

Book Club to Go Titles

FICTION

***The white tiger* by Aravind Adiga**

A compelling, angry and darkly humorous novel about a man's journey from Indian village life to entrepreneurial success. 276 p.

***Brick Lane* by Monica Ali**

The deeply moving story of one woman, Nazneen, born in a Bangladeshi village and transported to London at age eighteen to enter into an arranged marriage. 448 p.

***Garden spells* by Sarah Addison Allen**

The Waverly clan have long been known in Bascom, NC, for their special talents, but when Claire and her sister run into men too charming to ignore, love's magical effects, with the help of an interfering apple tree, manifest themselves in surprising and delightful ways. 320 p.

***Zorro* by Isabel Allende**

Diego de la Vega, the son of an aristocratic Spanish landowner and a Shoshone mother, returns to California from school in Spain to reclaim the hacienda on which he was raised and to seek justice for the weak and helpless. 416 p.

***The school of essential ingredients* by Erica Bauermeister**

Eight students gather in Lillian's Restaurant every Monday night for cooking class. It soon becomes clear, however, that each one seeks a recipe for something beyond the kitchen. 272 p.

***The pull of the moon* by Elizabeth Berg**

Disturbed by the course of her life and marriage, Nan embarks on a backroads odyssey, following the moon and stopping to talk with women, men, her husband through letters, and herself through her diary, and discovering how her life can be reshaped. 208 p.

***Talk before sleep: a novel* by Elizabeth Berg**

Cautious, conventional Anne shares a deep bond of friendship with the outspoken and eccentric Ruth, building an honest, open relationship that evolves into something deeper when Ruth is diagnosed with cancer. 240 p.

***The buffalo soldier* by Christopher A. Bohjalian**

The devastating loss of their twin daughters in a flash flood turns the lives of Terry and Laura Sheldon upside down as their marriage is tested by grief, Terry's brief love affair, and their growing relationship with their foster child, a ten-year-old African American boy. 422 p.

***Self storage* by Gayle Brandeis**

A woman who supports her family by selling her yard-sale and self-storage auction acquisitions, Flan Parker embarks on a life-changing odyssey of self-discovery and awareness after bidding on a mysterious box that is empty except for the word "yes." 304 p.

***The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* by Ann Brashares**

Four best girlfriends spend the biggest summer of their lives enchanted by a magical pair of pants. 336 p.

***Neecey's lullaby: a novel* by Cris Burks**

Growing up in Chicago in the 1950s, Neecey must draw on her own inner strength to persevere and become the rock that holds her five younger siblings together in the face of poverty, abuse, and neglect. 224 p.

***72 hour hold: a novel* by Bebe Moore Campbell**

Fed up with the bureaucracy of the mental health community and desperate to save her daughter Trina, who is suffering from bipolar disorder, from her increasingly violent, paranoid, and unpredictable behavior, Keri enlists the assistance of the Program, an illegal group of radicals who have rejected the established psychiatric system. 319 p.

***The emperor of Ocean Park* by Stephen L. Carter**

In his fiction debut, Carter combines a riveting legal thriller with the saga of a unique family, set in two privileged worlds: the upper-crust African-American society of the Eastern seaboard and the inner circle of an Ivy League law school. 657 p.

***Little Bee* by Chris Cleave**

A haunting novel about the tenuous friendship that blooms between two strangers--one an illegal Nigerian refugee, the other a recent widow from suburban London. 304 p.

***The Darwin conspiracy* by John Darnton**

A novel of the life and work of Charles Darwin chronicles his travels and scientific discoveries and the efforts of modern-day anthropologist Hugh Kellum and Darwinian scholar Beth Dulcimer to uncover the truth of his life. 309 p.

***The vineyard: a novel* by Barbara Delinsky**

A woman and her daughter accept an invitation to spend the summer on a vineyard to help the owner, a widow, write her memoir. They soon learn that all is not as it seems at the vineyard. 488 p.

***The black rose: the magnificent story of Madam C. J. Walker, America's first black female millionaire* by Tananarive Due**

A fictional biography chronicles the story of Madame C.J. Walker, who rose from the poverty of her former slave parents to found a marketing empire that made her America's first Black female millionaire. 384 p.

