

## **R.A.C.C. Book Club 2021 Reading List**

“The Paying Guests” - Waters - Fiction - 1922 in a neighborhood outside London. Widowed Mrs. Wray and her 26-year-old daughter have taken in paying guests to help pay the bills. The story turns into an edge-of-your-seat crime thriller.

“Redhead by the Side of the Road” - Tyler - Fiction - Micah leads a steady, circumscribed life when his routines are blow apart by a woman who’s facing eviction and a teenager who shows up claiming to be his son.

“Calling Me Home” - Kibler - Fiction- Set in the 1930’s Kentucky, centers on a forbidden romance between a teenage white girl and the black son of the family’s maid.

“Fleishman Is In Trouble” - Brodesser-Akner - Fiction- When his ex-drops the kids off and doesn’t return, a father of two revisits the choices that led to this moment.

“The Vanishing Half” - Bennett - Fiction- Twin girls grow up in the segregated South in a town inhabited by light skinned black people. They run away as teenagers and wind up rebelling in very different ways.

“The Guest List” - Foley- Fiction- Set off the coast of Ireland, a destination wedding spirals into mayhem when it’s slowly revealed that most everyone in attendance is capable of becoming a “lusting for revenge killer”.

“The Handmaid’s Tale” - Atwood - Fiction - A dystopian tale set in the near future that goes beyond the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans to taking the Book of Genesis absolutely at its word.

“The Giver of Stars” - Moyes - Fiction - A story of the Pack Horse Librarian of Kentucky from 1935-1943. Based on real people. Books were delivered to people in the hill country living their hard scrabble lives.

“The Splendid And The Vile” - Larson - Nonfiction- An intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz.

“This Tender Land” - Krueger- Fiction - Four children have escaped the confines of a Native American boarding school and traverse the Mississippi by canoe in search of a better life.