



2019-2020 Book List

January 2020

"The Overstory" by Richard Powers - winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, is a sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of—and paean to—the natural world. From the roots to the crown and back to the seeds, Richard Powers's twelfth novel unfolds in concentric rings of interlocking fables that range from antebellum New York to the late twentieth-century Timber Wars of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. There is a world alongside ours—vast, slow, interconnected, resourceful, magnificently inventive, and almost invisible to us. This is the story of a handful of people who learn how to see that world and who are drawn up into its unfolding catastrophe.

February 2020

Books that have been previously read by the group.

March 2020

"The Hidden Life of Trees" by Peter Wohlleben - Are trees social beings? In this international bestseller, forester and author Peter Wohlleben convincingly makes the case that, yes, the forest is a social network. He draws on groundbreaking scientific discoveries to describe how trees are like human families: tree parents live together with their children, communicate with them, support them as they grow, share nutrients with those who are sick or struggling, and even warn each other of impending dangers. Wohlleben also shares his deep love of woods and forests, explaining the amazing processes of life, death, and regeneration he has observed in his woodland. After learning about the complex life of trees, a walk in the woods will never be the same again.

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None Selected

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Mad Enchantment – Ross King

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"Glass Castle" by Jeannette Wall - The Glass Castle is a remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and uniquely vibrant.

April 2019

"Delta Wedding" by Eudora Welty - Delta Wedding is a 1946 Southern fiction novel set in 1923. This novel tells of the experiences of the Fairchilds family during a particularly unexceptional year in the Mississippi Delta.

May 2019

"Nickel and Dimed" by Barbara Ehrenreich - *Nickel and Dimed: On Getting By in America* is a book written by Barbara Ehrenreich. Written from her perspective as an undercover journalist, it sets out to investigate the impact of the 1996 welfare reform act on the working poor in the United States.

June 2019

"My Dear Hamilton" by Laura Kaye and Stephanie Dray - A novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton A general's daughter...Coming of age on the perilous frontier of revolutionary New York, Elizabeth Schuyler champions the fight for independence.

July 2019

None Selected

August 2019

None Selected

September 2019

"Becoming" by Michelle Obama - This gorgeous journal features an intimate and inspiring introduction by Michelle Obama and thought-provoking questions and prompts to help you discover—and rediscover—your story.

October 2019

Various works by Author Toni Morrison

November 2019

"George C. Marshall, Defender of the Republic" by David Roll - Set against the backdrop of five major conflicts—two world wars, Palestine, Korea, and the Cold War—Marshall's education in military, diplomatic, and political power, replete with their nuances and ambiguities, runs parallel with America's emergence as a global superpower.

December 2019

"George C. Marshall, Defender of the Republic" by David Roll - Continued The extraordinary career of George Catlett Marshall America's most distinguished soldier—statesman since George Washington—whose selfless leadership and moral character influenced the course of two world wars and helped define the American century.