***The saints and sinners of Okay County* by Dayna Dunbar**

Eight months pregnant with her fourth child and coping with an unfaithful husband, Aletta Honor is desperate to support her children and sets up a new career as a psychic, using talents that she had locked away after the tragedies of her past. 352 p.

***The memory keeper's daughter* by Kim Edwards**

In a tale spanning twenty-five years, a doctor delivers his newborn twins during a snowstorm and, rashly deciding to protect his wife from their baby daughter's affliction with Down Syndrome, turns her over to a nurse, who secretly raises the child. 401 p.

***The beet queen: a novel* by Louise Erdrich**

Orphaned fourteen-year-old Carl and his eleven-year-old sister, Mary, travel to Argus, North Dakota, to live with their mother's sister, in this tale of abandonment, sexual obsession, jealousy, and unstinting love. 338 p.

***Finding Nouf* by Zoe Ferraris**

A novel of taut psychological suspense, offering an unprecedented window into Saudi Arabia and the lives of the men and women who live there. 320 p.

***Then we came to the end* by Joshua Ferris**

The remaining employees at an office affected by a business downturn spend their time enjoying secret romances, elaborate pranks, and frequent coffee breaks, while trying to make sense of their only remaining "work," a mysterious pro-bono ad campaign. 416 p.

***The Jane Austen book club* by Karen Joy Fowler**

As six Californians get together to form a book club to discuss the novels of Jane Austen, their lives are turned upside down by troubled marriages, illicit affairs, changing relationships, and love. 304 p.

***Still Alice* by Lisa Genova**

A compelling debut novel about a 50-year-old woman's sudden descent into early onset Alzheimer's disease. 320 p.

***The sad truth about happiness: a novel* by Anne Giardini**

Taking a magazine questionnaire written by her roommate, Maggie learns that she is likely to die prematurely as a result of her own unhappiness and embarks on a three-month quest to change her circumstances. 304 p.

***Memoirs of a geisha: a novel* by Arthur Golden**

Because her mother is dying and her father old, Chiyo, nine, is sold to a wealthy geisha house in Gion where she learns her trade and works it in the 1930s and 1940s. 434 p.

***The mind-body problem: a novel* by Rebecca Goldstein**

During her college years, Renee Feuer, the product of a strict Orthodox Jewish household, works at liberating herself from the prohibitions of her upbringing, seeking freedom of the body and mind, and eventually marries Noah Himmel, a mathematical genius. 275 p.

***Cast of shadows* by Kevin Guilfoile**

When his daughter is brutally raped and murdered, a grieving Davis Moore, a Chicago fertility doctor specializing in reproductive cloning, comes up with a horrifying idea to clone the murderer who killed his daughter from a vial of the killer's DNA; a debut thriller that asks chilling questions about identity and the consequences of duplicating a human life. 336 p.

***Snow falling on cedars* by David Guterson**

After returning from internment and trying to get his land back, Kabuo Miyomoto is arrested and tried for the murder of Carl Heine. 460 p.

***Chocolat: a novel* by Joanne Harris**

When the beautiful and mysterious Vianne moves to Lansquenet and opens a chocolate shop across from the church, the inhabitants of the tiny village find themselves torn between the solemn law of religion and the joyful rewards of Vianne's confections. 320 p.

***Five quarters of the orange* by Joanne Harris**

A sensual novel follows a woman as she returns to the French village where she lived as a girl during the German occupation. 336 p.

***Plainsong* by Kent Haruf**

An unlikely extended family is formed when a high school teacher helps a pregnant student make a home with two elderly bachelor ranchers. 301 p.

***The talented Mr. Ripley* by Patricia Highsmith**

Unusual circumstances transform Tom Ripley from a petty con man into a suave, amoral criminal, who will stop at nothing—not even murder—to achieve his goals. 288p.

***Blackbird House* by Alice Hoffman**

Presents a series of interlinking stories that capture the lives and fortunes of the occupants of an old Massachusetts house over the course of two centuries. 238 p.

***Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan**

Historical novel telling the story of the relationship between legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney, the wife of a couple whose home Wright built in 1904. 377 p.

