



# Thursday Evening Book Discussions 2022-23 Nevins Memorial Library



Book discussions will be held at the Library on Thursday evenings 7-9pm. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on ZOOM. Books are available approximately one month prior to the discussion. You may pick up books at the Main Desk any time the Library is open or call to make an arrangement for Curbside Pickup.

Some books are available as downloadable e-books, or in Large Print or Audio. If you wish to join this Book Group you may attend any meeting. Additional Book Discussion information is available on our website at [www.nevinslibrary.org](http://www.nevinslibrary.org). All books announced in this flyer are tentative, based on availability of multiple copies. To confirm dates, book selections, or for more information call the Library at 978-686-4080 ext. 10.

## **September 1st – Reading Round-Up!**

Join us for our annual book-review-fest of the books we read this year that we loved and hated! Be prepared to talk about at least one or two books you have read recently.

## **Fall Series: The Fabric of Our Lives**

Some of our favorite stories are woven around traditional fiber arts...weaving, rug-making, and embroidering, are just a few of these arts and we will explore a few related stories this fall.

## **October 6th– The Lace Reader by Brunonia Barry**

This is a haunting and remarkable tale told by an unforgettable, if strangely unreliable narrator—a woman from an enigmatic Salem family who can foretell the future in patterns of lace.

## **November 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Blood of Flowers by Anita Amirrezvani**

Set in 17<sup>th</sup> century Persia, this is the story of a young girl who looks forward to a conventional life of marriage and family. But when her father dies, she is left without a dowry, and forced to move with her mother from their mountain village to the great city of Isfahan to live with her uncle—a wealthy royal carpet maker.

## **December 1<sup>st</sup> -- A Single Thread – by Tracy Chevalier**

Set in the 1930s, Chevalier's new novel follows a woman whose fiancé died in World War I and who finds a sense of community among the guild of needlewomen embroidering kneelers for the pews at one of Britain's great cathedrals.

## **January 5<sup>th</sup> – Silas Marner by George Eliot**

In this heartwarming classic, a gentle linen weaver named Silas Marner is wrongly accused of a heinous theft actually committed by his best friend. Exiling himself to the rustic village of Raveloe, he becomes a lonely recluse. Ultimately, Marner finds redemption and spiritual rebirth through his unselfish love for an abandoned child who mysteriously appears one day in his isolated cottage.

## **Spring Series: Reading is Food for Your Brain!**

Food is not necessarily the subject of these reads, but food is in the title! Here is our whimsical list of spring reads that appeal to us and we hope will make a delicious reading feast!

### **February 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake by Aimee Bender**

On the eve of her ninth birthday, unassuming Rose Edelstein bites into her mother's homemade lemon-chocolate cake and discovers she has a magical gift: she can taste her mother's emotions in the slice. To her horror, she finds that her cheerful mother tastes of despair. Soon, she knows many family secrets--her father's detachment, her mother's transgression, her brother's retreat from the world. But there are some family secrets that even her cursed taste buds can't discern.

### **March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Five Quarters of the Orange by Joanne Harris**

When a woman returns to a small village on the banks of the Loire, where she grew up, the locals do not recognize her. But the past and present are inextricably entwined, and the secrets of a life can unfold in mysterious ways. By the author of *Chocolat*.

### **April 6<sup>th</sup> -- Queen Sugar by Natalie Baszile**

Charley Bordelon, an African American woman and single mother struggles to build a new life amid the complexities of the contemporary South. When she unexpectedly inherits eight hundred acres of sugarcane land, she and her eleven-year-old daughter leave smoggy Los Angeles for rural Louisiana. She soon learns, however, that cane farming is always going to be a white man's business.

### **May 4<sup>th</sup> – Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser**

Let's talk about the way America really eats...this fascinating study reveals how the fast food industry has altered our landscape, widened the gap between rich and poor, fueled an epidemic of obesity, and transformed food production throughout the world. Published over twenty years ago, this book changed the way millions of people think about what they eat and helped to launch today's food movement.

### **June 1<sup>st</sup> –A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry**

A great American play by a great American playwright.

