

**Books Read by  
AAUW Northville-Novi Evening Discussion Group  
1987 – 2024**

**1987-88**

Games Mother Never Taught You	Betty Lehan Harragan
The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood
The Feminine Mystique	Betty Friedan
Movie: The Whales of August	

**1988-89**

The Ladies of Missalonghi	Colleen McCullough
Stranger in Two Worlds	Jean Harris
Beloved	Toni Morrison
The Optimist's Daughter	Eudora Welty
The Children's Story	James Clavell
Video: The Gods Must Be Crazy	

**1989-90**

The Carnival Dog, the Buyer of Diamonds	Ethan Canin
Look at Me	Anita Brookner
Gate to Women's Country	Sheri Tepper
Perfect Women	Collette Dowling
The Woman Who Wasn't All There	Paula Sharp
Diaries of Women	Mary Jane Moffat
Movie: Driving Miss Daisy	
Dinner at Key Largo, Walled Lake	

**1990-91**

The Blue Bedroom and Other Stories	Rosamond Pilcher
The Joy Luck Club	Amy Tan
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte
A Prayer of Owen Meany	John Irving
Mary McCarthy: A Life	Carol Gelderman
Womenfolks	Shirley Abbott
Movie: Mr. & Mrs. Bridge	
Dinner at Country Epicure, Novi	

**1991-92**

Light a Penny Candle	Maeve Binchy
Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen
The Group	Mary McCarthy
The Ginger Tree	Oswald Wynd
The Cat's Eye	Margaret Atwood
You Just Don't Understand Me: Men and Women in Conversation	Deborah Tanner

Movie: Fried Green Tomatoes  
Dinner at Ernesto's, Plymouth

**1992-92**

The Kitchen God's Wife	Amy Tan
How to Make an American Quilt	Whitney Otto
The Education of Little Tree	Forrest Carter
Herbs and Apples	Helen Hoover Santmyer
The Firm	John Grisham
Movie: Used People and/or Lorenzo's Oil	
Dinner at Ernesto's, Plymouth	

**1993-94**

Pillars of the Earth	Ken Follett
Blooming: A Small Town Girlhood	Susan Allen Toth
A Thousand Acres	Jane Smiley
Eleanor Roosevelt. Vol. 1 1884-1933	Blanche Wiesen Cook
Bridges of Madison County	James Waller
Speaker: Darlene Ursel	
Dinner at Ernesto's, Plymouth	

**1994-95**

I Know Why the Cages Bird Sings	Maya Angelou
A Room of Her Own	Virginia Woolf
The Children of Mer	P.D. James
The Love Hunter	John Hasslar
Fountain of Age	Betty Friedan
Hill Towns	Anne Rivers Siddons
Video: A Year in Provence	
Dinner at Ernesto's, Plymouth	

**1995-96**

Sally Hemmings	Barbara Chase-Ribaud
Wild Swans	Jung Chang
Pigs in Heaven	Barbara Kingsolver
Robber Bride	Margaret Atwood
Waiting to Exhale	Terry McMillan
Having Our Say	Delaney Sisters
Dinner at Ernesto's, Plymouth	

**1996-97**

The President's Daughter	Barbara Chase-Ribaud
A Skeleton in God's Closet	Paul Maier
Beach Music	Pat Conroy
The Stone Diaries	Carol Shields
Nine Parts of Desire	Geraldine Breck

The Horse Whisperer Movie: Dinner at Ernesto's, Plymouth	Nicholas Evans
<b>1997-98</b>	
Stones from the River The Heart of a Woman Ship Fever (short stories) The Statement The Rapture of Canaan The Color of Water Shipping News Dinner at Ernesto's, Plymouth	Ursula Hegi Maya Angelou Andrea Barrett Brian Moore Sheri Reynolds James McBride E. Annie Proulx
<b>1998-99</b>	
Fall on Your Knees Cold Mountain Their Eyes Were Watching God Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood Montana 1948 Ragtime The Actual Dinner at Ernesto's, Plymouth	Anne Marie McDonald Charles Frazier Zora Neale Hurston Rebecca Wells Larry Watson E.L. Doctorow Saul Bellow
<b>1999-00</b>	
Memoirs of a Geisha Midwives A Walk in the Woods The Poisonwood Bible The Moor's Last Sigh White Oleander Dinner at Ernesto's, Plymouth	Arthur Gulden Chris Bohjalian Bill Bryson Barbara Kingsolver Salman Rushdie Janet Fitch
<b>2000-01</b>	
Daughter of Fortune On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon Moonlight on the Avenue of Faith The Hours The Red Tent Sister Ladies Night at Finbar's Hotel Dinner at Ernesto's, Plymouth	Isabel Allende Kaye Gibbons Gina B. Nahai Michael Cunningham Anita Diamant A. Minetter Ansay Ernot Bolger, ed.
<b>2001-02</b>	
Ahab's Wife: or The Star Gazer House of Sand and Fog	Sena Jeter Naslund Andre Dubus

