

Books read by Trinity Book Group since 1982

2023-2024

The Brothers: John Foster Dulles, Allen Dulles and their Secret World War, by Stephen Kinzer

The Dictionary of Lost Words, by Pip Williams

The Secret Book of Flora Lea, by Patti Callaghan Henry

Purple Hibiscus, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Horse, by Geraldine Brooks

Paradox Lake of Memory, by Kate Johns Walton

The Other Side of Prospect: A Story of Violence, Injustice, and the American City, by Nicholas Dawidoff

2022-2023

A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing and the Future of the Human Race by Walter Isaacson

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

This is Happiness by Niall Williams

2021-2022

March by Geraldine Brooks

The Book of Longings Sue Monk Kidd

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Apeirogon by Colum McCann

Barchester Towers by Anthony Trollope

Caste: The Origins of our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson

The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

2020-2021

The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History by John M Barry

Between the world and me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna

The Splendid and the Vile by Eric Larson

The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Chrisy Lefteri

The Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

2019-2020

Pastrix by Nadia Bolz-Webber

Half Earth by Edward O. Wilson

Half Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls

My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor

Circling the Sun by Paula McLain

The Judge Hunter by Christopher Buckley

Educated by Tara Westover

2018-2019

The Gustav Sonata by Rose Tremain
White Teeth by Zadie Smith
Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
Kitchen Confidential by Anthony Bourdain
The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton
The Light Between Oceans by M. L. Stedman

2017-2018

Hillbilly Elegy by J D Vance
The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey
A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman
Between You and Me: Confessions of a Comma Queen by Mary Norris
Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult
The Relic Master by Christopher Buckley
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

2016-2017

Mr Mac and Me by Esther Freud
A Violet Season by Kathy Czepiel
Life After Life by Kate Atkinson
The Light of the World by Elizabeth Alexander
Tourmaline by Derek Stroup
Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf
The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace by Jeff Hobbs
200 Years on the Green by Neil Olsen

2015-2016

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
Journey from the Land of No by Roya Hakakian
The Daring Ladies of Lowell by Kate Alcott
10% Happier by Dan Harris
Dead Wake by Erik Larson
The Unknown Terrorist by Richard Flanagan
The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert

2014-2015

The Dove Keepers, Alice Hoffman
Gaudy Night, Dorothy L. Sayers
The Invention of Wings, Sue Monk-Kidd
The Citizen of London, Lynne Olson
The Testament of Mary, Colm Toibin
Miss Buncl's Book, D. D. Stevenson

2013-2014

The Warmth of Other Suns, Isabel Wilkerson
The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald
East is East, T.C. Boyle
The Language of Flowers, Vanessa Diffenbaugh
Down the Santa Fé Trail and into Mexico, Susan Shelby Magoffin
Flight Behavior, Barbara Kingsolver
The Beautiful Mystery, Louise Penny

2012-2013

Cleopatra, Stacey Schiff
The Gift of Asher Lev, Chaim Potok
Caleb's Crossing, Geraldine Brooks
State of Wonder, Ann Patchett
The Twentieth Wife, Indu Sundareshan
Their Eyes were Watching God, Zora Neale Hurston
The Paris Wife, Paula McLain

2011-2012

The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, Jamie Ford
The Sea, The Sea, Iris Murdoch
When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1860 to the Present, Gail Collins
The Madonnas of Leningrad, Deborah Dean
The Cellist of Sarajevo, Steven Galloway
Enough: Why the World's Poorest Starve in an Age of Plenty, Roger Thurow and Scott Kilman
The Sunday Philosophy Club, Alexander McCall Smith

2010-2011

A Game of Character, Craig Robinson
The Last Station, Jay Parini
The Piano Teacher, Janice Y K Lee
Olive Kitteridge, Elizabeth Strout
Middlesex, Jeffrey Eugenides
The Help, Kathryn Stockett
Thoreau Night, read one of his 3 books, Henry David Thoreau

