

# Books We've Read

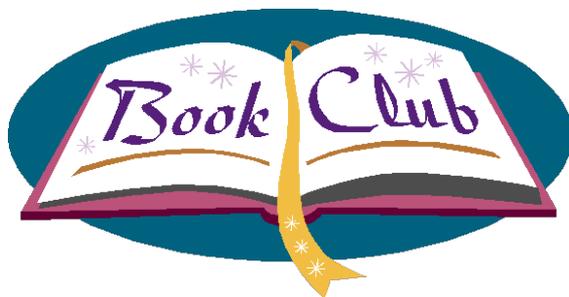
## Tuesday Evening Book Discussion

December 1996 - December 2025

Mansfield Public Library's Book Discussion Group has been meeting regularly since December 1996, usually the second Tuesday of every month, 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Although we don't always like the same books, we always find something to talk about and often something to laugh about, too.

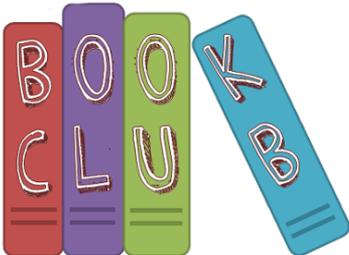
This friendly group continually welcomes new members. If you can only come on a "drop in-drop out" basis, that's fine with us. If you haven't finished the book, don't worry about it!

Extra copies of each book will be available at our library before the discussion.



**Please join us for a book discussion whenever  
you can. Bring a friend!**

Title	Author
<b>Fiction Titles</b>	
<b>A</b>	
Reservation Blues	Alexie, Sherman
The House of the Spirits	Allende, Isabel
In the Time of the Butterflies	Alvarez, Julia
Yo!	Alvarez, Julia
Feed	Anderson, M. T.
Case Histories	Atkinson, Kate
The Penelopiad	Atwood, Margaret
The Robber Bride	Atwood, Margaret
<b>B</b>	
Pere Goriot	Balzac, Honoré de
Dark Quartet	Banks, Lynne Reid
The Elegance of the Hedgehog	Barbery, Muriel
Darwin's Radio	Bear, Greg
The Teleportation Accident	Beauman, Ned
The Personal Librarian	Benedict, Marie
A Place Where the Sea Remembers	Benítez, Sandra
The Lady in the Van	Bennett, Alan
The Uncommon Reader	Bennett, Alan
Trans-Sister Radio	Bohjalian, Chris
Through Black Spruce	Boyden, Joseph
Tortilla Curtain	Boyle, T. Coraghessan
The War that Saved My Life	Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker
2030: the Real Story of What Happens to America	Brooks, Albert
Caleb's Crossing	Brooks, Geraldine
Horse	Brooks, Geraldine
People of the Book	Brooks, Geraldine
Burning Angel	Burke, James Lee

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Girls	Busch, Frederick
Angels and Insects	Byatt, A.S.
Possession	Byatt, A. S.
<b>C</b>	
Oscar and Lucinda	Carey, Peter
One of Ours	Cather, Willa
A Psalm for the Wild-Built	Chambers, Becky
On the Black Hill	Chatwin, Bruce
Disgrace	Coetzee, J.M.
Heart of Darkness	Conrad, Joseph
A Good Death	Courtemanche, Gil
I Heard the Owl Call My Name	Craven, Margaret
The Hours	Cunningham, Michael
<b>D</b>	
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress	Dai, Sijie
Song of the Exile	Davenport, Kiana
The Cunning Man	Davies, Robertson
Fifth Business	Davies, Robertson
The Manticore	Davies, Robertson
World of Wonders	Davies, Robertson
Ireland	Delaney, Frank
Our Mutual Friend	Dickens, Charles
Gone So Long	Dubus, Andre III
	

Title	Author
<b>E</b>	
The Book of Ebenezer le Page	Edwards, G.B.
A Cup of Tea	Ephron, Amy
Middlesex	Eugenides, Jeffrey
<b>F</b>	
One Thousand White Women	Fergus, Jim
My Brilliant Friend	Ferrante, Elena
Shades of Grey	Fforde, Jasper
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet	Ford, Jamie
Independence Day	Ford, Richard
A Passage to India	Forster, E. M.
The Jane Austen Book Club	Fowler, Karen Joy
<b>G</b>	
A Tenured Professor	Galbraith, John Kenneth
One Hundred Years of Solitude	Garcia Marquez, Gabriel
Love Anthony	Genova, Lisa
Still Alice	Genova, Lisa
The Little Paris Bookshop	George, Nina
Ellen Foster	Gibbons, Kaye
Three Junes	Glass, Julia
The Overcoat	Gogol, Nikolai
Intuition	Goodman, Allegra
The House Gun	Gordimer, Nadine
My Son's Story	Gordimer, Nadine
The Pickup	Gordimer, Nadine
Across a Hundred Mountains	Grande, Reyna
Lovers and Tyrants	Gray, Francine du Plessix

