

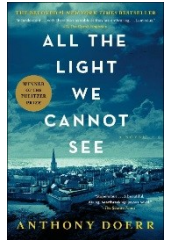
Book Club UMW 2018-2019

Last Tuesday of each month (No meeting in July or December 2018)

AUGUST 28, 2018

All the Light We Cannot See, 2014, Anthony Doerr, 531 pages

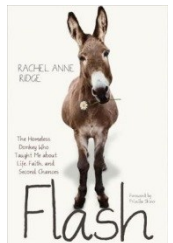
New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive devastating World War II... Marie-Laure lives in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where her father works. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo.



SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

Flash, the Homeless Donkey who taught me about Life, Faith, and Second Chances, 2015, Rachel Anne Ridge, 256 pages

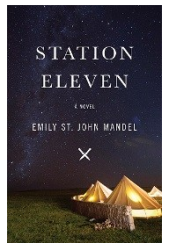
Rachel was at the end of her rope. The economy had crashed, taking her formerly thriving business along with it. She had been a successful artist, doing work she loved, but now she felt like a failure. If only God would let them know all would be all right . . . a true Texas story: Flash the lovable and quirky donkey showed up and adventures begin.



OCTOBER 30, 2018

Station 11 (NEA Big READ Title for Farmers Branch Manske Library), 2014, Emily St. John Mandel, 352 pages

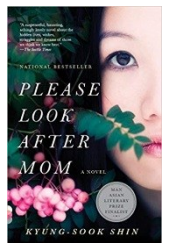
An audacious, darkly glittering novel set in the eerie days of civilization's collapse, Station Eleven tells the spellbinding story of a Hollywood star, his would-be savior, and a nomadic group of actors roaming the scattered outposts of the Great Lakes region, risking everything for art and humanity... Sometimes terrifying, sometimes tender, it tells a story about the relationships that sustain us, and the beauty of the world as we know it.



NOVEMBER 27, 2018

Please look after Mom, 2011, Kyung Sook-Shin, 237 pages

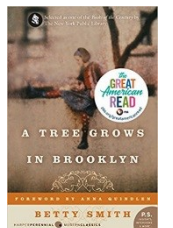
A stunning, deeply moving story of a family's search for their missing mother - and their discovery of the desires, heartaches and secrets they never realized she harbored within... her triumphs and disappointments and who she is on her own terms. If you have ever been a daughter, son, husband or mother, this book is a revelation that will bring tears to your eyes.



JANUARY 29, 2019

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, 1943, Betty Smith, 496 pages

American classic about a young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the century, a poignant and moving tale filled with compassion and cruelty, laughter and heartache. The story of young, sensitive, and idealistic Francie Nolan and her bittersweet formative years in the slums of Williamsburg has enchanted and inspired millions of readers for more than sixty years.



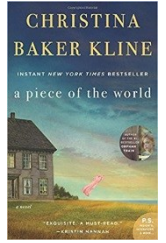
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FEBRUARY 26, 2019

A Piece of the World, 2017, *Christina Baker Kline*, 352 pages

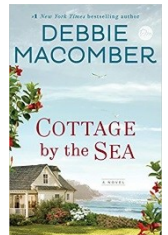
A stunning and atmospheric novel of friendship, passion, and art, inspired by Andrew Wyeth's mysterious and iconic painting *Christina's World*... Told in evocative and lucid prose, this is a story about the burdens and blessings of family history, and how artist and muse can come together to forge a new and timeless legacy.



MARCH 26, 2019

Cottage by the Sea, 2018, *Debbie Macomber*, 352 pages

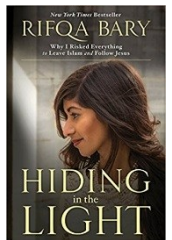
After tragedy strikes, Annie moves in to the summer cottage where her family vacationed when she was a child. Soon Annie finds herself making new friends, even developing a romance with a quiet and mysterious painter. And as she becomes part of the community, she learns that the surest way to heal is by making a difference in the lives around her.



APRIL 30, 2019

Hiding in the Light, 2015, *Rifqa Bary*, 226 pages

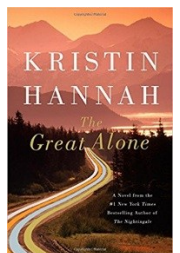
Rifqa Bary grew up in a devout Muslim home, obediently following her parents' orders to practice the rituals of Islam. But God was calling her to freedom and love. He was calling her to true faith; to give up everything. Leaving Islam for Christianity cost her more than she imagined; more than she dreamed. A remarkable spiritual journey from Islam to Christianity.



MAY 28, 2019

The Great Alone, 2018, *Kristin Hannah*, 435 pages

Alaska, 1974. Unpredictable. Unforgiving. Untamed. For a family in crisis, the ultimate test of survival. Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam War a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he will move his family north, to Alaska's frontier. Thirteen-year-old Leni is a girl coming of age during this tumultuous time.



JUNE 25, 2019

Little Fires Everywhere, 2017, *Celeste Ng*, 338 pages

Everyone in Shaker Heights was talking about it that summer: how Isabelle, the last of the Richardson children, had finally gone around the bend and burned the house down. This book explores the weight of long-held secrets and the ferocious pull of motherhood-and the danger of believing that planning and following the rules can avert disaster, or heartbreak.

