

Books Read in Past Years By the Book Discussion Group

* Books presented by Writer-In-Residence

2022 – 2023

Phil Knight, Shoe Dog: A Memoir by the Creator of Nike
 Sara Seager, The Smallest Lights in the Universe
 Jeanine Cummins, American Dirt
 Delia Owens, Where the Crawdads Sing
 William Makepeace Thackeray, Vanity Fair
 Marie Benedict, The Other Einstein
 John MacLachlan Gray, The White Angel
 Miriam Toews, Women Talking

2021 – 2022

Nate Blakeslee, The Wolf
 Isabel Allende, A Long Petal of the Sea
 Ashley Audrain, The Push
 Avind Atega, The White Tiger
 *Ifeoma Chinwuba, Merchants of Flesh
 Edited by Rona Altrows, You Look Good For Your Age
 Louise Penny, A Better Man
 Virginia Woolf, Night and Day
 Anthony Horowitz, The Magpie Murders

2020 – 2021

Beverly McLachlin, Truth Be Told and Full Disclosure
 Trevor Noah, Born A Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood
 Heather Morris, The Tattooist of Auschwitz
 Carissa Halton, Little Yellow House
 Maaza Mengiste, The Shadow King
 George Eliot, Middlemarch
 Michelle Obama, Becoming
 Marie Clementine, Lady Clementine

2019 – 2020

Elizabeth Strout, Olive Kitteridge
 Arnor Towles, Gentleman in Moscow
 Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird
 Tara Westover, Educated
 Esi Edugyan, Washington Black
 Christine Forth, The Mapmaker's Wife
 Kristin Hannah, The Nightingale
 *Darrin Hagen, The Edmonton Queen: The Final Voyage
 Daniel Mendelsohn, An Odyssey: A Father, a Son, and an Epic
 Sujatha Gidla, Ants Among Elephants

2018 – 2019

Carol Shields, Swann
 JD Vance, Hillbilly Elegy
 David John and Lee Hyeonseo, The Girl with Seven Names
 Anne-Marie O'Connor, The Lady in Gold
 Pearl Buck, The Good Earth
 *Janet Rogers, As Long As the Sun Shines
 Katherena Vermette, The Break
 Kate Quinn, The Alice Network

Nadia Hashimi, [A House Without Windows](#)

2017 – 2018

Nina George, [The Little Paris Bookstore](#)

Jane Austen, [Emma](#)

*Margaret Christakos, [Her Paraphernalia: On Motherlines, Sex/Blood/Loss & Selfies](#)

Clare Mackintosh, [I Let You Go](#)

Stephen Marche, [The Unmade Bed: The Messy Truth About Men and Women in the 21st Century](#)

Calum McCann, [Transatlantic](#)

Madeleine Thien, [Do Not Say We Have Nothing](#)

Mohsin Hamid, [Reluctant Fundamentalist](#)

Paul Harding, [Tinkers](#)

2016 – 2017

Cyril Aydon, [A Brief Guide to Charles Darwin: His Life and Times](#)

EM Forster, [A Passage to India](#)

Sarah Leavitt, [Tangles](#)

Edith Hahn-Ber, [The Nazi Officer's Wife](#)

Zelda La Grange, [Good Morning Mr Mandela](#)

Betty Foster, [The Bird's Eye View](#)

*Jashpreet Singh, [Helium or Chef and Seventeen Tomatoes: Tales from Kashmird](#)

2015 – 2016

Tinh Nguyen, [Ru](#)

Ian McEwan, [The Children's Act](#)

Deborah Rodriguez, [The Kabul Beauty School](#)

Simon Mawer, [The Glass Room](#)

Nevil Shute, [A Town like Alice](#)

Anthony Doerr, [All the Light we Cannot See](#)

Miriam Toews, [All my Puny Sorrows](#)

Louise Penny, [How the Light Gets In](#)

*Fred Stenson, [Who by Fire](#)

2014 – 2015

Jonas Jonasson, [The Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared](#)

Diane Ackerman, [The Zookeeper's Wife](#)

Jennifer Worth, [Call the Midwife](#)

M.L. Stedman, [Light Between Oceans](#)

Alice Munro, [Dear Life and/or another book of short stories](#)

