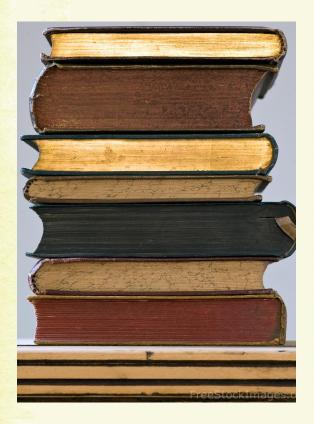
# **Smith College Club of Hartford**

**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 email 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 <a href="https://www.borders.com">www.borders.com</a> and click on "Store Locator." It's the one in Farmington at 1600 South East Road.

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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 21*<sup>st</sup> 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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