***Angry housewives eating bon bons* by Lorna Landvik**

From the initial formation of The Freesia Court Book Club and over the course of the next thirty years, five women in small-town Minnesota share the events, triumphs, tragedies, hardships, joys, and sorrows of their lives. 417 p.

***The girls* by Lori Lansens**

The story of Rose and Ruby, 29-year-old conjoined twins. When one of the girls decides to write her autobiography, the distinct personalities of the two emerge to reveal their contradictory longing for independence and their unwavering togetherness. 346 p.

***Atonement: a novel* by Ian McEwan**

In 1935 England, an adolescent girl accuses a young friend of a horrible crime and thus affects the lives of her entire family. 368 p.

***Life of Pi: a novel* by Yann Martel**

A tale about survival, belief in God and coming of age, that unfolds while the protagonist is floating in a lifeboat on the Pacific Ocean. 326 p.

***Lost in the forest* by Sue Miller**

For Eva, the divorced and happily remarried mother of three children, and her adolescent middle child, Daisy, the death of Eva's second husband John in a car accident turns their lives upside down. 272 p.

***The last Chinese chef* by Nicole Mones**

On a visit to China, a recently widowed American food writer finds solace and love and the most inspiring food she's ever encountered. 304 p.

***Mutant message down under* by Marlo Morgan**

A fictional account of an American woman's four-month odyssey through the Australian Outback with the region's native people shares a message about living in harmony with the world around. 187 p.

***The time traveler's wife* by Audrey Niffenegger**

Passionately in love, Clare and Henry vow to hold onto each other and their marriage as they struggle with the effects of Chrono-Displacement Disorder, a condition that casts Henry involuntarily into the world of time travel. 546 p.

***Missing mom: a novel* by Joyce Carol Oates**

In the aftermath of her mother's death, thirty-one-year-old Nikki Eaton comes into a startling realization of her identity as a daughter and experiences a tumultuous year of mourning that gives way to greater wisdom and love. 464 p.

***The dive from Clausen's pier* by Ann Packer**

When her fiancé Mike is left paralyzed following a tragic accident, Carrie Bell begins to question her familiar world, from her everyday life in Wisconsin to her relationships, as she sets out to rediscover her own identity. 432 p.

***The space between before and after* by Jean Reynolds Page**

A slightly dysfunctional family's three-day visit to a small rural town in Texas becomes the setting for some critical life decisions, secrets revealed, reflections into love, faith and loss, and flashbacks into a troubled childhood. 416 p.

***The little disturbances of man* by Grace Paley**

Records one woman's response to the love-hate relationships, inhibitions and self concerns of men and women. 192 p.

***My sister's keeper* by Jodi Picoult**

Conceived to provide a bone marrow match for her leukemia-stricken sister, teenage Anna begins to question her moral obligations in light of countless medical procedures and decides to fight for the right to make decisions about her own body. 423 p.

***The pact: a love story* by Jodi Picoult**

The budding romance between two teenage children of two families who have been lifelong friends and neighbors culminates tragically in an abortive suicide pact, leading to a gripping courtroom drama. 416 p.

***The Sunday list of dreams* by Kris Radish**

Retiring nurse Connie Nixon has a long to-do list that she's been revising for decades. But some things--like reconnecting with your daughter, or recapturing your lost spark--can't be checked off so easily. 400 p.

***No one you know* by Michelle Richmond**

Twenty years after the unsolved murder of her sister Lila, Ellie's chance meeting with the man accused of the crime leads to the discovery of Lila's secret notebook, filled with mathematical equations that lead to other enigmas in her sister's life. 352 p.

***Housekeeping* by Marilynne Robinson**

Ruth, a young girl struggling to overcome haunting family memories in a town which will not let her forget, gradually grows close to Sylvie, the sister of her dead mother. 219 p.

***Portnoy's complaint* by Philip Roth**

A New York lawyer, dominated by a demanding Jewish mother, plays out a sexual revenge in fact and fantasy. 304 p.

***Empire Falls* by Richard Russo**

Milo Roby tries to hold his family together while working at the Empire Grill in the once-successful logging town of Empire Falls, Maine, with his partner, Mrs. Whiting, who is the heir to a faded logging and textile legacy. 483 p.

