

**Bedford Public Library
Daytime Book Group
Reading List
2000-2010**

A Bit of Book Group History

In December 2000, the Bedford Public Library's book group met for the first time. The late Dora Hastings initiated the group.

Since that first meeting, the group has read 118 books. Their first book was *The Weight of Water* by Anita Shreve.

Mary Ann Senatro led the group from 2000 to 2007. Since 2008, Lynne Bishop has led the group.

Dec. 2000-Dec. 2001

The Weight of Water by Anita Shreve
Montana 1948 by Larry Watson
Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier
The Voyage of the Narwhal by Andrea Barrett
In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
Amoskeag by Tamara Hareven
Boone's Lick by Larry McMurtry
Colors of the Mountain by Da Chen
House of Sand and Fog by Andre Dubus III
My Antonia by Willa Cather
The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro
The Girl With a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier
Wait Till Next Year by Doris Kearns Goodwin

2002

The Professor and the Madman by Simon Winchester
The Shipping News by E. Annie Proulx

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver
Tulip Fever by Deborah Moggach
The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara
Fortune's Rocks by Anita Shreve
Practical Magic by Alice Hoffman
Under the Tuscan Sun by Frances Mayes
The All of It by Jeannette Haien
Ahab's Wife by Sena Jeter Naslund
Empire Falls by Richard Russo
The Samurai's Garden by Gail Tsukiyama

2003

Falling Angels by Tracy Chevalier
The Dress Lodger by Sheri Holman
Motherless Brooklyn by Jonathan Lethem
Bel Canto by Ann Patchett
The Horse Whisperer by Nicholas Evans
Atonement by Ian McEwan
The Story of Lucy Gault by William Trevor
Salem Falls by Jodi Picoult
The Buffalo Soldier by Chris Bohjalian
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie

2004

Crow Lake by Mary Lawson
Three Junes by Julia Glass
Dante Club by Matthew Pearl
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
Straight Man by Richard Russo
Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear
The Lady and the Unicorn by Tracy Chevalier
The Great Fire by Shirley Hazzard
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
by Mark Haddon
A River Runs Through It by Norman Maclean

2005

On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon by Kaye Gibbons
The Sparrow by Mary Doria Russell
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
The Colour by Rose Tremain
My Garden by Jamaica Kincaid
Life of Pi by Yann Martel
Harvard Yard by William Martin
The Namesake Jhumpa Lahiri
The Wedding by Dorothy West
Bee Season by Myla Goldberg
Gilead by Marilynne Robinson
Before You Know Kindness by Chris Bohjalian

2006

The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer
Pompeii by Robert Harris
The Honk and Holler Opening Soon by Billie Letts
The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
The Tender Bar by J.R. Moehringer
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See
Saturday by Ian McEwan
The Memory of Running by Ron McLarty
All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren
The Country of the Pointed Firs by Sarah Orne Jewett

2007

The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson
Jane Eyre theater production at the Dana Center
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë
The Good Good Pig by Sy Montgomery

March by Geraldine Brooks
Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
Zorro by Isabel Allende
The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield
In the Heart of the Sea by Nathaniel Philbrick
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan (part of the Big Read)
The White Earth by Andrew McGahan

2008

The Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean
The Measure of a Man by Sidney Poitier
The Whistling Season by Ivan Doig
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson
The Lemon Tree by Sandy Tolan
The Rule of Four by Ian Caldwell & Dustin Thomason
Color of the Sea by John Hamamura
The View From Mary's Farm by Edie Clark
Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi
Daisy Miller & Washington Square by Henry James
To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee

2009

Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder
Lottery by Patricia Wood
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
Deep Economy by Bill McKibben
The Piano Tuner by Daniel Mason
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows
Farewell, My Subaru by Doug Fine
The River of Doubt by Candice Millard
Dreamers of the Day by Mary Doria Russell
Digging To America by Anne Tyler
Desert Queen by Janet Wallach
Mrs. Miniver by Jan Struther

2010

The Open Road: The Global Journey of the 14th Dalai Lama by Pico Iyer

Show Boat by Edna Ferber

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919 by Stephen Puleo

All Over But The Shoutin' by Rick Bragg

The Welsh Girl by Peter Ho Davies

On Kingdom Mountain by Howard Frank

Climbing The Mango Trees by Madhur Jaffrey

The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery

Strength In What Remains by Tracy Kidder

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson

Stones Into Schools by Greg Mortenson

This list was created by reference librarian Jan Conover in honor of the book group's tenth anniversary in December 2010.