

Smith College Club of Hartford

Book Group

Summer 2011

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A wonderful group of Smithies met at Ronnie's on June 21st to choose books for the coming year. It was a challenge to whittle the list of over 40 books that were recommended down to just nine. On the 2nd page of this newsletter is the complete listing of all books that were considered.

Changes to the schedule are as follows:

- An additional month was added: August.
- The meeting time changed to the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm.
- The default meeting location will continue to be Cosi' Restaurant in West Hartford Center unless someone offers to hold the discussion in their home.

August 15th

One Day

David Nicholls - 448 pages

September 19th

Cleopatra: A Life

Stacy Schiff - 384 pages

October 17th

Let the Great World Spin: A Novel

Colum McCann - 400 pages

November 21st

The History of Love

Nicole Krauss - 252 pages

January 23rd

The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet : A Novel

David Mitchell - 512 pages

February 13th

The Elegance of the Hedgehog

Muriel Barbery - 320 pages

March 19th

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption

Laura Hillenbrand - 496 pages

April 16th

One of Ours

Willa Cather - 280 pages

May 21st

The Inheritance of Loss: A Novel

Kiran Desai - 336 pages

June 18th

Time to choose books for the coming year!



***“Anyone who says they have only one life to live
must not know how to read a book.” ~Author Unknown***

The books below are other books that were considered.

The Book Thief, Markus Zusak

The Paris Wife: A Novel, Paula McLain

The Tiger's Wife: A Novel, Tea Obreht

Parrot and Olivier in America, Peter Carey

Franklin and Eleanor: An extraordinary Marriage, Hazel Rowley

Big Girls Don't Cry: The Election That Changed Everything For American Women, Rebecca Traister

You Lost me There, Rosecrans Baldwin

Never Let Me Go, Kazuo Ishiguro

The Odd Women, George Gissing

You Are Free: Stories, Danzy Senna

A Gate At The Stairs, Lorrie Moore

The Death of Vishnu: A Novel, Manil Suri

Home: A Novel, Marilynne Robinson

Nox, Anne Carson

The Orange Eats Creeps, Grace Krilanovich

Light Boxes: A Novel, Shane Jones

Vanishing and Other Stories, Deborah Willis

The Bookseller of Kabul, Asne Seierstad and Ingrid Christophersen

The Hamilton Case: A Novel, Michelle de Kretser

Being Dead: A Novel, Jim Crace

Things I've Been Silent About, Azar Nafisi

Fingersmith, Sarah Waters

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Rebecca Skloot

In The Garden of Beasts, Erik Larson

The Man In the White Sharkskin Suit, Lucette Lagnado

The Invisible Bridge, Julie Orringer

The Shadow of the Wind, Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Map of Bones, James Rollins

The Eight, Katherine Neville

Cutting for Stone, Abraham Verghese

City of Thieves: A Novel, David Benioff

A Yellow Raft In Blue Water: A Novel, Michael Dorris

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