Winona's Web	Priscilla Cogan
Chocolat; A Novel	Joanne Harris
Plain Truth	Jodi Picoult
The Girl in the Picture	Denise Chong
The God of Small Things	Arundhati Roy
Dinner at Ernesto's, Plymouth	

**2002-03**

Personal History	Katherine Graham
Pope Joan	Donna Cross
Amsterdam	Ian McEwan
Prodigal Summer	Barbara Kingsolver
The Sisters: The Saga of the Mitford Family	Mary S. Lovell
The Bondwoman's Narrative	Hannah Crafts
The Floating Brothel	Sian Rees
Dinner at Tiramisu, Northville	

**2003-04**

A Fine Balance	Rhinton Mistry
Bel Canto	Ann Patchett
The Secret Lives of Bees	Sue Monk Kidd
Middlesex	Jeffrey Eugenides
Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life	Queen Noor
Atonement	Ian McEwan
The Good German	Joseph Kanon
Dinner: Atlantis, Livonia	

**2004-05**

Peace Like a River	Leif Enger
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime	Marc Haddon
Ella Minnow Pea	Mark Dunn
The Way the Crow Flies	Ann-Marie MacDonald
Ordinary Life	Elizabeth Berg
Waxwings	Jonathon Rabin
The Englishman's Daughter: A True Story of Love and Betrayal in World War I	Ben MacIntyre
Dinner: Julie O'Loughlin's home	

**2005-06**

Benjamin Franklin: An American Life	W. Isaacson
A Complicated Kindness	M. Toews
Please Don't Come Back from the Moon	D. Bakopoulos
The Falls: A Novel	Joyce Carol Oats

The Breaking Point: How the Female Midlife Crisis is Transforming Today's Women	S. Shellenbarger
Broken for You	S. Kallos
Devil in the White City: Magic and Madness at the Fair that Changed America	E. Larson
Dinner: Bravo Restaurant, Livonia	

**2006-07**

What the Body Remembers	Shauna Singh Baldwin
The Magician's Assistant	Anne Patchet
When the Emperor Was Divine	Jane Otsuka
The Master Butchers Singing Club	Louise Erdich
Annie Freeman's Fabulous Travelling Funeral	Kris Radish
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan	Lisa See
Dinner: Bravo Restaurant, Livonia	

**2007-08**

Suite Francaise	Irene Nemirovsky
The Accidental	Ali Smith
The Namesake	Jhumpa Lahiri
Water for Elephants	Sara Gruen
The Glass Castle	Jeanette Walls
God is Not Great	Christopher Hitchens
Dinner: Macaroni Grill, Livonia	

**2008-09**

New England White	Stephen L. Carter
The Zookeepers Wife: a War Story	Diane Ackerman
The Secret River	Kate Grenville
The Gathering	Ann Enright
The Birth House	Ami McKay
Loving Frank	Nancy Horan
Five Quarters of the Orange	Joann Harris
Dinner: Macaroni Grill, Livonia	

**2009-10**

Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations	Georgina Howell
People of the Book	Geraldine Brooks
Age of Innocence	Edith Wharton
The Book Thief	Markus Zusak
Luncheon of the Boating Party	Susan Vreeland
The Cellist of Sarajewo	Stephen Galloway
Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation	Cokie Roberts

Dinner: Sophie's Restaurant, Farmington Hills

**2010-11**

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo	Steig Larson
The Woman Behind the New Deal	Kristin Downey
The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet	Jamie Ford
The Help	Kathryn Stockett
City of Thieves	David Benioff
To Kill a Mockingbird (+ movie)	Harper Lee
The Art of Racing in the Rain	Garth Stein
Dinner: Claddagh, Livonia	

**2011-12**

A 1,000 Mile Walk on the Beach	Loreen Niewenhuis
Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers	Mary Roach
Oleanna	David Mamet
The Girls from Ames	Jeffrey Zaslow
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Rebecca Skloot
The Owl and Moon Cafe	Jo-Ann Mapson
The Forgotten Garden	Kate Morton
Dinner: Claddagh, Livonia	

