

Smith College Club of Hartford

Book Group

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In June the group met at Ronnie McNamara's house; she's simply an amazing hostess. We had such a great time discussing books; it was very difficult to narrow down which books to choose for discussion!

Welcome to the first (that I know of) Smith College Club of Hartford Book Group Newsletter! I figured I'd try something different; a little more colorful than an e-mail to share with you the books that were selected for the upcoming reading season. I know many of you are getting ready to travel (if you're not there already) and are anxious to know what books you might want to take with you.

-Amy Magno

The group discussed the challenge of finding hostesses and so we decided to would try meeting at Borders Bookstore just past the West Farms Mall. We'll try it for the fall and see if it's a good place to meet. For directions, please go to www.borders.com and click on "Store Locator." It's the one in Farmington at 1600 South East Road.

A book is like a garden carried in the pocket. ~Chinese Proverb

Book Discussion Schedule

September 21

The Help

Kathryn Stockett

451 pages

October 19

The Thirteenth Tale: A Novel

Diane Setterfield

423 pages

November 16

Drinking Coffee Elsewhere

ZZ Packer

238 pages

January 18

Special Topics in Calamity Physics

Marisha Pessl

514 pages

February 15

Mansfield Park

Jane Austen

494 pages

March 15

Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, and Love

Dava Sobel

368 pages

April 19

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close: A Novel

Jonathan Safran Foer

368 pages

May 17

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao

Junot Díaz

335 pages

The group decided to continue our meeting time to be the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

Let's also reserve *Tuesday June 21st* to choose books for the 2011/2012 discussions.

Other Books Considered

While these books weren't chosen, we had a great conversation about many of them.

Ronnie often used her Kindle so that we could see a sample of the writing:

A Thousand Days in Venice - Marlena de Blasi

The Imperfectionists - Tom Rachman

Let the Great World Spin - Colum McCann

Little Bee - Chris Cleave

Cutting for Stone - Abraham Verghese

The Cellist of Sarajevo - Steven Galloway

The Lacuna - Barbara Kingsolver

Stoner - John Williams

The History of Love - Nicole Krauss

Tinkers - Paul Harding

White Noise - Don DeLillo

The Last of Her Kind - Sigrid Nunez

Veronica - Mary Gaitskill

Sway - Ori Brafman & Rom Brafman

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