

AAUW Medina County Branch Book Discussion Group
READING LIST -- 1991 to present

1991-92

Cold Sassy Tree Olive Ann Burns
Saint Maybe Ann Tyler
The Unbearable Lightness of Being Milan Kundera
My Son's Story Nadine Gordimer
Crossing to Safety Wallace Stegner
The Road from Coorain Jill Ker Conway

1992-93

Backlash Susan Faludi
Beloved Toni Morrison
Spartina John Casey
O Pioneers! Willa Cather
Outer Banks Ann Rivers Siddons
Hunger for Memory Richard Rodriguez
Father Melancholy's Daughter Gail Godwin
A Thousand Acres Jane Smiley
Eighth Moon Betty Bao Lord

1993-94

Eleanor Roosevelt Blanch Weisen Cook
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings Maya Angelou
The Age of Innocence Edith Wharton
The Bean Trees Barbara Kingsolver
Love in the Time of Cholera Gabriel Garcia Marquez
The Bodhran Makers John Keane
The House of the Spirits Isabel Allende
A Tidewater Morning William Styron

1994-95

The Bell Jar Sylvia Plath
The Shipping News Annie Proulx
Fifty Russian Winters Margaret Wettlin
Emma Jane Austen
Saint Joan G.B. Shaw
The Lark Jean Anouilh
Foreign Affairs Allison Lurie
Winesburg Ohio Sherwood Anderson
The Robber Bride Margaret Atwood

1995-96

May You Be the Mother of a Hundred Sons Elizabeth Bumiller
Woman Hollering Creek Sandra Cisneros
Red Azalea Anchee Minn
An American Childhood Annie Dillard
As You Like It William Shakespeare
One True Thing Anna Quindlen
The Stone Diaries Carol Shields
No Ordinary Time Doris Kerns Goodwin
Mutant Message Down Under Marlo Morgan

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1996-97

Frank Lloyd Wright Meryl Secrest
To the Lighthouse Virginia Woolf
Snow Falling on Cedars David Guterson
Hard Times Charles Dickens
The English Patient Michael Ondaatje
Cat's Eye Margaret Atwood
Parallel Lives Phyllis Rose
Poems Naomi Shihab Nye
A Few Green Leaves Barbara Pym

1997-98

Anna Karenina Leo Tolstoy
Stones from the River Ursula Hegi
An Unquiet Mind Kate Redfield Jamison
Reflected Glory Pamela Harriman
The Bookshop Penelope Fitzgerald
Washington Square Henry James
Country Girls Trilogy Edna O'Brien
Pleasant Valley/visit Malabar Louis Bromfield

1998-99

Personal History Katherine Graham
The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie Muriel Spark
Their Eyes Were Watching God Zora Neal Hurston
Larry's Party Carol Shields
A Farewell to Arms Ernest Hemingway
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter Carson McCullers
Ohio Town Helen Hooven Santemayer
A House for Mr. Biswas V.S.Naipal
An Ideal Husband Oscar Wilde

1999-2000

Eminent Victorians Lytton Strachey
Memoirs of a Geisha Arthur Golden
Ship of Gold Gary Kinder
Beaming Sonny Home Cathy Pelletier
The Mayor of Casterbridge Thomas Hardy
Two Trains Running (Play) August Wilson
In Her Own Words Jill Ker Conway
The Great Gatsby F. Scott Fitzgerald

2000-2001

The Colony of Unrequited Dreams Wayne Johnston
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone J.K. Rowling
Of Wakes and Weddings Alice McDermott
Love Again Doris Lessing
The Seagull (Play) Anton Chekhov
Nine Parts of Desire Geraldine Brook
The Poisonwood Bible Barbara Kingsolver
Sulah Toni Morrison

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2001-2002 Theme for year: CHINA w/ Excursion to Cleveland Museum of Art, lunch at Chinatown

China: Its History and Culture W.Scott Morton
A Single Pebble John Hersey
Falling Leaves Adeline Yen Mah
Celebrated Cases of Judge Dee Robert VanGulik, ed. *Waiting*
Ha Jin
Women of the Silk Gail Tsukiyama
River Town Peter Hessler

2002-2003

An Anthropologist on Mars Oliver Sacks
The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint Brady Udall
House of Mirth Edith Wharton
Uncle Tom's Cabin Harriet Beecher Stowe
Mornings on Horseback David McCullough
Nickel and Dimed Barbara Ehrenreich
Seabiscuit Laura Hillenbrand
What Lips My Lips have Kissed David A. Epstein

2003-04

Moon Tiger Penelope Lively
Life of Pi Yann Martel
Fathers and Sons Turgenev T
The Whore's Child (Short stories) Richard Russo
Kaaterskill Falls Allegra Goodman
Mrs. Warren's Profession (play) G. B. Shaw
House of Sand and Fog Andre Dubus
Poetry
The Master Butchers' Singing Club Louise Erdrich

2004-05

Can You Forgive Her? Anthony Trollope
We Band of Angels Elizabeth Norman
The Wapshot Chronicle John Cheever
Year of Wonders Geraldine Brooks
Thunder at Twilight Frederick Morton
The Middle of Everywhere Mary Pipher
She Stoops to Conquer (play) Oliver Goldsmith
Poetry
The Beggar Maid Alice Munro

2005-06

Sisters: the Saga of the Mitfords, Mary Lovell
Reason to Hope, Jane Goodall
Cane River, Lalita Tademy
3 Short stories, (Marg. Atwood, Scribner's Anthol. of Contemporary Alice Walker, Tim O'Brien)
The Time Traveler's Wife Audrey Niffenegger
All My Sons, (play) Arthur Miller
The Magnificent Ambersons, Booth Tarkington
Poetry

