

AAUW Ashland Day Nonfiction Book Club Books: Fall 2009 to December 2022

Dark Star Safari: Overland from Cairo to Capetown by Paul Theroux

Mary Queen of Scots by Antonia Fraser

Mountain Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder

My Stroke of Insight by Jill B. Taylor

The Spiral Staircase by Karen Armstrong

In Defense of Food by Michael Pollan

The House at Sugar Beach: In Search of a Lost African Childhood by Helene Cooper

The Worse Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl by Tim Egan

A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains by Isabella Bird

The Lost City of Z by David Grann

Superfreakonomics by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubiner

Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA by Tim Weiner

The Geography of Bliss by Eric Weiner

Into Thin Air Jon Krakauer

Places In Between by Rory Stewart

Waiting for Snow in Havana by Carlos Eire

Son of the Morning Star by Evan S. Connell

Methland: The Death and Life of an American Small Town by Nick Reding

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Picasso's War: The Destruction of Guernica, and the Masterpiece That Changed the World by Russell Martin

Indian Summer: the Secret History of the End of an Empire by Alex Von Tunzelmann

The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America by Erik Larson

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey by Candice Millard

Priceless: How I Went Undercover to Rescue the World's Stolen Treasures by Robert K. Wittman

Thunderstruck by Erik Larson

Cocktail Hour under the Tree of Forgetfulness by Alexandra Fuller

Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell: Adventurer, Advisor to Kings, Ally of Lawrence of Arabia by Janet Wallach

The Center Cannot Hold: My Journey through Madness by Elyn R. Saks

Drift by Rachel Maddow

Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbrick

My Own Country by Abraham Verghese

American Dreamers by Michael Kazin

Journey into Darkness (Cabeza de Vaca) by John Upton Terrell

The Buried Book by David Damrosch

Stolen Lives by Malika Oufkir

Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea by Barbara Demick

Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches by S. C. Gwynner

Operation Mincemeat: How a Dead Man and a Bizarre Plan Fooled the Nazis and Assured Allied Victory by Ben Macintyre

Learning to Die in Miami: Confessions of a Refugee Boy by Carlos Eire

The Colony: The Harrowing True Story of the Exiles of Molokai by John Tayman

Into Africa: The Epic Adventures of Stanley and Livingstone by Martin Dugard

Dead Man Walking: an Eye Witness Account of the Death Penalty in the US by Sister Helen Prejean

1861: The Civil War Awakening by Adam Goodheart

Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey by The Countess of Carnarvon

The Professor & the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity & the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary by Simon Winchester

Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, & Hope in a Mumbai Undercity by Katherine Boo

A Voyage Long and Strange: Rediscovering the New World by Tony Horwitz

Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage By Alfred Lansing

The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo by Tom Reiss

Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid that Sparked the Civil War by Tony Horwitz

Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela by Nelson Mandela

Farther Than Any Man: The Rise and Fall of Captain Cook by Martin Dugard

God's Hotel: A Doctor, a Hospital, and a Pilgrimage to the Heart of Medicine by Victoria Sweet

Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin by Jill Lepore

We Die Alone: a WWII Epic of Escape and Endurance by David Howarth

Between Man and Beast: An Unlikely Explorer and the African Adventure that Took the Victorian World by Storm by Monte Reel

Confederates in the Attic by Tony Horwitz

George Washington's Secret Six: the Spy Ring That Saved the American Revolution by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger

Twilight People: One Man's Journey to Find His Roots by David Houze

Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Keckly: the Remarkable Story of the Friendship between a First Lady and a Former Slave by Jennifer Fleischner

The Great Arizona Orphan Abduction by Linda Gordon

Cleopatra: A Life by Stacy Schiff

Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond by Lilly Ledbetter

Dead Wake: the Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson

My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor

The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown

Zeitoun by Dave Eggers

West with the Night by Beryl Markham

Five Sisters: The Langhorns of Virginia by James Fox

George, Nicholas & Wilhelm by Miranda Carter

The Distance between Us: a Memoir by Reyna Grande

The Imperial Cruise: a Secret History of Empire and War by James Bradley

The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History by Elizabeth Kolbert