2009-2010

Loving Frank, Nancy Horan
Christ the Lord, Out of Egypt, Anne Rice
Suite Francaise, Irene Némirovsky
Dreams from my Father, Barack Obama
Body and Soul, Frank Conroy
The Clothes on Their Backs, Linda Grant
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows

2008-2009

The Big Oyster, Mark Kurlansky
A Letter to America, David Boren
The Inheritance of Loss, Kiran Desai
A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini
Founding Brothers, Joseph J. Ellis
The Cossacks, Leo Tolstoy
Infidel, Ayaan Hirsi Ali

2007-2008

The Naturalist, Edward O. Wilson
The Memory Keeper's Daughter, Kim Edwards
Miss Garnet's Angel, Salley Vickers
A Year In the Life of William Shakespeare, James Shapiro
Water for Elephants, Sara Gruen
Speaking of Faith, Krista Tippett
A Judgement in Stone, Ruth Rendell

2006-2007

The Devil's Highway, Luis Alberto Urrea
Beloved, Toni Morrison
Living Buddha, Living Christ, Thich Nhat Hanh
Never Let Me Go, Kazuo Ishiguro
The Voyage of the Beagle, Charles Darwin
Saturday, Ian McEwan
The Human Stain, Philip Roth

2005-2006

It Takes a Village, Hillary Clinton
The Reader, Bernhard Schlink,
The Left Hand of Darkness, Ursula K. Leguin
The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, C. S. Lewis
The Spiral Staircase: My Climb Out of Darkness, Karen Armstrong
The Kite-Runner, Khaled Hosseini
Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy, Carlos Eire
A Town Like Alice, Nevil Shute

2004-2005

Reading Lolita in Tehran, Azar Nafisi
The Poisonwood Bible, Barbara Kingsolver
The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency and Tears of the Giraffe, Alexander McCall Smith
Beyond Belief, Elaine Pagels
Out of Africa, Isak Dinesen
As I Sat on the Green, ed. Alice Mattison et al
The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd

2003-2004

The Piano on the Left Bank, Thad Carhart
The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror, Bernard Lewis
Life of Pi, Yann Martel
Bel Canto, Ann Patchett
Prague, Arthur Philip
The Golden Compass, Philip Pullman
Mutant Message Down Under, Marlo Morgan

2002-2003

Firehouse, David Halberstam
Jim the Boy, Tony Earley
Lying Awake, Mark Salzman
The Blind Assassin, Margaret Atwood
Death in Holy Orders, P. D. James
Seabiscuit, Laura Hillenbrand
Quartet in Autumn, Barbara Pym

2001-2002

Girl with a Pearl Earring, Tracy Chevalier
The Gifts of the Jews, Thomas Cahill
A Month in the Country, J. L. Carr
My Garden Book, Jamaica Kincaid
Disgrace, J. M. Coetzee
Uncle Tom's Cabin, Harriet Beecher Stowe
Plainsong, Kent Haruf

1999-2000

Dust Tracks on a Road, Zorqa Neale Hurston
Mendel's Dwarf, Simon Mawer
Lambs of God, Marele Day
Spending, Mary Gordon
For the Time Being, Annie Dillard
Postcards, Annie Proux

Summer Reading 1993

The Optimist's Daughter, Eudora Welty
Amongst Women, John McGahern
Wide Sargasso Sea, Jean Rhys

1982-1999

The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood (first book read in 1982)
The Remains of the Day, Kazuo Ishiguro
Fried Green Tomatoes, Fanny Flagg
Beloved, Toni Morrison
Father Melancholy's Daughter, Gail Godwin

Other Women's Children, Perri Klass
Beet Queen, Louise Erdrich
A Prayer for Owen Meaney, John Irving
Black Ice, Laureen Carey
Wartime Lies, Louise Begley
Housekeeping, Margaret Robinson
How the Garcia Girls Lost their accent, Julia Alvarez
The Road from Coorain, Jill Ker Conway
Their Eyes were Watching God, Zora Neale Hurston
Two Lives, William Trevor
A Thousand Acres, Jane Smiley
Uncle Tom's Cabin, Harriet Beecher Stowe