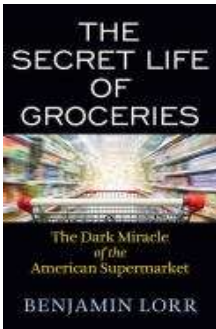


## Stranger Than Fiction Book Group 2023-24

**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.

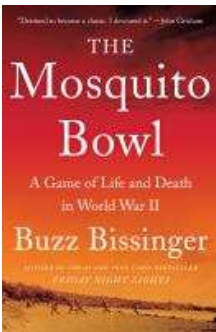
**September 11<sup>th</sup>: READING ROUND-UP**



**October 2nd\*: The Secret Life of Groceries: the dark miracle of the American supermarket by Benjamin Lorr**

In this page-turning exposé, Lorr pulls back the curtain on this highly secretive industry. Combining deep sourcing, immersive reporting, and sharp, often laugh-out-loud prose, Lorr leads a wild investigation, asking what does it take to run a supermarket? How does our food get on the shelves? And who suffers for our increasing demands for convenience and efficiency?

**\*October's discussion is one week earlier due to Holiday**



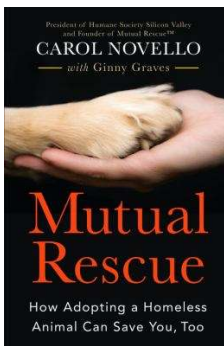
**November 13<sup>th</sup>: The Mosquito Bowl: a game of life and death in WWII by H.G. Bissinger**

This extraordinary, never-before-told story of WWII follows two U.S. Marine Corps regiments, comprised of some of the greatest football talent, as they played each other in a football game in the dirt and coral of Guadalcanal known as "The Mosquito Bowl" before they faced the darkest and deadliest days at Okinawa.



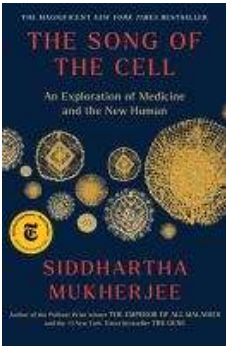
**December 11th: Finding Me by Viola Davis**

Viola Davis' story, in her own words, spans her incredible, inspiring life, from her coming-of-age in Rhode Island to her present day. Hers is a story of overcoming, a true hero's journey. Deeply personal, brutally honest, and riveting, this is a timeless and spellbinding memoir that will capture hearts and minds around the globe.



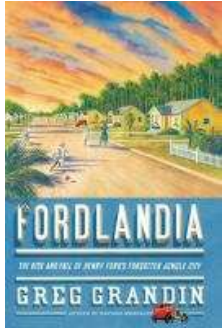
**January 8<sup>th</sup>: Mutual Rescue: how adopting a homeless animal can save you by Carol Novello**

Explores the role that pets play in human lives and uses scientific research to show how pets can help transform people suffering from mental, physical or spiritual pain.



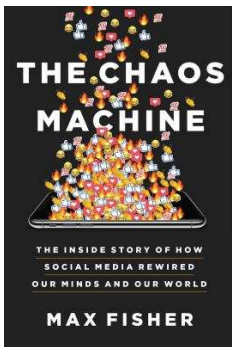
**February 12<sup>th</sup>: The Song of the Cell: an exploration of medicine and the new human by Siddhartha Mukherjee**

Presenting revelatory and exhilarating stories of scientists, doctors and the patients whose lives may be saved by their work, Siddhartha Mukherjee, drawing on his own experience as a researcher, doctor and prolific reader, explores medicine and our radical new ability to manipulate cells.



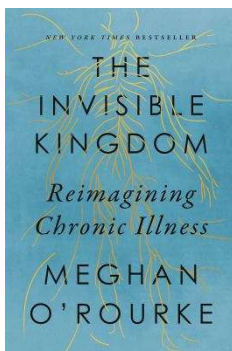
**March 11<sup>th</sup>: Fordlandia: the rise and fall of Henry Ford's forgotten jungle city by Greg Grandin**

This never-before-told story of the auto magnate's attempt to recreate small-town America, along with a rubber plantation, in the heart of the Amazon details the epic clash between Ford and the jungle and its inhabitants, as the tycoon attempted to force his will on the natural world.



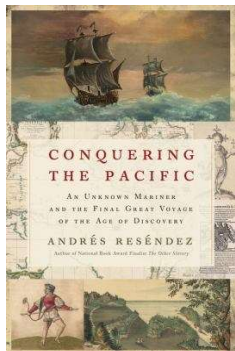
**April 8<sup>th</sup>: The Chaos Machine: the inside story of how social media rewired our brains and our world by Max Fisher**

Max Fisher, using years of his own international reporting for the New York Times, tells the inside story of how the social networks fundamentally altered the world, detailing the roots of their ideology, their race to maximize engagement, and the resulting algorithms that drive everyday users to extreme opinions and, increasingly, extreme actions.



**May 13<sup>th</sup>: Invisible Kingdom: reimagining chronic illness by Meghan O'Rourke**

Meghan O'Rourke delivers a revelatory investigation into this elusive category of "invisible" illness that encompasses autoimmune diseases, post-treatment Lyme disease syndrome, and now long COVID. Drawing on her own medical experiences as well as a decade of interviews with doctors, patients, researchers, and public health experts, O'Rourke traces the history of Western definitions of illness, and reveals how inherited ideas of cause, diagnosis, and treatment have led us to ignore a host of hard-to-understand medical conditions, ones that resist easy description or simple cures.



**June 10<sup>th</sup>: Conquering the Pacific : an unknown mariner and the final great voyage of the Age of Discovery by Andrés Reséndez**

The story of an uncovered voyage as colorful and momentous as any on record for the Age of Discovery--and of the Black mariner whose stunning accomplishment has been until now lost to history.