**2012-13**

Atlas Shrugged (+ movie + pot luck)	Ayn Rand
The Madonnas of Leningrad	Debra Dean
Arc of Justice	Kevin Boyle
State of Wonder	Ann Patchett
Someone Knows My Name	Lawrence Hill
The Swerve: How the World Became Modern	Stephen Greenblatt
The Woman in White	Wilkie Collins
Dinner: Pot Luck at Ruth Rickard's	

**2013-14**

Flight Behavior	Barbara Kingsolver
A Perfect Union: Dolly Madison and the Creation of the American Nation	Catherine Aligor
The Language of Flowers	Vanessa Diffenbaugh
The Outliers: The Story of Success	Malcolm Gladwell
Love, Fiercely	Jean Zimmerman
The Kitchen House	Kathleen Grisson
In the Sanctuary of Outcasts	Neil White

**2014-15**

Book of ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin	Jill Lapore
The Light Between Oceans	M.L. Stedman
Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker	Jennifer Chiaverini
Orphan Train	Christina Baler Kline
Kinder Than Solitude	Yiyun Li
The Girls of Atomic City	Denise Kiernan
The Goldfinch	Donna Tartt

Dinner and book choice discussion for 2015/16 at Ruth Rickard's

**2015-16**

Prayers for the Stolen	Jennifer Clement
The Fiddler on Pantico Run	Joe Mozingo
The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry	Gabrielle Zevin
Shakespeare Saved My Life: Ten Years in Solitary with the Bard	Laura Bates
The Girl on the Train	Paula Hawkins
The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared	Jonas Jonasson
The World Before Us	Aislynn Hunter

Book choices for 2016/17

**2016-17**

The Seven Sisters	Lucinda Riley
The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey	Candice Millard
The Turner House	Angela Flournoy
The Art of Hearing Heartbeats	Jan-Phillip Sendker
The Gap of Time	Jeanette Winterson
The Nightingale	Kristen Hannah
The All Girls Filling Station	Fannie Flagg

Annual book choice dinner for 2017-18 books

**2017-18**

A Gentleman in Moscow	Amor Towles
Station 11	Emily St. John Mandel
Hillbilly Elegy	J.D. Vance
The One in a Million Boy	Monica Wood
The Nest	Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney
The Secret Wisdom of the Earth	Christopher Scotten
Flight of the Sparrow	Amy Belding Brown

Book selection meeting

**2018-19**

The Female Persuasion	Meg Wolitzer
Hero of the Empire	Candace Millard
Autumn	Ali Smith
Little Fires Everywhere	Celeste Ng
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine	Gail Honeyman
Our Souls at Night	Kent Haruf
Before We Were Yours	Lisa Wingate
Decisions for 2019-20	

**2019-20**

The Great Bridge	David McCollough
Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens
Our Tempestuous Day	Carolly Erickson
Educated	Tara Westover
The Last Boat Out of Shanghai	Helen Zia
The Woman's Hour	Elaine Weiss
Not discussed due to Covid-19	
The Only Woman in the Room	Marie Benedict
Not discussed due to Covid-19	
Decisions made via ZOOM virtual meeting	

**2020-21** (all meetings held via ZOOM, due to the Covid 19 pandemic)

Life and Death of the Great Lakes	Dan Egan
The Splendid & the Vile	Eric Larsen
The Glass Hotel	Emily St. John Mandel
The Dutch House	Anne Patchett
The Nickel Boys	Colson Whitehead
The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane	Lisa See
American Dirt	Jeanine Cummins
Decisions for 2021-22, Dessert & coffee at Mary Jane Kearns. Outside, in the Florida room.	

**2021-22**

And the Mountains Echoed	Khaled Hosseini
The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century	Kirk Wallace
A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win WWII	Sonia Purnell
Black Bottom Saints	Alice Randall
West With Giraffes	Lynda Rutledge
The Four Winds	Kristen Hannah
News of the World	Paulette Jiles
Decisions for 2022-23	



**2023-23**

Brazen: My Unorthodox Journey from Long Sleeves to Lingerie	Julie Haart
Words Between Us	Erin Bartels
My Antonia	Willa Cather
The Personal Librarian	Marie Benedict
The Doctors Blackwell	Janice Nimura
The Lincoln Highway	Amor Towes
The Round House	Louise Erhard
Decisions for 2023-24	

**2023-24**

The Night Watchman	Louise Erdrich
We Kept Our Town Going	Phyllis Michael Wong
Lucy by the Sea	Elizabeth Stout
Black Cake	Charmaine Wilkerson
Demon Copperfield	Barbara Kingsolver
Upstairs at the White House	J.B. West & Mary Lynn Kotz
Horse	Geraldine Brooks
Decisions for 2024-25	