

Open Book Group (OBG) BOOKLIST FOR 2020-2021

Currently meeting 9:30 AM on Zoom (join by contacting Janet Wolfe at revjanet@tznet.com). Will someday resume meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, with 9 AM coffee & tea in the Parlor, and 9:30 discussion. ALL WELCOME (Book read or not!)

| TITLE | AUTHOR | DATE | FACILITATOR | NOTES |
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| <i>The Overstory</i> | Richard Powers | 20-Aug | Kami Budde-meier | 2019 Winner of Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, this is a passionate book about humans and their relationship to trees and the natural environment. There is a world alongside ours—vast, slow, interconnected, resourceful, magnificently inventive, and almost invisible to us. |
| <i>Code Girls</i> | Liza Mundy | 17-Sep | Jonathon Reeser | Recruited by the U.S. Army & Navy from small towns and elite colleges, more than ten thousand women served as codebreakers during World War II. |
| <i>Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist</i> | Eli Saslow | 15-Oct | Laura Nelke | Washington Post staff writer Saslow follows Derek Black, heir apparent to the leadership of white nationalism and the alt right, as he eventually renounces his parents' ideology of hate and their vision for his future in the white supremacist movement. |
| <i>A Long Petal of the Sea</i> | Isabelle Allende | 19-Nov | Karen Mitchell | This epic novel spanning decades and crossing continents follows two young people as they flee the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War in search of a place to call home. |
| <i>The Giver of Stars</i> | Jojo Moyes | 17-Dec | Bridget O'Brien | About the women who become known as the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky. Set in Depression-era America, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond. |
| <i>Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others</i> | Barbara Brown Taylor | 21-Jan | Rev. Laurie Brubaker-Davis | The author continues her spiritual journey, both by digging deeper into other religious traditions herself and by seeing them through her students' eyes as she sets off with them on field trips to monasteries, temples, and mosques. |
| <i>Ordinary Grace</i> | William Kent Krueger | 18-Feb | Sandy Borgman | Fiction - A story of a small town pastor and his daughter and two young sons told through the eyes of a twelve-year-old boy; takes place during one summer during which the family struggles with racism, social inequality, the aftermath of war and PTSD, |
| <i>Reconstructing the Gospel: Finding Freedom from Slaveholder Religion</i> | Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove | 18-Mar | Rev. Janet Wolfe | Author traces his journey from the religion of the slaveholder to the Christianity of Christ. Reconstructing the gospel requires facing the pain of the past and present, from racial blindness to systemic abuses of power. |
| <i>Love: What Life Is All About</i> | Leo F. Buscaglia | 15-Apr | Marilyn Graham | A treasured archive of collected experiences and well-thought-out, readable chapters about love. It's about you--& about everybody who has ever reached out to touch the heart of another. |
| <i>Finding Chika: A Little Girl, an Earthquake, and the Making of a Family</i> | Mitch Albom | 20-May | Patty Brink | Memoir - Finding Chika is a celebration of a girl & her adoptive guardians. Chika Jeune was born three days before the devastating earthquake that decimated Haiti in 2010. She spent her infancy in a landscape of extreme poverty. |
| Choosing next year's books | Both Fiction & Non-Fiction | 3-Jun | Everyone | Attend and bring up to 3 books to review and choose from; or send Janet your recommendations of 1-3 books you'd be interested in reading & leading in 2021-22 |