Malala Yousafzai, [I Am Malala](#)

Eleanor Catton, [The Luminaries](#)

John Steinbeck, [The Grapes of Wrath](#)

2013 – 2014

Will Ferguson, [419](#)

Betty Smith, [A Tree Grows in Brooklyn](#)

Hilary Mantel, [Wolf Hall](#)

Jim DeFede, [The Day the World Came to Town](#)

*Erin Moure, [The Unmemntioable](#)

Izzeldin Abuelaish, [I Shall Not Hate](#)

Ami McKay, [The Birth House](#)

D.H. Lawrence, [Women In Love](#)

Erik Larsen, [In the Garden of the Beast](#)

2012 – 2013

Emma Donoghue, [Room](#)

Carmen Aguirre, Something Fierce: The Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter
 Esi Edugya, Half-Blood Blues
 Janis Cooke Newman, Mary
 Joanna Trollope, Second Honeymoon
 Aloa Al Awan, The Yacoubian Building
 Norman Doidge, M.D., The Brain that Changes Itself
 Robert Crease, The Prism and the Pendulum

2011 – 2012

Terry Fallis, The Best Laid Plans
 Somerset Maugham, Somerset Maugham (Short Stories)
 Jack Weatherford, The Secret History of the Mongol Queens
 Abraham Verghese, Cutting for Stone
 Shilpi Gowda, Secret Daughter
 Joseph Boyden, Through the Black Spruce and Three Day Road
 Irshad Manji, The Trouble with Islam
 Markus Zusak, The Book Thief

2010 – 2011

Dennis Bock, The Ash Garden
 Ann Patchett, Bel Canto
 Yann Martel, Life of Pi
 Richard Wright, Clara Callan
 Alastair MacLeod, No Great Mischief
 Barbara Kingsolver, Poisonwood Bible
 Guy Vanderhaeghe, The Last Crossing

2009 – 2010

Lawrence Hill, The Book of Negroes
 Richard Gwyn, John A: The Man Who Made Us
 Gil Adamson, The Outlander
 Tim Winton, Breath
 Jon Meacham, Franklin & Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship
 Mary Ann Schaffer & Annie Burrows, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
 Bettina Van Kampen/Steven Galloway, Tristan Chord/The Cellist of Sarajevo
 Salman Rushdie, Shalimar the Clown
 *Hiromi Goto

2008 – 2009

Brenda Maddox, Rosalind Franklin: The Dark Lady of DNA
 Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Infidel
 Rawi Hage, De Niro's Game
 Thomas Mann, Disorder & Early Sorrow
 75th Anniversary project, Any selection circa 1933
 Greg Mortenson & David Relin, Three Cups of Tea
 Nancy Horan, Loving Frank
 Michael Wallner, April in Paris

2007 – 2008

Allesandro Baricco, Silk
 Fred Stenson, The Trade
 Orhan Pamuk, Istanbul
 Wilkie Collins, The Woman In White
 Vincent Lam, Bloodletting and Miraculous Cures
 Kiran Desai, The Inheritance of Loss
 Irene Nemirovsky, Suite Francaise

*Rob McLennan, White

2006 – 2007

Miriam Toews, A Complicated Kindness
 Julian Barnes, Arthur and George
 Sharon Butala, Lilac Moon
 Nadine Gordimer, Telling Tales
 Zadie Smith, On Beauty
 Christopher Hitchens, Why Orwell Matters

2005 - 2006

Any classic
 Mark Haddon, Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime
 Janet Wallach, Desert Queen
 Jeffrey Eugenides, Middlesex
 Ian Ferguson, Village of the Small Houses
 Khaled Hosseini, The Kite Runner
 John Bemrose, The Island Walkers
 *Curtis Gillespie

2004 – 2005

Adam Hochschild, King Leopold's Ghost
 Roy Jenkins, Churchill, a Biography
 Nikolai Gogol, Dead Souls
 Dan Brown, The Da Vinci Code: a novel
 Margaret Drabble, The Seven Sisters
 Mary Lawson, Crow Lake
 Sue Monk Kidd, The Secret Life of Bees
 * Karen Solie