***Snow Flower and the secret fan* by Lisa See**

A story of friendship set in 19th century China follows an elderly woman and her companion as they communicate their hopes, dreams, joys, and tragedies through a unique secret language. 269 p.

***Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson**

Major Ernest Pettigrew (retired) leads a quiet life in the village of St. Mary, England, until his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. 368 p.

***The art of racing in the rain* by Garth Stein**

Enzo, a philosophical dog eager to be reincarnated as a human, serves as a faithful companion to race-car driver Denny Swift, as he navigates both his racing career, and the many road-bumps in his family life. 336 p.

***Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout**

The world of Olive Kitteridge, a retired school teacher in a small coastal town in Maine, is revealed in stories that explore her diverse roles in many lives, including a lounge singer haunted by a past love, her stoic husband, and her own resentful son. 304 p.

***Saving fish from drowning* by Amy Tan**

On an ill-fated art expedition, eleven Americans find themselves deep in the Burmese jungle, where they encounter a tribe awaiting a leader and the mystical book of wisdom that will protect them from the Myanmar military regime. 528 p.

***The traveler: a novel* by John Twelve Hawks**

Their lives shaped since childhood by their father's role as a Traveler, one of an elite group of prophets able to attain pure enlightenment, Gabriel and Michael Corrigan find themselves at the center of a battle between the Harlequins, a band of warriors pledged to protect the Travelers, and the Tabulas, a ruthless cadre seeking world domination. 464 p.

***Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant* by Anne Tyler**

Eighty-five-year-old Pearl Tull recalls the desertion of her husband and her attempts to raise three children, who must come to terms with themselves and their father after their mother's death. 336 p.

***The space between us* by Thrity Umrigar**

Captures the delicate balance of class and gender in contemporary India as witnessed through the lives of two women—Sera Dubash, an upper middle-class housewife, and Bhima, an illiterate domestic hardened by a life of loss and despair. 321 p.

***Innocent traitor* by Alison Weir**

A fictional portrait of Lady Jane Grey, the great-niece of Henry VIII, follows her turbulent life against the backdrop of Tudor power politics and religious upheaval, from her youth, to her nine-day reign as Queen of England, to its tragic aftermath. 409 p.

***A good distance* by Sarah Willis**

Feeling guilty about her relationship with her mother, Jennifer welcomes an ailing Rose into her house, much to the dismay of her husband and daughter, as she struggles to find out what went wrong in her relationship with Rose and whether or not she can make it better. 320 p.

***Some things that stay* by Sarah Willis**

In the 1950s, fifteen-year-old Tamara Anderson learns to cope with her mother's incapacitating illness and her father's escape into art. 288 p.

BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIRS

***All over but the shoutin'* by Rick Bragg**

This haunting, harrowing, and gloriously moving recollection of a life on the American margin tells the story of Rick Bragg, who grew up dirt poor in Alabama, and who became a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for "The New York Times". 352 p.

***Let's Take the Long Way Home* by Gail Caldwell**

Traces the author's close friendship with the late fellow writer Caroline Knapp, describing their shared experiences with sobriety, a love of dogs, and Caroline's battle with cancer. 224 p.

***Rocket boys* by Homer Hickam**

Following the launching of the Soviet Sputnik, a young boy and his friends in rural West Virginia build a rocket and win the 1960 National Science Fair. 368 p.

***Red azalea* by Anchee Min**

A memoir of growing up in the last years of Mao's China. 320 p.

***The tender bar* by J. R. Moehringer**

Torn between the feminine comfort of his mother and the masculine camaraderie he finds in a series of bars and taverns, Moehringer details his difficult but loving upbringing. 413 p.

***Twenty chickens for a saddle: the story of an African childhood* by Robyn Scott**

Robyn Scott's adventures growing up in Botswana in the 1980s and 1990s in a loving but eccentric family. 464 p.

***Half a Life* by Darin Strauss**

Although the accident was what insurers call a "no fault fatality," the moment Strauss' car struck and killed his classmate Celine, a girl he hardly knew, half a lifetime ago, his life was changed forever. 211 p.