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Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini

2006-07

1776, David McCullough
Arms and the Man, (play) G.B Shaw
Go Tell It to the Mountain, James Baldwin Short Stories (Scribner's Anthol.)
The Memory Keeper's Daughter, Kim Edwards
Palace Walk, Naguib Mahfouz
Pale Horse, Pale Rider, Katherine Ann Porter
Poetry
The Plot Against America, Philip Roth

2007-08

Suite Francaise, Irene Nemirovsky
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith
Three Cups of Tea, Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
A Wrinkle in Time, Madeleine L'Engle
April Snow, Yukio Mishima
The Ladies' Paradise, Emile Zola
Golda Meir, Any biography see play "*Golda's Balcony*"
Poetry
Botany of Desire, Michael Pollan

2008-2009

All the King's Men, Robert Penn Warren
People of the Book, Geraldine Brooks
The Master, Colm Toibin
Anne of Green Gables, Lucy Montgomery
Triangle: The Fire That Changed America, David vonDrehle
One Drop: My Father's Hidden Life, Bliss Broyard
The Defining Moment: FDR, Jonathan Alter
Poetry
Rabbit, Run, John Updike

2009-2010

All the King's Men – Robert Penn Warren
Mrs. Dalloway – Virginia Woolf
The Five of Hearts – Patricia O'Toole
Mudbound – Hilary Jordan
So Big – Edna Ferber
The Help – Catherine Stockett
Olive Kittridge – Elizabeth Strout
Poetry
Catcher in the Rye – J.D. Salinger
Dear Stephanie, Dear Paul –Stephanie Duke

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2010-2011

The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins –
-- Kristin Downey
A Gate at the Stairs – Lorrie Moore
Charlotte's Web – E.B. White
The Winter of Our Discontent – John Steinbeck
To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee
A View from the Bridge (play) – Arthur Miller
Poetry
Small Wonder – Barbara Kingsolver

2011-2012

One Man Great Enough – John C. Waugh
The Paris Wife – Paula McClain
The Slave Across the Street – Theresa Flores and Peggy Sue Wells
Alice's Adventure in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll
Thinking in Pictures: My Life with Autism – Temple Grandin
Wench – Dolen Perkins-Valdez
The Importance of Being Earnest (play) – Oscar Wilde
Maisie Dobbs – Jacqueline Winspear
Four Quartets (poetry) – T.S. Eliot

2012-2013

Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman, by Robert K. Massie
The History of the World in Six Glasses by Tom Standage
The Wilder Life: My Adventures in the Lost World of Little House on the Prairie by Wendy McClure
Julie and the Wolves, by Jean Craighead George
The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman
The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson
Destiny of the Republic by Candace Millard
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
The Last Runaway, by Tracy Chevalier (for Project LEARN's Reading Rally on the Square)

2013-2014

Cloudsplitter – Russel Banks
The Group – Mary McCarthy
Dear Life – Alice Munro
The Little Prince – Antoine de Saint-Exupery
Enrique's Story – Sonia Nazario
Things Fall Apart – Chinua Achebe
The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit – Lucette Lagnado
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry – Rachel Joyce

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2014-2015

The Little Foxes, a play by Lillian Hellman at the Medina County District Library in Medina: a collaborative evening with artistic personnel from the Cleveland Playhouse.

Boys in the Boat -- Daniel James Brown

Flight Behavior -- Barbara Kingsolver

The Giver -- Lois Lowry

Jayber Crow -- Wendell Berry

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker -- Jennifer Chiaverini

The Hare With the Amber Eyes -- Edmund de Waal

All the Light We Cannot See -- Anthony Doerr

2015-2016

The Goldfinch, by Donna Tartt

The American Empress: The Life and Times of Marjorie Merriweather Post by Nancy Rubin Stuart

A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler

The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett

How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent by Julia Alvarez

Between the World and Me, by Ta-Nehisi Coates

The Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian

My Brilliant Friend, by Elena Ferrante

2016-2017

All the Way, by Robert Schenkken

Madame DeStael: the First Modern Woman, by Francine DuPlessix Gray

Luncheon of the Boating Party, by Susan Vreeland

The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore

My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem

A Thread of Grace by Mary Doria Russell

2017-2018

The 100-Year-Old Man Who Jumped Out the Window and Disappeared, by Jonas Jonasson

Tender is the Night by F. Scott Fitzgerald. We selected this Jazz Age novel to partner with an AAUW visit to the Cleveland Art Museum which was hosting a Jazz Age exhibit.

Last Days of Night by Graham Moore

No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War by Anita Lobel

The Secret Wife by Gill Paul

Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement by John Lewis

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Little Fires Everywhere, by Celeste Ng

2018-2019

The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall

The Secret Chord by Gwendolyn Brooks

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance

The Secret Gift by Ted Gup

Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westfield

Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward

Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination That Changed America by Wil Haygood

Bury Your Dead by Louise Penny

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2019-2020

Alexander Hamilton, by Ron Chernow

Where the Crawdads Sing, Delia Owens

Dreamland by Sam Quinones

Faith Club by Ranya Idiby

Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

Keep on Fighting: The Life and Civil Rights Legacy of Marian A. Spencer by Dorothy H. Christenson

The Muralist by Barbara Shapiro

Poetry selections

The Testaments by Margaret Atwood