

Calvary Book Club Selections for 2018-2019

October 7th (9:00 AM) ***A Gentleman in Moscow*** by Amor Towles

Count Rostov is brought before a tribunal during the Bolshevik purges. He expects to be executed, but is spared and sentenced instead to exile at the grand Metropol Hotel in Moscow. Forbidden to ever leave, this novel explores how Rostov will create a fulfilling life for himself despite the turbulent times and limiting circumstances of his new life.

November 4th (9:00 AM) ***The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row*** by Anthony Ray Hinton

This deeply-moving personal account of how faith, hope, love, and the power of reading led the author on a path toward racial reconciliation, despite having to spend thirty years on death row for a crime he didn't commit.

December 2nd (9:00 AM) ***The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*** by Archbishop Tutu & Dalai Lama

Two leading spiritual masters share their wisdom about living with joy even in the face of adversity, sharing personal stories and teachings about the science of profound happiness and the daily practices that anchor their emotional and spiritual lives.

February 10th (9am) ***Karolina's Twins*** by Ronald Balsom

In the tradition of "The Nightingale," this is a saga inspired by true events of a Holocaust survivor's quest to fulfill a promise, return to Poland and find two sisters lost during World War II.

March 10th (9am) ***Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*** by Trevor Noah

Host of "The Daily Show," Noah was born into a mixed-race family in South Africa under apartheid. This memoir, alternately alarming and funny, describes the country's lurching entry into a post-apartheid era in the 1990s.

April 7th (9am) ***Silent Spring*** (1962) by Rachel Carson

A recent article in the *New Yorker* about Rachel Carson prompted me to go to the library and re-read "Silent Spring." It is very readable and still on point, especially given that her research led to enactment of significant environmental legislation which is now under attack on various fronts.

May 5th (9am) ***Killers of the Flower Moon - The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*** by David Grann

When the Osage Indian Nation was resettled to a barren section of land in Oklahoma they were also granted the mineral rights to their land. When oil was later discovered in the early part of the 20th century, they became some of the richest people in the U.S. This true story recounts how greed and government indifference led to the systematic murder of scores of Osage members.

June 2nd (9am) ***Country Girl*** by Edna O'Brien

A memoir from one of Ireland's most esteemed writers who has been a champion of women's autonomy and an evocative re-creator of times gone by. Her early works were banned, burned, & denounced upon publication.