NONFICTION

***The art of the steal : how to protect yourself and your business from fraud--America's #1 crime* by Frank W. Abagnale**

The world-famous former con artist and bestselling author of Catch Me if You Can now reveals the mind-boggling tricks of the scam trade with advice that has made him one of America's most sought-after fraud-prevention experts. 240 p.

***The zookeeper's wife* by Diane Ackerman**

The remarkable WWII story of Jan Zabinski, the director of the Warsaw Zoo, and his wife, Antonina, who, with courage and coolheaded ingenuity, sheltered 300 Jews as well as Polish resisters in their villa and in animal cages and sheds. 368 p.

***Kitchen confidential* by Anthony Bourdain**

New York chef Tony Bourdain gives away secrets of the trade in his wickedly funny, inspiring memoir and exposé. 302 p.

***The speed of trust: the one thing that changes everything* by Stephen M. R. Covey**

A description of the advantages of forming trust, the psychology of trust, and how to build trust. 384 p.

***Blink: the power of thinking without thinking* by Malcolm Gladwell**

A book about how we think without thinking, about choices that seem to be made in an instant—in the blink of an eye—that actually aren't as simple as they seem. 320 p.

***The lost city of Z: a tale of deadly obsession in the Amazon* by David Grann**

Interweaves the story of British explorer Percy Fawcett, who vanished during a 1925 expedition into the Amazon, with the author's own quest to uncover the mysteries surrounding Fawcett's final journey and the secrets of what lies deep in the Amazon jungle. 448 p.

***Confederates in the attic: dispatches from the unfinished Civil War* by Tony Horwitz**

A journalist leads readers on a revealing journey through the Old South, tangling with the forces of white rage, rebel grit, and regional pride in places where the Civil War is more than a memory. 432 p.

***The faith club* by Ranya Idliby**

Subtitled *A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew—Three Women Search for Understanding*, this book weaves the story of three women, their three religions, and their quest to understand one another. 416 p.

***Left to tell: discovering God amidst the Rwandan holocaust* by Immaculee Ilibagiza**

Presents the true story of a woman who endures the murder of her family as a result of genocide in Rwanda and turns to prayer for strength, love, and forgiveness. 215 p.

***The know-it-all* by A.J. Jacobs**

NPR contributor A.J. Jacobs chronicles his hilarious and seemingly impossible quest to read the Encyclopedia Britannica from A-Z. 388 p.

***The necklace: thirteen women and the experiment that transformed their lives* by Cheryl Jarvis**

The true story of thirteen women from Ventura, CA, from diverse social, educational, and political backgrounds who together purchased an expensive diamond necklace that was beyond their means individually. In the process, they changed not only themselves but a community. 256 p.

***The other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore**

Traces the parallel lives of two youths with the same name born a year apart in the same community, describing how the author grew up to be a Rhodes Scholar, White House Fellow and promising business leader while his counterpart suffered a life of violence and imprisonment. 272 p.

***A whole new mind: why right-brainers will rule the future* by Daniel H. Pink**

Reveals the six essential aptitudes on which professional success and personal fulfillment now depend, and includes a series of hands-on exercises culled from experts around the world to help readers sharpen the necessary abilities. 288 p.

***Kabul Beauty School* by Deborah Rodriguez**

Deborah Rodriguez went to Afghanistan with nothing but a desire to help and a degree in cosmetology. Once there, she joined the recently established Kabul Beauty School, where she not only empowered her students with a new sense of autonomy but also made some of the closest friends of her life. 320 p.

***The bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad**

Norwegian journalist Seierstad casts light on the difficult, sometimes dreary, often dangerous life of a bookseller in the Afghan capital, not neglecting the equal but very different tribulations of the women in his family. 320 p.

***Riding the bus with my sister* by Rachel Simon**

Beth is a spirited woman with mental retardation, who spends nearly every day riding the buses in Philadelphia. The drivers are her mentors; her fellow passengers are her community. When Beth asks her sister Rachel to accompany her on the buses for one year, they take a transcendent journey together that changes Rachel's life in incredible ways and leads her to accept her sister at long last. 296 p.

***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot**

Weaves together the story of Henrietta Lacks--a woman whose cells have been unwittingly used for scientific research since the 1950s--with the birth of bioethics, and the dark history of experimentation on African Americans. 381 p.

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