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Book Discussion Reading List 1996-2024

Author	Book Title	Year Read
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, Hernan	Trust	23-24
Diaz, Junot	The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao	09-10/ 20-21
Didion, Joan	Democracy	06-07

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Diffenbaugh, Vanessa	The Language of Flowers	14-15
Dillard, Annie	An American Childhood	98-99
Doctorow, E.L.	The March	11-12
Doerr, Anthony	Cloud Cuckoo Land	23-24
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
Dumas, Firoozeh	It Ain't So Awful, Falafel	24-25
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

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Enger, Leif	Peace Like a River	03-04
Erdrich, Louise	The Round House	13-14
Eugenides, Jeffrey	Middlesex	05-06
Everett, Percival	James	24-25
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)

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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
Gaines, Steven	Philistines at the Hedgerow	02-03
Garmus, Bonnie	Lessons in Chemistry	23-24
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

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Greer, Andrew Sean	Less	20-21
Groff, Lauren	The Monsters of Templeton	08-09
Gunasekera, Romesh	Reef	97-98
Guterson, David	Snow Falling On Cedars	96-97
Gunty, Tess	The Rabbit Hutch	23-24
Gyasi, Yaa	Homegoing	17-18
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

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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
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

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Joo, Cho Nam	Kim Jiyoung, 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
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

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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
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
Li Yiyun	The Book of Goose	24-25

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Lively, Penelope	Moon Tiger	12-13
Llosa, Mario Vargas	Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter	01-02
Lopez, Steve	The Soloist	23-24
Lowry, Lois	The Giver	19-20
Makkai, Rebecca	The Great Believers	24-25
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
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

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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
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

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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
Nemirovsky, Irene	Fire in the Blood	08-09
Ng, Celeste	Everything I Never Told You	15-16
Nguyen, Phong	Bronze Drum: A Novel of Sisters and War	23-24
Nguyen, Viet Thanh	The Sympathizer	16-17 / 24-25
O'Brien, Tim	The Things They Carried	05-06
O'Falain, Nuala	Are You Somebody	00-01
Offill, Jenny	Weather	21-22

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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)
Powers, Richard	The Echo Maker	10-11
Powers, Richard	The Overstory	23-24
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

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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
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

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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	Lady Tan's Circle of Women	23-24
See, Lisa	On Gold Mountain	01-02
See, Lisa	The Island of Sea Women	22-23
Setterfield, Diane	The Thirteenth Tale	09-10
Shelley, Mary	Frankenstein	23-24
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
Simpson, Mona	Anywhere But Here	98-99
Simpson, Mona	My Hollywood	13-14
Smith, Betty	A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	06-07

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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
Thomas, Steven M.	Criminal Paradise	08-09 (night)
Tiger, Lionel	The Imperial Animal	01-02 (night)
Tobar, Hector	The Barbarian Nurseries	15-16

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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	The Lincoln Highway	24-25
Towles, Amor	Rules of Civility	13-14
Truong, Monique	The Book of Salt	04-05
Twain, Mark	Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	07-08 (night)
Twain, Mark	Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	24-25
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)
Walker, Matthew	Why We Sleep: The New Science of Sleep and Dreams	21-22

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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
Williams, Eley	The Liar's Dictionary	24-25
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, Javier	Solito	24-25

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Zamora, Martha	Frida Kahlo: Brush of Anguish	02-03
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