

January 3 – Call the Midwife by Jennifer Worth

Going into its 8th season on PBS, this beloved series is based on a memoir trilogy that fewer people have actually read. We shall read the original book in the trilogy and see what started this phenomena.

Spring Series : Memory

Is memory what makes us human? What happens when memories are taken away...or perhaps worse, when they are never made in the first place? How reliable are memories, anyhow, can we trust people to recall events accurately? And what is an “accurate” recollection...just our version? This spring we will try to answer these questions and more as we explore a series of novels about memory and its effects.

February 7 – Before I Go to Sleep by S.J. Watson

This is the suspenseful story of an amnesiac who, following a mysterious accident, cannot remember her past or form new memories, who desperately tries to uncover the truth about who she is – and who she can trust.

March 7 – Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

Winner of the prestigious Man Booker Prize, this modern classic follows Stevens, a retired butler at a great British estate as he embarks on a journey through his past in an effort to reassure himself that he has served humanity by serving his master, Lord Darlington. But lurking in his memory are doubts about his service, and about the nature of his own life.

April 4 – Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

Eleanor is a quirky person, whose routine is everything to her. When that routine is broken and she begins to build friendships and rebuild a life, memories recovered from a traumatic past begin to emerge.

May 2 – Still Alice by Lisa Genova

Alice Howland is proud of the life she worked so hard to build. At fifty years old, she’s a cognitive psychology professor at Harvard and a world-renowned expert in linguistics with a successful husband and three grown children. When she becomes increasingly disoriented and forgetful, a tragic diagnosis changes her life—and her relationship with her family and the world—forever.

June 6 – The Giver by Lois Lowry

The 1994 Newbery Medal winner, *The Giver* has become one of the most influential novels of our time. The haunting story centers on twelve-year-old Jonas, who lives in a colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.

