

First Wednesday Book Club (10:30am)
Reading List 2019 - 2020

- Sept. 4, 2019** ***In the Woods*** by Tana French (2007)
Detective Rob Ryan and his partner, Cassie Maddox, investigate the murder of a 12-year-old girl near a Dublin suburb. The case resonates with similarities to a murder committed twenty years before that involved two children and the young Ryan.
- Oct. 2, 2019** ***Educated: A Memoir*** by Tara Westover (2018)
Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills" bag. *Educated* explores how Westover eventually worked her way to graduate degrees at Cambridge and Harvard.
- Nov. 6, 2019** ***Emily, Alone*** by Stewart O’Nan (2011)
A recently widowed Pittsburgh grandmother struggles with her new independence but also discovers hidden strengths and unexpected opportunities.
- Dec. 4, 2019** ***All Over but the Shoutin’*** by Rick Bragg (1997)
Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times journalist Bragg recalls how he managed to become a human interest reporter, first in Florida and later in New York. He and his two brothers were reared in poverty in rural Alabama by their mother, Margaret, after their alcoholic father left them.
- Jan. 8, 2020*** ***Pachinko*** by Min Jin Lee (2017)
Sunja, the beloved daughter of a prominent Korean family, finds herself pregnant and abandoned by her lover. To save her family's reputation, she marries a tubercular minister and moves to Japan. She and her descendants deal with being separated from their homeland and never quite accepted.
- Feb. 5, 2020** ***A Tale of Two Cities*** by Charles Dickens (1859)
(Discussion of Book the First - Recalled to Life and Book the Second - The Golden Thread)
Two men, who bear a strong physical resemblance to each other, love the same woman. The sacrifice of one, Sydney Carton, is the climax of this story set in London and Paris during the French Revolution.
- Mar. 4, 2020** ***A Tale of Two Cities*** by Charles Dickens
(Discussion of Book the Third - The Track of a Storm)
- Apr. 1, 2020** ***Amy Falls Down*** by Jincy Willett (2013)
Aging novelist Amy Gallup is content--if not exactly happy--with the hermit-like existence she and her dog Alphonse lead. On New Year's Eve, Amy goes out to plant a tree and falls down. This seemingly simple mishap sets off events that open up possibilities in her life.

May 6, 2020

An American Marriage by Tayari Jones (2018)

Newlyweds Celestial and Roy find their lives ripped apart when Roy is unjustly arrested and sentenced to twelve years in prison for rape. A distressed Celestial leans on her best friend, Andre, which causes complications when Roy is released early.

June 3, 2020

The Library Book by Susan Orlean (2018)

Susan Orlean reopens the unsolved mystery of the most catastrophic library fire in American history, and delivers a dazzling love letter to a beloved institution--our libraries.

*Please note that book club will meet on January 8th due to the New Year's Day holiday.