 03-04 |
| Sebald, W.G. | Austerlitz | 03-04 |
| Sebold, Alice | The Lovely Bones | 02-03 |
| See, Lisa | On Gold Mountain | 01-02 |
| See, Lisa | The Island of Sea Women | 22-23 |
| Setterfield, Diane | The Thirteenth Tale | 09-10 |
| Shields, Carol | The Stone Diaries | 96-97 |
| Shields, Carol | Larry's Party | 99-00 |
| Shriver, Lionel | The Mandibles: A Family, 2029-2047 | 17-18 |
| Silver, Marisa | Mary Coin | 14-15 |

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| Simpson, Mona | Anywhere But Here | 98-99 |
| Simpson, Mona | My Hollywood | 13-14 |
| Smith, Betty | A Tree Grows in Brooklyn | 06-07 |
| Smith, Zadie | NW | 13-14 |
| Soli, Tatjana | The Lotus Eaters | 12-13 |
| Spencer, Scott | Man in the Woods | 11-12 |
| Stegner, Wallace | Angle of Repose | 98-99 |
| Stegner, Wallace | Crossing to Safety | 00-01 |
| Stegner, Wallace | The Spectator Bird | 11-12 |
| Steinbeck, John | The Grapes of Wrath | 02-03 |
| Straight, Susan | Highwire Moon | 22-23 |
| Strout, Elizabeth | My Name is Lucy Barton | 18-19 |
| Strout, Elizabeth | Olive Kitteridge | 09-10 |
| Suri, Manil | The Death of Vishnu | 02-03 |
| Suskind, Peter | Perfume | 03-04 |
| Suter, Martin | Small World | 19-20 |

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| Thomas, Steven M. | Criminal Paradise | 08-09 (night) |
| Tiger, Lionel | The Imperial Animal | 01-02 (night) |
| Tobar, Hector | The Barbarian Nurseries | 15-16 |
| Toibin, Colm | The Master | 05-06 |
| Toole, John Kennedy | A Confederacy of Dunces | 16-17 |
| Towles, Amor | A Gentleman in Moscow | 17-18 |
| Towles, Amor | Rules of Civility | 13-14 |
| Truong, Monique | The Book of Salt | 04-05 |
| Twain, Mark | Adventures of Huckleberry Finn | 07-08 (night) |
| Tyler, Anne | Ladder of Years | 96-97 |
| Tyler, Anne | Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant | 98-99 |
| Updike, John | Rabbit, Run | 09-10 |
| Vaill, Amanda | Everybody Was So Young | 99-00 |
| Vance, J.D. | Hillbilly Elegy | 18-19 |
| Vowell, Sarah | Unfamiliar Fishes | 19-20 |
| Walker, Alice | The Color Purple | 07-08 (night) |

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| Walker, Matthew | Why We Sleep: The New Science of Sleep and Dreams | 21-22 |
| Watson, Larry | Montana 1948 | 97-98 |
| Waugh, Evelyn | Brideshead Revisited | 02-03 |
| Weber, Katharine | Triangle | 07-08 |
| Weldon, Fay | Letters to Alice on First Reading Jane Austen | 00-01 |
| Welty, Eudora | The Optimist's Daughter | 99-00 |
| Wharton, Edith | Age of Innocence | 12-13 |
| Whitehead, Colson | The Underground Railroad | 17-18 |
| Wilde, Oscar | The Picture of Dorian Gray | 14-15 |
| Winchester, Simon | The Man Who Loved China | 10-11 |
| Winer, Andrew | The Marriage Artist | 18-19 |
| Woolf, Virginia | Mrs. Dalloway | 00-01 |
| Woolf, Virginia | To the Lighthouse | 10-11 |
| Xinran | The Good Women of China: Hidden Voices | 04-05 |
| Yun, Jung | Shelter | 16-17 |
| Zamora, Martha | Frida Kahlo: Brush of Anguish | 02-03 |

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| Zia, Helen | Last Boat out of Shanghai: The Epic Story of the Chinese Who Fled Mao's Revolution | 20-21 |
| Zusak, Markus | The Book Thief | 11-12 |