2003 – 2004

Dennis Bock, The Ash Garden
 Ann Patchett, Bel Canto
 Margaret McMillan, Paris 1919
 * Myrna Kostash
 * Gloria Sawai, A Song for Nettie Johnson
 Yann Martel, Life of Pi
 Austin Clarke, The Polished Hoe
 George Eliot, Silas Marner

2002 – 2003

Richard Wright, Clara Callan
 Rosario Castellanos, The Book of Lamentations
 Mark Twain, Huckleberry Finn
 Sally Vickers, Miss Garnett's Angel
 Haruki Murakami, The Wind-up Bird Chronicles
 Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, Don Quixote
 Dava Sobel, Galileo's Daughter

2001 – 2002

Alastair MacLeod, No Great Mischief
 Jose Saramago, Blindness
 Shyam Silvadurai, Cinnamon Gardens
 Michael Cunningham, The Hours
 Charlotte Gray, Sisters in the Wilderness: The Lives of Susannah Moodie and Catherine Parr Trail

Anton Chekhov, Stories
 Edwidge Danticat, The Farming of Bones
 Shani Mootoo, Cereus Blooms at Night

2000 – 2001

*Marilyn Dumont, A Really Good Brown Girl
 Ian MacEwan, Amsterdam
 Bernard Schlink, The Reader
 Wayson Choy, Paper Shadow
 Barbara Kingsolver, Poisonwood Bible
 Ernest Hemmingway, For Whom the Bell Tolls
 J Coetze, Disgrace
 M Manette Ansay, Vinegar Hill

1999 – 2000

Rebecca Welle, Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood
 John Berendt, Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil
 * Tim Loburn
 Ursula Hegge, Stones from the River
 VG Sebald, The Emigrants
 R Mistry, A Fine Balance
 Seamus Deane, Reading in the Dark
 Michael Ondaatje, In the Skin of a Lion

1998 – 1999

Monique Proulx, Aurora Montrealis
 * Olive Senior, Gardening in the Tropics
 Louis de Bernieres, Capt Corelli's Mandolin
 Leo Tolstoy, War and Peace
 Amos Oz, Panther in the Basement
 Arundhati Roy, God of Small Things
 Thomas Maguire, The Wicked Witch of the West
 And How She Got That Way

1997 – 1998

Margaret Forester, Lady's Maid
 * K Edwards, Becoming Emma
 Gail Anderson Dargatz, Cure for Death by Lightning
 Maya Angelou, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
 Anne Michaels, Fugitive Pieces
 Anne Marie McDonald, Fall on Your Knees
 Michael Ignatieff, Blood and Belonging
 Guy VanderHaeg, The Englishman's Boy
 Aretha Van Herk, Due West

1996 -1997

Jane Austin, Sense and Sensibility
 Thomas Wharton, Icefields
 * Ven Begamudre, Van Der Graaff Days
 David Guterson, Snow Falling On Cedars
 AnneTyler, Ladder of Years
 Timothy Findley, Not Wanted On the Voyage
 Doestoevsky, Brothers Karamazov
 Homer, The Odyssey

1995 -1996

Jane Urquhart, Away
 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, The First Circle
 Peter Hoeg, Smilla's Sense of Snow
 * Di Brandt, Jerusalem
 E Annie Proulx, The Shipping News
 I Rigoberta Menchu, An Indian Woman in Guatemala
 MG Vassanji, The Book of Secrets
 Edith Wharton, The House of Mirth
 Margaret Atwood, The Robber Bride

1994 -1995

John Steinbeck, Of Mice and Men
 Roddy Doyle, The Commitments
 Kuki Gallman, I Dreamed of Africa
 Carol Shields, Stone Diaries
 Sandra Cisneros, House of Mangoes
 *Gail Scott
 Jane Smiley, 1000 Acres
 Wilhelm Moberg, Time on Earth

1993 -1994

Michael Ondaatje, The English Patient
 Anthony Trollope, Barchester Towers
 L Andric, Bridge on the Drina
 Jung Chang, Wild Swans
 Tim Winton, Cloud Street
 * Don McKay
 Edward Rutherford, Russka