Shakespeare: The World as Stage by Bill Bryson

And Then All Hell Broke Out: Two Decades in the Middle East by Richard Engle

The Wright Brothers by David McCullough

Indonesia, Etc. by Elizabeth Pizani

Digging for Richard III: The Search for the Lost King (revised and expanded ed.) by Mike Pitts

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Astoria: Astor and Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire: a Tale of Ambition and Survival on the Early American Frontier by Peter Stark

Daughters of the Samurai: a Journey from East to West by Janice P. Nimura

Hannibal: A Hellenistic Life by Eve MacDonald

Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us from Missiles to the Moon to Mars by Nathalia Holt

Skyfaring: A Journey with a Pilot by Mark Vanhoenacker

Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande

Ashley's War: The Untold Story of a Team of Women Soldiers on the Special Ops Battlefield by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon

Hero Empire, the Boer War, a Daring Escape, and the Making of Winston Churchill by Candice Millard

Shakespeare's Lost Kingdom: the True History of Elizabeth and Shakespeare by Charles Beauclerk

Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis by Timothy Egan

Stranger in the Forest: On Foot across Borneo by Eric Hansen

Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations by Thomas Friedman

Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right by Arlie Russell Hochschild

The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland by Jim Defede

Stranger on a Train by Jenny Diski

The Great Quake: How the Biggest Earthquake in North America Changed Our Understanding of the Planet by Henry Fountain

38 Nooses: Lincoln, Little Crow, and the Beginning of the Frontier's End by Scott W. Berg

Midnight in Broad Daylight: a Japanese Family Caught between Two Worlds by Pamela Rotner Sakamoto

Destiny of the Republic: a Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President by Candice Millard

Love, Life, and Elephants: An African Love Story by Daphne Sheldrick

A Crack in Creation: Gene Editing and the Unthinkable Power to Control Evolution by Jennifer A. Doudna and Samuel H. Sternberg

Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann

Educated: a Memoir by Tara Westover

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

The Bird Man and the Lap Dancer: Close Encounters with Strangers by Eric Hansen

The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America by Timothy Egan

American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America by Colin Woodard

Down the Great Unknown: John Wesley Powell's 1869 Journey of Discovery and Tragedy through the Grand Canyon by Edward Dolnick

Becoming by Michelle Obama

Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China by Evan Osnos

Something Wonderful, Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway Revolution by Todd S. Purdum

Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder by Caroline Fraser

The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story by Douglas Preston

The Men Who United the States: America's Explorers, Inventors, Eccentrics, and Mavericks, and the Creation of One Nation, Indivisible by Simon Winchester

Motoring with Mohammed by Eric Hansen

Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope by Nicholas D. Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn

The Last Boat out of Shanghai: the Epic Story of the Chinese Who Fled Mao's Revolution by Helen Zia

The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz by Eric Larson

A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II by Sonia Purnell

The Salt Path by Raynor Winn

The Return: Fathers, Sons and the Land in Between by Hisham Matar

Midnight in Chernobyl: The Untold Story of the World's Greatest Nuclear Disaster by Adam Higginbotham

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism by Robin DiAngelo

Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou

Caste by Isabel Wilkerson

Here We Are: American Dreams, American Nightmares by Aarti Namdev Shahani

Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History by Eric Larson

Uncanny Valley: A Memoir by Anna Wiener

Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family by Robert Kolker

Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century by Jessica Bruder

The New Silk Roads: The New Asia and the Remaking of the World Order by Peter Frankopan

The Road from Coorain by Jill Ker Conway

The Immortal Irishman: The Irish Revolutionary Who Became an American Hero, by Timothy Egan

Pacific: Silicon Chips and Surfboards, Coral Reefs and Atom Bombs, Brutal Dictors, Fading Empires, and the Coming Collision of the World's Superpowers by Simon Winchester

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee

Dorothea Lange: A Life Beyond Limits by Linda Gordon

The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness by Sy Montgomery

New Women of the Old West: From Settlers to Suffragists, an Untold American Story by Winifred Gallagher

My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem

Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds & Shape Our Futures by Merlin Sheldrake

Cuba: An American History by Ada Ferrer

The Secret of Life: Rosalind Franklin, James Watson, Francis Crick, and the Discovery of DNA's Double Helix by Howard Markel

The Doctors Blackwell, How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women and Women to Medicine by Janet P. Nimura