Title	Author
The Comedians	Greene, Graham
Our Man in Havana	Greene, Graham
The Power and the Glory	Greene, Graham
Snow Falling on Cedars	Guterson, David



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The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Haddon, Mark
The All of It	Haien, Jeannette
Stones from the River	Hegi, Ursula
Starship Troopers	Heinlein, Robert
The Sixteen Pleasures	Hellenga, Robert
Small g	Highsmith, Patricia
Skinwalkers	Hillerman, Tony
Smilla's Sense of Snow	Hoeg, Peter
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine	Honeyman, Gail
The Kite Runner	Hosseini, Khaled
A Thousand Splendid Suns	Hosseini, Khaled
The Bone People	Hulme, Keri
Their Eyes Were Watching God	Hurston, Zora Neale

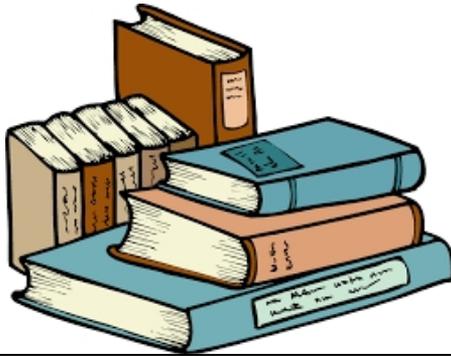
## I

The Hotel New Hampshire	Irving, John
Klara and the Sun	Ishiguro, Kazuo
The Remains of the Day	Ishiguro, Kazuo

Title	Author
<b>J</b>	
We have Always Lived in the Castle	Jackson, Shirley
The Summer Book	Jansson, Tove
News of the World	Jiles, Paulette
The Crazed	Jin, Ha
Mr. Pip	Jones, Lloyd
<b>K</b>	
Foster	Keegan, Claire
Small Things Like These	Keegan, Claire
Flowers for Algernon	Keyes, Daniel
Animal Dreams	Kingsolver, Barbara
The Bean Trees	Kingsolver, Barbara
Prodigal Summer	Kingsover, Barbara
<b>L</b>	
Interpreter of Maladies	Lahiri, Jhumpa
She's Come Undone	Lamb, Wally
The Constant Gardener	Le Carre, John
The Left Hand of Darkness	Le Guin, Ursula K.
A Gesture Life	Lee, Chang-Rae
To Kill a Mockingbird	Lee, Harper
Pachinko	Lee, Min Jin
Ben, In the World	Lessing, Doris
The Fifth Child	Lessing, Doris
The Grass is Singing	Lessing, Doris
Finding Dorothy	Letts, Elizabeth
The Boy in the Field	Livesey, Margot
<b>M</b>	
The Arctic Fury	Macallister, Greer
Eight Months on Ghazzah Street	Mantel, Hilary
Worthy Brown's Daughter	Margolin, Phillip
Life of Pi	Martel, Yann

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
So Long, See You Tomorrow	Maxwell, William
Labor Day	Maynard, Joyce
Tag Man	Mayor, Archer
The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency	McCall Smith, Alexander
The Sunday Philosophy Club	McCall Smith, Alexander
Transatlantic	McCann, Colum
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter	McCullers, Carson
The Children Act	McEwan, Ian
Nutshell	McEwan, Ian
Saturday	McEwan, Ian
Fugitive Pieces	Michaels, Anne
The Song of Achilles	Miller, Madeline
The Deep End of the Ocean	Mitchard, Jacquelyn
Paradise	Morrison, Toni
Sula	Morrison, Toni
Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned	Mosley, Walter
Dear Life	Munro, alice
A Wild Sheep Chase	Murakami, Haruki
The True Story of Hansel and Gretel	Murphy, Louise
<b>N</b>	
Lolita	Nabokov, Vladimir
Little Fires Everywhere	Ng, Celeste
One Day	Nicholls, David
<b>O</b>	
The Things They Carried	O'Brien, Tim
Wise Blood	O'Connor, Flannery
Hamnet	O'Farrell, Maggie
The Housekeeper and the Professor	Ogawa, Yoko
A Prayer for the Dying	O'Nan, Stewart