1992 - 93

Peter Ackroyd, Chatterton
 Joy Kogawa, Obasan
 Bryce Courtemay, The Power of One
 Naomi Wolf, The Beauty Myth
 Nadine Gordimer, July's People
 Rohinton Mistry, Such a Long Journey
 Penelope Lively, Moon Tiger
 Mordecai Richler, Oh Canada, Oh Quebec
 *Trevor Ferguson,

1991 - 92

John Updike, one of the books in the "Rabbit" series.
 Kamala Markahdaya, Nectar in the Sieve
 Elizabeth Jolley, The Newspaper of Claremont Street
 Isabelle Allende, The House of the Spirits
 *Myrna Summers, North of Battle
 Norman Cousins, Head First
 Kazuo Ishiguro, The Remains of the Day
 Nino Ricci, The Lives of the Saints

1990 - 91

Ronald Wright, Time Among the Maya
 Amy Tan, The Joy Luck Club
 Jeannette Winterson, Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit
 Paul Bailey, Gabriel's Lament

Harriet Goldhor Lerner, The Dance of Anger
 *Sandra Birdsell, The Missing Child
 Jean Kerr Conway, The Road From Coorain

1989 - 90

Daphne de Maurier, Cousin Raphael, Rebecca
 W.P. Kinsella, The Iowa Baseball Confederacy
 Toni Morrison, Beloved
 Naguib Mahfouz, Autumn Quail
 Anne Dillard, An American Childhood
 Nuen Cheng, Life and Death in Shanghai
 *Kristjana Gunnars, The Prowler, Wake-pick Poems
 Mario Vargas Llosa, Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter
The War of the End of the World

1988 - 89

David Helwig, The Bishop
 Clarke Blaise & Bharate Mukherjee, Days and Nights in Calcutta
 Allan Bloom, The Closing of the American Mind
 Sinclair Lewis, Elmer Gantry
 Blanche D'Alpuget, Turtle Beach
 *Fred Wah, Waiting For Saskatchewan
 Jane Rule, Memory Board
 Whitley Strieber & James Kunetka, War Day

1987 - 88

Natasha Josefowitz. Natasha's Words for Lovers
 Natasha's Words for Friends
 Natasha's Words for Family
 Georgina Binnie-Clark, Wheat and Woman
 Carl Sagan, Contact
 David Lodge, Small World
 Mary Gordon, Men and Angels
 William Golding, The Paper Men
 *Leora Gom, Housebroken
 Kingsley Amis, Old Devils
 Margaret Drabble, Middle Ground

1986 - 87

Edger Allan Poe to Agathe Christie, favourite mysteries
 Josef Skvorecky, The Engineer of Human Souls
 Joel Garreau, The Nine Nations of North America
 Jeffery Archer, First Among Equals
 John Updike, The Witches of Eastwick
 Junichiro Tanizaki, The Makioka Sisters
 Albert Facey, A Fortunate Life
 *Ray Smith, Century and Lord Nelson Tavern

1985 - 86

WO Mitchell, Who Has Seen the Wind
 Helen Hoover Santmeyer, And Ladies of the Club
 Elias Canetti, Auto da Fe
 Sawako Ariyoshi, The Doctor's Wife
 Munroe Scott, McClure: The China Years
 Shiva Naipaul, North of South: An African Journey
 Phyllis Rose, Parallel Lives: Five Victorian Marriages

Daphne Mariett, How To Hug a Stone and Steveston

1984 - 85

A Charles Dickens evening
 Northrop Frye, The Great Code
 Tracy Kidder, The Soul of the New Machine
 Han Suyin, Till Morning Comes
 Umberta Eco, The Name of the Rose
 Helene Hanff, 84 Charing Cross Road
 Anne Tyler, Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant
 * Monica Hughes

1983 - 84

Mavis Gallant, From the 15th District
 VS Naipaul, Among the Believers
 Paul Theroux, The Mosquito Coast
 Jane Austin, Emma
 Olive Schreiner, Story of an African Farm
 Hugh MacLennan, Voices in Time
 *Samuel Selven
 George Orwell, 1984 and Aldous Huxley, Brave New World

1982 - 83

Nadine Gordimer, Burger's Daughter
 *June Bhatia/Helen Forrester, Twopence To cross the Mersey
 DH Thomas, The White Hotel
 Isaac B Singer, The Manor
 Edith Wharton, The Age of Innocence
 Nancy Friday, My Mother, Myself
 Richard Adams, Girl on a Swing
 Elizabeth Smart, By Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept

