

Book Club Selections -- September 2025 through August 2026

September 18 (Morning) - September 30 (Evening)

Girls in the Wild Fig Tree (UWF Selection)

Nice Leng'Ete, 240 pages.

Nice, raised in a Maasai village in Kenya, and her sister Soila climbed a tree to hide to avoid “the cut” (female genital mutilation, a ritualistic sometimes deadly, surgery). Soila eventually submitted but Nice became the first in her family to attend college. Through her efforts, her village has since abandoned this horrible ritual.

October 16 (Morning) - October 28 (Evening)

The Book Club for Troublesome Women

Marie Bostwick, 384 pages.

By 1960s standards, Margaret Ryan is living the American woman's dream. She has a husband, three children, a station wagon, and a home in Concordia. On paper, she has it all. So why doesn't that feel like enough?

November 20 (Morning) - November 25 (Evening)

Lazy B: Growing up on a Cattle Ranch in the American Southwest

Sandra Day O'Connor and H. Alan Day, 317 pages.

The remarkable story of Sandra Day O'Connor's family and early life, her journey to adulthood in the American Southwest that helped make her the first female justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and one of the most powerful women in America.

December 18 (Morning) - December 30 (Evening)

The Man Who Died Twice

Richard Osman, 400 pages.

Another adventure featuring the Thursday Murder Club. An unexpected visitor—an old pal of Elizabeth's (or perhaps more than just a pal?)—arrives, desperate for her help. He has been accused of stealing diamonds worth millions from the wrong men and he's seriously on the lam. (Book 2 of 5)

January 15 (Morning) - January 27 (Evening)

The First Ladies

Marie Benedict & Victoria Murray, 416 pages.

A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune—an unlikely friendship that changed the world. (Author of *The Personal Librarian*.)

February 19 (Morning) - February 24 (Evening)

The Unfinished Gift

Dan Walsh, 256 pages.

Patrick Collins is seven years old, and on his Christmas list are only three items. He wants the army to find his father. He wants to leave his grandfather's house. And, for reasons even he doesn't understand, he wants the soldier that's tucked away in his grandfather's attic.

March 19 (Morning) - March 31 (Evening)

The Fisherman's Tomb: True Story of the Vatican's Secret Search

John O'Neill, 224 pages.

The incredible, sometimes shocking, story of the 75-year search beneath the Vatican to discover the long-lost burial place of the Apostle Peter has never been fully told -- until now. The quest would pit one of the 20th century's most talented archaeologists -- a woman -- against top Vatican insiders.

April 16 (Morning) - April 28 (Evening)

The Bookwoman's Daughter (UWF Selection)

Kim Michele Richardson (Second in Series), 388 pages.

This book follows Honey Lovett, the daughter of the beloved Troublesome Creek book woman, who must fight for her own independence with the help of the women who guide her and the books that set her free.

May 21 (Morning) - May 26 (Evening)

The President's Wife

Tracey E. Wood, 336 pages.

Based on the true story of Edith Bolling, wife of Woodrow Wilson who becomes an important adviser, attends WW1 peace talks, and when Woodrow's always delicate health takes a dramatic turn for the worse, in her determination to preserve both his progress and his reputation, Edith all but assumes the presidency herself.

June 18 (Morning) - June 30 (Evening)

The Women

Kristen Hannah, 471 pages.

In 1965, when twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath's brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps. As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. But the real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America.

July 16 (Morning) - July 28 (Evening)

The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules

Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg (First in series), 400 pages.

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel meets The Italian Job in this witty comedy of errors about a group of delinquent seniors whose desire for a better quality of life leads them to rob and ransom priceless artwork.

August 20 (Morning) - August 25 (Evening)

Our Missing Hearts (UWF Selection)

Celeste Ng, 352 pages.

Twelve-year-old Bird Gardner lives a quiet existence with his loving father, a former linguist. His mother, a Chinese American poet, left when he was nine years old. He doesn't know what happened to her, and he resents that she cared more about her work than about him. (We also read her: *Little Fires Everywhere*.)