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!
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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