1981 - 82

R Caron, Go Boy
 Graham Greene, The Comedians
 T Robbins, Even Cowgirls Get the Blues
 R Davies, The Depford Trilogy
 Willa Cather, Death Comes to the Archbishop
 W Faulkner, The Sound and the Fury
 Gunter Grass, Cat and Mouse

1980 - 81

Golda Meir, My Life
 Sinclair Ross, As For Me and My House
 George Eliot, Middlemarch
 Judy Blume, Forever
 Marilyn French, The Women's Room
 An evening of fairy tales
 Jorge Amado, Gabriela, Cloves and Cinnamon
 *Phyllis Webb, Selected Poems
 Heinrich Boll, The Lost Honor of Katharina Blum

1979 - 80

Oscar Wilde, The Picture of Dorian Gray
 Margaret Craven, I Heard the Owl Call My Name
 Emily Carr, Klee Wyck
 Laurence Durrell, The Alexandria Quartet

Margaret Mead, Blackberry Winter
 Thomas Hardy, Jude the Obscure
 Sigrid Undset, Kristin Lavransdatter
 Wallace Stegner, Angle of Repose
 Maria Campbell, Halfbreed

1978 - 79

A Camus, The Plague
 Laurens Van Der Post, The Night of the New Moon
 A Somerset Maugham evening
 Leon Uris, Trinty
 N Griffiths, Penelope's Web
 Hermann Hesse, Magister Ludi
 George Johnston, My Brother Jack
 * Sheila Watson, The Double Hook

1977 - 78

Emily Bronte, Wuthering Heights
 Chaim Potok, My Name is Asher Lev
 *Henry Kreisel, The Rich Man
 AY Jackson, A Painter's Country
 E Kubler-Ross, On Death and Dying
 Bruno Bettelheim, Children of the Dream
 R Pirsig, Zen and the Art of Mototcycle Maintenance
 *Marian Engel, Bear

1976 - 77

FR Schreiber, Sybil
 *Rudy Wiebe, The Blue Mountains of China and
 Temptation of Big Bear
 F Mauriac, Therese
 Roald Dahl, Switch Bitch
 Y Kawabata, The Sound of the Mountain
 P White, The Tree of Man
 Laurie Lee, As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning
 George Orwell, Homage to Catalonia
 Virginia Woolf, To the Lighthouse

1975 - 76

A John Steinbeck evening
 Alice Munro, Lives of Girls and Women
 D Lessing, The Summer Before the Dark
 *Matt Cohen, Johnny Crackle Sings
 Marian Engel, The Honeyman Festival
 Faye Weldon, Down Among the Women
 Machado de Assis, Dom Casmurro
 Richard Adams, Watership Down

1974 - 75

Antonia Fraser, Mary Queen of Scotts
 Tom Wolfe, The Pump House Gang
 Gabriel Garcia Marquez, One Hundred Years of Solitude
 Rudy Wiebe, Peace Shall Destroy Many
 James Baldwin, The Fire Next Time
 VS Naipul, A House for Mr Biswas
 S de Beauvoir, Memoirs of a Dutiful Daughter

1973 - 74

Margaret Atwood, The Edible Woman
A Solzhenitsyn, The First Circle
Yves Theriault, Agaguli
D Lessing, The Four Gated City
Richardson and Spears, Race and Intelligence
Brian Moore, Judith Hearne and The Luck of Ginger Coffee
Marie-Claire Blais, Mad Shadows
Romain Gary, The Guilty Head

1972 - 73

Iris Murdock, The Bell
Thomas Mann, The Magic Mountain
Bulgakov, The Master and Margarita
Ayn Rand, Atlas Shrugged
Margaret Lawrence, The Stone Angel
Patrick White, Voss
Gabrielle Roy, The Tin Flute

1971 - 72

Henri Charriere, Papilion
A Solzhenitsyn, Cancer Ward
John Fowles, The Magus
A Toffler, Future Shock
Lawrence Durrell, Bitter Lemons
R Ardrey, The Territorial Imperative