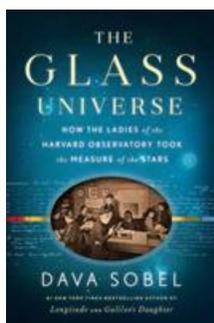


Stranger Than Fiction Book Group 2021-22

Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm (unless otherwise noted)

“Stranger than Fiction” is a book club specifically for those who enjoy reading non-fiction.

September 20th *: Fiction & Non-Fiction Pairing: Ernest Hemingway & Martha Gelhorne
Love and Ruin by Paula McLain (FIC) OR Beautiful Exiles by Meg Waite (FIC) AND Hotel Florida: truth, love, and death in the Spanish Civil War by Amanda Vaill (NF)

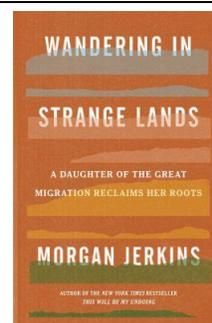


October 18th *: The Glass Universe: how the ladies of the Harvard Observatory took the measure of the stars by Dava Sobel

The little-known true story of the unexpected and remarkable contributions to astronomy made by a group of women working in the Harvard College Observatory from the late 1800s through the mid-1900s.

November 8th: Wandering in Strange Lands: a daughter of the Great Migration reclaims her roots by Morgan Jerkins

An acclaimed cultural critic presents the story of her journey to understand her northern and southern roots, the Great Migration, and the displacement of black people across America.



December 13th: The Library Book by Susan Orlean

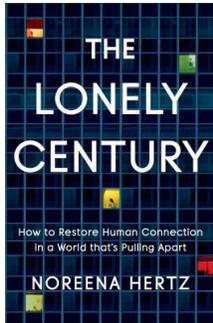
Orlean re-opens the unsolved mystery of the most catastrophic library fire in American history and delivers a love letter to the institution of libraries themselves.

January 10th: How to be a Good Creature: a memoir in thirteen animals by Sy Montgomery

A naturalist and adventurer discusses the personalities and quirks of thirteen animals who have profoundly affected her, exploring themes of learning to become empathetic, creating families, coping with loss, and the otherness and sameness of people and animals.



***discussion pushed to the 3rd Monday**

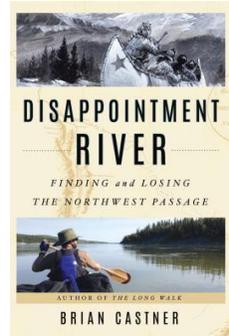


February 14th: The Lonely Century: how to restore human connection in a world that's pulling apart by Noreena Hertz

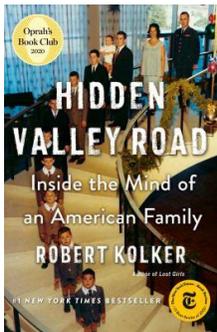
An economist takes on the most urgent social issue of our time, exploring the evolution of the global loneliness crisis, the sweeping impact of social isolation during the coronavirus, and the opportunities a post-Covid world presents to reverse these trends-by finding new ways to reconnect with each other, our communities, and even our democracy.

March 14th: Disappointment River: finding and losing the Northwest Passage by Brian Castner

In 1789, Alexander Mackenzie traveled 1200 miles on the immense river in Canada that now bears his name, in search of the fabled Northwest Passage that had eluded mariners for hundreds of years. In 2016, the acclaimed memoirist Brian Castner retraced Mackenzie's route by canoe in a grueling journey -- and discovered the Passage he could not find.



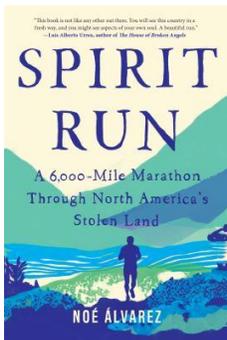
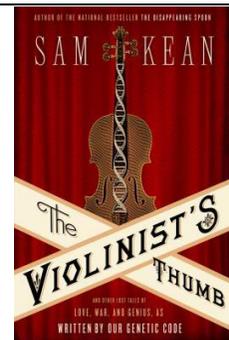
April 11th: Hidden Valley Road: inside the mind of an American family by Robert Kolker



Tells the heartrending story of a midcentury American family with 12 children, 6 of them diagnosed with schizophrenia, that became science's great hope in the quest to understand the disease.

May 9th: Violinist's Thumb: and other lost tales of love, war, and genius, as written by our genetic code by Sam Kean

An exploration of human DNA and the stories it can tell describes how genes can explain why JFK's skin was bronze, Einstein was a genius, and why people with exceptional thumb flexibility can become world-class violinists.



June 13th: Spirit Run: a 6,000-mile marathon through North America's stolen land by Noe Alvarez

The electrifying debut memoir of a son of working-class Mexican immigrants who fled a life of labor in fruit-packing plants to run in an Indigenous marathon from Canada to Guatemala, reimagining North America and his place in it.