

Book Babes 2020-2021... Nominations					
Who Recommended	Title	Author	Area	Highlights/Synopsis	Comments
Stevie Brinkerhoff	<i>My Beloved</i>	Sonia Sotomayor	Autobiographyrecounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself.	Endorsed by Joan Dyke
Stevie Brinkerhoff	<i>The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World</i>	Melinda Gates	Biographies?	Gates tells the stories of the inspiring people she's met through her work all over the world, digs into the data, and powerfully illustrates issues that need our attention—from child marriage to gender inequity in the workplace.	Endorsed by RuthAnn;Joan Dyke
Tara LaRose	<i>The Beekeeper of Aleppo</i>	Christy Lefteri	Current events?	Compelling story of a couple who leave a Syria during the conflict;Humanizes the immigration debate	
Kay Gross	<i>Between the World and Me</i>	Ta Nehsi-Coates	Current events?	NYTimes best seller; national book award; Pulitzer finalist; "... its examination of the hazards and hopes of black male life is as	
Nancy Hillard	<i>How to be Anit-racist</i>	Ibram Kendi	Current events?	This book was on recommended list from the Justice Team at my church. Very fitting for discussion for "times such as these"...	Endorsed by Valli
Valli McDougale	<i>White Fragility: Why its so hard for White People to</i>	Robin DiAngelo	Current events?		endorsed by RuthAnn, Nancy
Martha Schinderle	<i>The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse</i>	Charlie Mackey	Fiction	A story of friendship; great illusrations... a good cross-geneational read	
RuthAnn Uggen	<i>When Crickets Cry</i>	Charles Martin	Fiction	novel about a man with a painful past, a child with a doubtful future and a shared journey toward healing both their hearts.	
Sally Pitt-VanBuren	<i>The Overstory</i>	Richard Powers	Fiction	tells stories of trees and people who interact with them; language is beautiful, the subjects creative, and the stories memorable. An	Many awards, including Pulitzer prize for fiction
Valli McDougale	<i>The Dutch House</i>	Ann Patchett	Fiction	A dark fairy tale about two smart people who cannot overcome their past ... explores the indelible bond between two siblings, the	"What an ending" (Mary R)

Ann Rawsky	<i>A Paris Apartment</i>	Michelle Gable	Historical Fiction	based on a true story of a Sotheby's auctioneer sent to evaluate antiques in a paris apartment locked for 70 yrs. Describes life of owner-a famous courtesan.	
Ann Rawsky	<i>The Tattooist of Auschwitz</i>	Heather Morris	Historical Fiction	A love story - based on two real people - set in the worst circumstances.	
Joan Dyke	<i>Ribbons of Scarlet</i>	Kate Quinn + 5 others	Historical Fiction	Women's role during the French Revolution	
Joan Dyke	<i>The Nickel Boys</i>	Colin Whitehead	Historical Fiction	Pulitzer prize winner in 2020; easy read powerful story about a reform school in Florida	
Sharon Brouwer	<i>A Long Petal of the Sea</i>	Isabel Allende	Historical Fiction	.. a love story exploring the sacrifices we make for the sake of those we love and the struggles of refugees during war and adapting to a new country. It follows a family from 1938 during Spanish Civil War as the flee from Spain to France and then Chile..... a PBS News Hour book club selection	Endorsed by Mary Roy; Tara LaRose and Valli McDougle
Valli McDougle	<i>The Book Women of Troublesome Creek</i>	Kim Michelle Richardson	Historical Fiction	Tells the history of the Packhorse Women Library project, a project supported by Eleanor Roosevelt to bring literacy to the people in the hills of Kentucky. The narrator is a Kentucky Blue, a person with a rare genetic disorder and subject to ridicule and prejudice;	Endorsed by Mary Roy
Valli McDougle	<i>The Giver of Stars</i>	JoJo Moyes	Historical Fiction	Similar to <i>The Pack Women of Troublesome Creek</i> ... Valli has read both and thinks <i>Pack Women</i> is the better of the two	Endorsed by Mary Roy; RuthAnn Uggen;

