

1st Thursday Book Discussion

2011

- Feb Black History Month (Fiction)
The Help by Kathryn Stockett
The Queen of Palmyra by Minrose Gwin
- April Poverty in America (Non-Fiction)
Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich
Working Poor by David K. Shipler
- June True Crime Set in Chicago (Non-Fiction)
Devil in the White City by Eric Larson
Sin in the Second City by Karen Abbott
- Aug Playful Treatment of a Classic and the Classic It's Based On (Fiction)
The Eyre Affair by Jasper Fforde
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
- Oct Women Helping Other Women with Microeconomics (Non-Fiction)
Half the Sky by Nicholas d. Kristof
The Blue Sweater by Jacqueline Novogratz
- Dec Women in the West in the early 20th century (Fiction)
Half Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls
Hearts of Horses by Molly Glass

2010

- Feb Black History Month – fiction and nonfiction
Blonde Roots by Bernardine Evaristo
Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman by Ernest J. Gaines
- April Art theft – nonfiction and fiction
Vanished Smile by R.A. Scotti
Faking It by Jennifer Crusie
- June Jews in WWII – Fiction
Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay
Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

Aug Patients dealing with Alzheimer's – Fiction
Still Alice by Lisa Genova
The Wilderness by Samantha Harvey

Oct Coming of age – Fiction
Selected Works of T.S. Spivet by Reif Larsen
Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger

Dec Animals in fact and fiction
Nose Down, Eyes Up by Merrill Markhoe
Love is the Best Medicine by Nick Trout

2009

Feb Government control over society; censorship
Ella Minnow Pea by Mark Dunn
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

April Life during WWII, comparing govt. officials with common people's experiences
No Ordinary Time by Doris Kearns Goodwin
Once Upon A Town by Bob Greene

June Encountering culture shock while growing up
Child of the Jungle by Sabine Kuegler
The Story of My Life by Farah Ahmedi

Aug Women coping with cultural limitations
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See
Widow's War by Sally Gunning

Oct White women's relationships with Native Americans
One Thousand White Women by Jim Fergus
The White by Deborah Larsen

Dec Epistolary novels
Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer
84 Charing Cross by Helene Hanff

2008 JOURNEY THROUGH THE GENRES

Feb - YA *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin
Brief History of the Dead by Kevin Brockmeier

April - Bios *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham
 Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight by Alexandra Fuller

June - SciFi *Kindred* by Octavia Butler
 The Sparrow by FMary Doria Russell

Aug - Western *Close Range* by Annie Proulx
 Collected Short Stories of Louis L'Amour—Frontier Stories Vol. 1

Oct - NonFic *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts
 Heart Like Water by Joshua Clark

Dec - Humor *Way Off the Road* by Bill Geist
 Patty Jane's House of Curl by Lorna Landvik

2007 **JOURNEYS**

Feb *These Is My Words* by Nancy E. Turner
 Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey collected by Lillian Schlissel

April *River Horse* by William Least Heat-Moon

June *Travels with Charley in Search of America* by John Steinbeck
 Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Aug *Memory of Running* by Ron McLarty

Oct *Voyage of the Narwhal* by Andrea Barnett

Dec *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson