

Rumford Book Discussion Group
Reading List 2007-2008

- Sept. 6, 2007 Spartina - John Casey
"A commercial fisherman, husband, father, and lover, Dick Pierce upsets the placidity of his family when he finds himself in love with two people at the same time."* *1989 National Book Award*
- Oct. 11, 2007 Water for Elephants- Sara Gruen
"Ninety-something-year-old Jacob Jankowski remembers his time in the circus as a young man during the Great Depression, and his friendship with Marlena, the star of the equestrian act, and Rosie, the elephant, who gave them hope."* *2007 Book Sense Book of the Year*
- Nov. 1, 2007 The Thirteenth Tale - Diane Setterfield
"When her health begins failing, the mysterious author Vida Winter decides to let Margaret Lea, a biographer, write the truth about her life, but Margaret needs to verify the facts since Vida has a history of telling outlandish tales."* *2007 Alex Award*
- Dec. 6, 2007 Bastard of Istanbul - Elif Shafak
"Turkish teen Asya is coming of age under the wing of her tattoo-parlor owner mother and her three aunts, befriending a cousin from America, and discovering a secret that links her family to the 1915 Armenian deportations and massacres."*
- Jan. 3, 2008 Digging to America - Anne Tyler
Vintage Tyler, this is a moving, well-crafted story of adoption, friendship, and families. Tyler offers "a penetrating light on the American way as seen from two perspectives, those who are born here and those who are still struggling to fit in."* *2006 New York Times (NYT) Notable Book*
- Feb. 7, 2008 Snow - Orhan Pamuk
"After years of lonely political exile, Turkish poet Ka returns to Istanbul to attend his mother's funeral and learns about a series of suicides among pious girls forbidden to wear headscarves."* *2004 NYT Notable Book*
The 2006 Nobel Prize in Literature
- Mar. 6, 2008 Cotton - Christopher P. Wilson
"African-American albino Lee Cotton struggles with his identity as a black person capable of gaining entry into white society, experiencing a romance with a Klansman's daughter, a freight train attack, and the women's liberation movement."*

- Apr. 3, 2008 Ines of My Soul - Isabel Allende
"A work of historical fiction chronicles the brave deeds and passionate loves of a spirited woman who journeyed to the New World and helped found a nation."* *2006 Booklist Editors' Choice - Best Fiction*
- May 1, 2008 Suite Francaise - Irene Nemirovsky
"A story of life in France under the Nazi occupation includes two parts-- "Storm in June," set amid the chaotic 1940 exodus from Paris, and "Dolce," set in a German-occupied village rife with resentment, resistance, and collaboration."* *2006 NYT Notable Book*
- June 12, 2008 The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay - Michael Chabon
"In 1939 New York City, Joe Kavalier, a refugee from Hitler's Prague, joins forces with his Brooklyn-born cousin, Sammy Clay, to create comic-book superheroes inspired by their own fantasies, fears, and dreams."*
2001 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction

The Rumford Book Discussion Group meets at 10:30AM. Discussions last approximately 1½ hours. Selected titles are available through OSL at the Rumford Branch Library. Contact Adult Services Librarian Joyce May at the Weaver Library, 41 Grove Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914, 434-2453 or jmay@eplib.org for more information.

* Annotations from NoveList, a database available at the East Providence Public Library. See EBSCO Databases at www.eastprovidencelibrary.org