

Book Choices

Total Books recommended: 97 different books – we are readers!

Most mentioned:

Anthony Doerr, *All the Light We Cannot See* (16)

Atul Gawande, *Being Mortal* (11)

Daniel James Brown, *The Boys in the Boat* (6)

Ta-Nehisi Coates, *Between the World and Me* (4)

Erik Larson, *Dead Wake* (3)

Isabell Wilkerson, *The Warmth of Other Suns* (3)

Kristin Hannah, *The Nightingale* (2)

Sue Monk Kidd, *The Invention of Wings* (2)

Chimamanda Adiche, *Americanah* (2)

Paul Kalanithi, *When Breath Becomes Air* (2)

Donna Tartt, *The Goldfinch* (2)

JoJo Moyes, *Me Before You* (2)

Colm Tóibín, *Brooklyn* (2) (and *The Master*)

Lynne Olson, *Citizens of London* (2)

Authors (more than one book)

Geraldine Brooks (*Years of Wonder*, *Caleb's Crossing*)

Kate Atkinson (*Life after Life*; *A God in Ruins*)

Barbara Kingsolver, (*Animal, Vegetable, Mineral*; *The Lacuna*; *Flight Behavior*)

Kent Haruf (*Plainsong*; *Our Souls at Night*)

John Grisham (*Gray Mountain*; *Sycamore Row*)

Ken Follett, (*Winter of the World*; *Fall of Giants*; *Pillars of the Earth*)

Books made into Movie choices

Colm Tóibín, “*Brooklyn*” (2 book, 8 movie)

Andy Weir, “*The Martian*” (1 book, 6 movie)

Non-fiction: History

Lynn Olson, *Citizens of London* (WWII Americans)

Erik Larson, *Dead Wake* (Lusitania)

Daniel Brown, *The Boys in the Boat* (University of Washington Rowers in 1930's)

Wade Davis, *Into the Silence*: (Mallory and the Conquest of Everest)

Doris Kearns Goodwin, *The Bully Pulpit* (T Roosevelt); *Team of Rivals* (Lincoln)

Joseph Ellis, *Founding Brothers*

David Meltzer, *First Peoples in a New World* (earliest Native American settlers in America)

Candace Millard, *Destiny of the Republic* (Garfield's assassination)

David Gessner, *All the Wild That Remains* (Edwin Abbey and Wallace Stegner and the American West)

Penny Colman, *Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony*

Biography/Autobiography/Memoir

Sonia Purnell, *Clementine* (Winston Churchill's wife)

James Rebanks, *The Shepherd's Life* (Life on an English sheep farm)

Child Star: Shirley Temple's Autobiography (1988, but newly available)

Susan Wittig Albert, *Loving Eleanor* (novel based on the relationship of Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok)

Carlos Eire, *Waiting for Snow in Havana* (Childhood in pre-revolutionary Cuba)

Sonia Sotomayor, *My Beloved World*

Linda Hirschman, *Sisters in Law*: (Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and how they changed the Supreme Court)

Kamin Mohaddimi, *The Cypress Tree* (Memoir of an Iranian exile's visit to her family in Iran)

Will Schwalbe, *The End of Your Life Book Club* (memoir of book talks with his dying mother)

Contemporary Issues:

Ta-Nehisi Coates, *Between the World and Me* (meditation on what it means to be black in America today)

Isabel Wilkerson, *The Warmth of Other Suns* (Black migration to the north and west)

Jacqueline Woodson, *Brown Girl Dreaming* (Memoir in poetry)

Barbara Ehrenreich, *Nickel and Dime* (undercover investigation of life of the working poor)

Nicholas Kristof, *Half the Sky* and *The Path Ahead* (suffering of women in the developing world and evaluating effectiveness of charities)

Science, Nature, Medicine

Atul Gawande, *Being Mortal*

Paul Kalanithi, *When Breath Becomes Air* (autobiographical account of a doctor's terminal cancer)

Sam Kean, *The Violinist's Thumb* (DNA)

Anything by Sean Carroll (physics and astronomy)

Malcolm Gladwell, *the Outliers*

Religion, Philosophy, Self-Help

Bernie Siegel, *Peace, Love and Healing*

Diana Butler Bass, *Christianity after Religion*

Richard Rohr, *Falling Upward*

William Paul Young, *Eve*

Dan Harris, *10% Happier*

Classics (old and new)

Thomas Mann, *Buddenbrooks*

Kurt Vonnegut, *Slaughterhouse Five*

Epictetus, *The Art of Living*

Ernest Gaines, *A Lesson Before Dying*

John Williams, *Stoner*

Other Novels

Claire Messud, *The Last Life*

Steven Galloway, *The Cellist of Sarajevo* (based on a true story)

Matthew Thomas, *We are Not Ourselves*

Jhumpa Lahiri, *In Other Words*

Penelope Fitzgerald, *The Blue Flower*

Laine Moriarty, *Husband's Secret*

Marilynne Robinson, *Gilead* (and *Home* and *Lila*)

Marisa Silver, *Mary Coin* (novel based on the Dorothy Lange photograph "Migrant Mother")

Bel Foure, *The Paris Architect*

Anita Diamant, *The Boston Girl*

Abraham Verghese, *Cutting for Stone*

Rhys Brown, Molly Murphy mysteries

Lissa Evans, *The Crooked Heart*

Kseniya Melnik, *Snow in May* (short stories set in Russia)

Harper Lee, *Go Set a Watchman*

Dave Eggers, *The Circle*

Amitav Ghosh, The *Ibis* trilogy

Ann Patchett, *Bel Canto*

Any Louise Penny or Donna Leon mysteries

Ian McEwan, *Sweet Tooth*

Jim Fergus, *1000 White Women* (Fictional diaries of an ancestor traded as a bride to Indians)

Paula Hawkins, *The Girl on the Train*

Lily King, *Euphoria* (Novel based on Margaret Mead in Indonesia)

Greg Iles, *Natchez Burning*

Colum McCann, *TransAtlantic*

Khaled Hosseini, *The Kite Runner*

Max Brooks, *World War Z* (Science Fiction)

Hilary Mantel, *Wolf Hall*

Graeme Simsion, *The Rosie Effect*

