

BOOK CLUB #1 2021

Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 4:00.

New rule: Please return books by the day of the book discussion.

January 28 **This Tender Land** by William Kent Krueger *Orphans, Travel, Indians Historical fiction*
The unforgettable story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression.

February 25 **Alice Network** by Kate Quinn *World War I, Women spies*
Two women—a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947—are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption.

March 25 **Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell** by Robert Dugoni. *Albinos and albinism; Fiction. Friendship*
Sam Hill always saw the world through different eyes. Born with red pupils, he was called “Devil Boy” or Sam “Hell” by his classmates; “God’s will” is what his mother called his ocular albinism. Her words were of little comfort, but Sam persevered, buoyed by his mother’s devout faith, his father’s practical wisdom, and his two other misfit friends.

***April 22 **Chaperone** by Laura Moriarty *Women, Biographical fiction*
The friendship between an adolescent, pre-movie-star Louise Brooks, and the 36-year-old woman who chaperones her to New York City for a summer, in 1922, and how it changes both their lives.

May 27 **Mrs Everything** by Jennifer Weiner
Two sisters struggle to find their places as America changes over the course of their lives. *Family Life, Sisters*

June 24 **Dear Edward** by Ann Napolitano *Survival, Grief*
Edward is the sole survivor in an airplane crash when his story captures the attention of the nation, but he struggles to find a place in a world without his family.

***July 22 **Next Year in Havana** by Chanel Cleeton *Romance*
Woman returns to her grandmother’s homeland to fulfill her last wish to have her ashes scattered in Havana and discovers her family history amidst Cuba’s tropical beauty and dangerous political environment.

August 26 **Guest List** by Lucy Foley *Wedding, Ireland, Suspense*
An expertly planned celebrity wedding between a rising television star and an ambitious magazine publisher is thrown into turmoil by petty jealousies, a college drinking game, the bride's ruined dress, and an untimely murder.

***September 23 **Jane Austen Society** by Natalie Jenner *Historical, WW II, Psychological fiction*
A group of disparate individuals come together to preserve both Jane Austen's home and her legacy. These people could not be more different and yet they are united in their love for the works and words of Austen.

October 28 **A Place for Us** by Fatima Farheen Mirza *Family, Immigrants*
As an Indian wedding gathers a family back together, parents Rafiq and Layla must reckon with the choices their children have made. Two headstrong daughters and their estranged son who returns to the family fold for the first time in three years to take his place as brother of the bride.

***November 18 **Ask Again Yes** by Mary Beth Keane *Life Change Events, Forgiveness*
A profoundly moving novel about two neighboring families in a suburban town, the friendship between their children, a tragedy that reverberates over four decades, the daily intimacies of marriage, and the power of forgiveness.

***December 16 **A Quilt for Christmas** by Sandra Dallas *Quilting; Grief; Fugitive slaves; Civil War*
Sewing a quilt during the months she waits for her husband to return from the Civil War, Eliza Spooner bonds with other women in the face of a terrible loss and makes a difficult choice when she is asked to help an escaped slave.

***Confusing date

Alternates: Paris Apartment OR Good Dreams