Title	Author
The Cat's Table	Ondaatje, Michael



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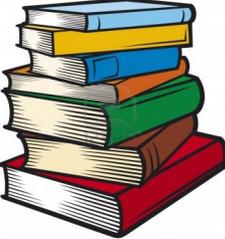
Drinking Coffee Elsewhere	Packer, ZZ
Early Autumn	Parker, Robert B.
The Dogs of Babel	Parkhurst, Carolyn
Commonwealth	Patchett, Ann
The Flanders Panel	Perez-Reverte, Arturo
Singing Her Alive	Perkins Diana K.
My Sister's Keeper	Picoult, Jodi
Nineteen Minutes	Picoult, Jodi
Loving vs. Virginia	Powell, Patricia Hruby
The Maid	Prose, Nita
The Golden Compass	Pullman, Philip
A Glass of Blessings	Pym, Barbara
The Alice Network	Quinn, Kate

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The Ministry for the Future	Robinson, Kim Stanley
Housekeeping	Robinson, Marilynne
Joy Comes in the Morning	Rosen, Jonathan
Goodbye, Columbus	Roth, Philip

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
The God of Small Things	Roy, Arundhati
The Shadow of the Wind	Ruiz Zafon, Carlos
Fury	Rushdie, Salman
<b>S</b>	
Her Own Place	Sanders, Dori
All the Names	Saramago, Jose
Kinds of Love	Sarton, May
Lincoln in the Bardo	Saunders, George
The End of Baseball	Schilling, Peter
The Thirteenth Tale	Setterfield, Diane
The Killer Angels	Shaara, Michael
The Art Forger	Shapiro, Barbara
Hidden Figures	Shetterly, Margot Lee
Unless	Shields, Carol
Beneath a Marble Sky	Shors, John
Cracking India	Sidhwa, Bapsi
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	Smith, Betty
A Ship Made of Paper	Spencer, Scott
Angle of Repose	Stegner, Wallace
The Diamond Age	Stephenson, Neal
Death of the Black-Haired Girl	Stone, Robert
My Name is Lucy Barton	Strout, Elizabeth
Olive Kitteridge	Strout, Elizabeth
<b>T</b>	
Cane River	Tademy, Lalita
The Nature of Oaks	Tallamy, Doug
Bonesetter's Daughter	Tan, Amy
The Good Thief	Tinti, Hannah
A Gentleman in Moscow	Towles, Amor
The Warden	Trollope, Anthony
The Way We Live Now	Trollope, Anthony
The Book of Joe	Tropper, Jonathan
The Samurai's Garden	Tsukiyama, Gail

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Women of the Silk	Tsukiyama, Gail
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Twain, Mark
The Accidental Tourist	Tyler, Anne
<b>U</b>	
By Blood	Ullman, Ellen
Jenny	Undset, Sigrid
Kristin Lavransdatter: the Bridal Wreath	Undset, Sigrid
Gertrude and Claudius	Updike, John
<b>V</b>	
The House by the Medlar Tree	Verga, Giovanni
<b>W - Z</b>	
Beautiful Ruins	Walter, Jess
The Corner That Held Them	Warner, Sylvia Townsend
Precious Bane	Webb, Mary
Winter in the Blood	Welch, James
The Ponder Heart	Welty, Eudora
The Wedding	West, Dorothy
Summer	Wharton, Edith
The Nickel Boys	Whitehead, Colson
Philadelphia Fire	Wideman, John Edgar
Two Cities	Wideman, John Edgar
This is Happiness	Williams, Niall
Mrs. Dalloway	Woolf, Virginia

Title	Author
	
<b>Nonfiction Titles</b>	
<b>A</b>	
There was a Country	Achebe, Chinua
What an Owl Knows	Ackerman, Jennifer
A History of God	Armstrong, Karen
<b>B</b>	
Black Dog of Fate	Balakian, Peter
A Very Easy Death	Beauvoir, Simone de
First, Do No Harm	Belkin, Lisa
The Chrysanthemum and the Sword	Benedict, Ruth
Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil	Berendt, John
The Uses of Enchantment	Bettelheim, Bruno
Kitchen Confidential	Bourdain, Anthony
Tattoos on the Heart	Boyle, Greg
All the Beauty in the World	Bringley, Patrick
Born Round	Bruni, Frank
At Home	Bryson, Bill
<b>C</b>	
A Christmas Memory	Capote, Truman
Furious Hours	Cep, Casey
Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China	Chang, Jung
Bound Feet and Western Dress	Chang, Pang-Mei Natasha

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Hegemony or Survival	Chomsky, Noam
Between the World and Me	Coates, Ta-Nehisi
Bones of the Master	Crane, George
<b>D</b>	
The Book of Joy	Dalai Lama et al
The Hare with Amber Eyes	De Waal, Edmund
Having Our Say	Delany, Sarah & Bessie
Nothing to Envy	Demick, Barbara
Lost Prophet: the Life... Bayard Rustin	D'Emilio, John
The Year of Magical Thinking	Didion, Joan
Pilgrim at Tinker Creek	Dillard, Annie
Townie	Dubus, Andre
<b>E</b>	
Dogtown: Death and Enchantment in a New England Ghost Town	East, Elyssa
The Monk of Mokha	Eggers, Dave
Zeitoun	Eggers, Dave
Nickel and Dimed	Ehrenreich, Barbara
<b>F - G</b>	
The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down	Fadiman, Anne
Being Mortal	Gawande, Atul
Better	Gawande, Atul
Blink	Gladwell, Malcolm
David and Goliath	Gladwell, Malcolm
Our Kind of People	Graham, Lawrence Otis
<b>H - I</b>	
Lest Innocent Blood be Shed	Hallie, Philip
The World's Strongest Librarian	Hanagarne, Josh

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
The Lost Painting	Harr, Jonathan
River Town: two years on the Yangtze	Hessler, Peter
Being Heumann	Heumann, Judith E.
Seabiscuit: an American Legend	Hillenbrand, Laura
Riot and Remembrance	Hirsch, James S.
Infidel	Hirsi Ali, Ayaan
<b>J - K</b>	
Tribe	Junger, Sebastian
Mountains Beyond Mountains	Kidder, Tracy
Braiding Sweetgrass	Kimmerer, Robin Wall
On Writing	King, Stephen
<b>L</b>	
Don't Think of an Elephant	Lakoff, George
Couldn't Keep It to Myself	Lamb, Wally, editor
Dancing Fish and Ammonites	Lively, Penelope
No Pretty Pictures	Lobel, Anita
	
<b>M</b>	
All Souls: A Family Story from Southie	MacDonald, Michael Patrick
A Long Walk to Freedom	Mandela, Nelson
Young Men and Fire	Maclean, Norman
1491: New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus	Mann, Charles C.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Paris, a Love Story	Marton, Kati
Spoon River Anthology	Masters, Edgar Lee
The Color of Water	McBride, James
Makes Me Wanna Holler	McCall, Nathan
Coming into the Country	McPhee, John
Carry Me Home: Birmingham...	McWhorter, Diane
The River of Doubt	Millard, Candice
Lipstick Jihad: a memoir...	Moaveni, Azadeh
A Writer's House in Wales	Morris, Jan
Never Cry Wolf	Mowat, Farley
Blizzard! The Storm that Changed America	Murphy, Jim
<b>N - O</b>	
Speak, Memory	Nabokov, Vladimir
Reading Lolita in Tehran	Nafisi, Azar
The Republic of Imagination	Nafisi, Azar
An Area of Darkness	Naipaul, V. S.
Born a Crime	Noah, Trevor
The Road to Wigan Pier	Orwell, George
<b>P - Q</b>	
Truth and Beauty	Patchett, Ann
The Memoirs of a Black Southern- New Englander	Peters, James S.
The Omnivore's Dilemma	Pollan, Michael
Where Peachtree Meets Sweet Auburn	Pomerantz, Gary
God is Not One	Prothero, Stephen
<b>R</b>	
Tender at the Bone	Reichl, Ruth
The Undiscovered Paul Robeson	Robeson, Paul, Jr.
Look Me in the Eye	Robison, John Elder
Elsewhere	Russo, Richard

Title	Author
<b>S</b>	
An Anthropologist on Mars	Sacks, Oliver
On the Move	Sacks, Oliver
Persepolis 1 & 2	Satrapi, MarJane
Fast Food Nation	Schlosser, Eric
The Bookseller of Kabul	Seierstad, Asne
You Don't Look Like Anyone I Know	Sellers, Heather
Mortal Lessons	Selzer, Richard
Doubt: a Parable	Shanley, John Patrick
The Girl from Foreign	Shepard, Sadia
The Island at the Center of the World: the Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan...	Shorto, Russell
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca
Girls of Tender Age	Smith, Mary-Ann Tirone
Just Kids	Smith, Patti
Thomas Jefferson's Qur'an	Spellberg, Denise A.
The Hacienda	St Aubin de Teran, Lisa
Chesapeake Requiem	Swift, Earl
<b>T - U</b>	
My Stroke of Insight	Taylor, Jill Bolte
Deep Down Dark	Tobar, Hector
The Lemon Tree	Tolan, Sandy
Travels with Alice	Trillin, Calvin
<b>V</b>	
Just like Someone without mental illness...	Vonnegut, Mark
Unfamiliar Fishes	Vowell, Sarah

Title	Author
W - Z	
The Glass Castle	Walls, Jeannette
One Writer's Beginnings	Welty, Eudora
Educated	Westover, Tara
Night	Wiesel, Elie
The Hidden Life of Trees	Wohlleben, Peter
Call the Midwife	Worth, Jennifer
Catching Fire: How Cooking Made us Human	Wrangham, Richard

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