Valli McDougale	<i>The Madonnas of Leningrad</i>	Debra Dean	Historical Fiction	An elderly Russian woman's memories about helping to save the artwork in the Hermitage during World War II.	Endorsed by Mary Roy
Valli McDougale	<i>This Tender Land</i>	William Kent Kreuger	Historical Fiction	the Lincoln School...where Native American children... are sent to be educated. Tells the story of Odie O'Banion, an orphan whose exploits earn him the superintendent's wrath.... follows Odie, his older brother and two other orphans on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression.	Endorsed by Mary Roy; Sally Pitt-VanBuren
Nancy Hillard	<i>City of Girls</i>	Elizabeth Gilbert	Historical Fiction	Story set in 1940's NYC Theatre world, told by older woman looking back in her life. Great character development. Struggles of Churchill's first years as Prime Minister	
Martha Schinderle	<i>The Splendid and Vile</i>	Erik Larson	History		
Martha Schinderle	<i>The Accidental President</i>	AJ Baime	History	The story of Truman's first year in office	
RuthAnn Uggem	<i>Inheritance</i>	Dani Shapiro	Memoir	Geneology and paternity; story told from the perspective of a woman who discovers she is	
Susie Carter	<i>In the Sanctuary of Outcasts</i>	Neil White	Memoir	Story about the Leper colony in Louisiana as it transitioned to a minimum-security prison	
Susie Carter	<i>Cover her Face</i>	PD James	Mystery	British author who had written a lot of mysteries..	Loved by Sharon Brouwer;Valli McDougale
Kay Gross	<i>Eels: An Exploration .. Of the worlds most mysterious fish</i>	James Prosak	Non-fiction/travel/Natural History	An account of the biology and cultural significance of eels - a truly weird and remarkable organism	
Ann Rawsky	<i>The Blacker the Barry</i>	Wallace Thurman	Non-fiction? Current Events?	One of first books writtedn about how the black community is viewed; a classic .. Written in 1929	has not read
Ann Rawsky	<i>The Bluest Eyes</i>	Toni Morrison	Non-fiction? Current Events?	Race in America.. How to work at being 'non-racist' (1970s)	
Susie Carter	<i>The Library Book</i>	Susan Orleans	Non-fiction? Current Events?	The history of the LA library and fire...	

Tara LaRose	<i>American Dirt</i>	Jeanine Cummins	Non-fiction? Current Eve	Ordeal of a Mexican woman and her son who leave behind their life, for fear of their own lives and come to the US undocumented	
Nancy Hillard	<i>Welcoming the Unwelcome</i>	Pema Chodrom		Written by an American Buddhist nun, who has written many inspirational spiritual books.	
Martha Schinderle	https://www.embracerace.org/			Books recommended for raising children without bias or prejudice	

RICHLAND AREA COMMUNITY CENTER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Selections for 2020:

“Book Shop of the Broken Hearted” - Hillman -fiction - Australia in the 1960’s. A lonely farmer finds his world turned upside down by a vibrant woman determined to open a bookstore and leave her haunting memories of the Holocaust behind.

“Grandma Gatewood’s Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail” - Montgomery - non-fiction - A 67 year old hiked the entire length of the Appalachian Trail.

“The Art of Racing in the Rain” - Stein- fiction - A dog named Enzo is owned by a man who wants to be a professional race car driver. Enzo sees his owner go through marriage, death, legal issues and a career change.

“The Kelloggs: The Battling Brothers of Battle Creek” - Markel - non-fiction - A summary of the dispute between the brothers and the significant contribution both made to health in America.

“The Half-Life of Everything” - Gang - fiction - Fifty-something couple. Wife diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. Husband falls in love with another woman. Wife finds treatment for her disease.

“Where the Crawdads Sing” - Owens- fiction - Situated in the swamps of North Carolina, a young girl survives for years alone.

“A Spark of Light” - Picoult - fiction - A daring narrative that counts backwards through hours of a stand off at a women’s reproductive health clinic.

“Educated” - Westover- memoir - An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge.

“Becoming” - Obama - memoir - An intimate, powerful and inspiring memoir by the former First Lady of the United States.

“The Winemaker’s Wife”- Harmel - fiction - A story of love, betrayal and impossible courage set in the champagne growing region of France during World War II.

“Pearl of China” - Min- Hx fiction - Two childhood friends- Willow is the only child of a destitute family and Pearl is the headstrong daughter of Christian missionaries and will grow up to become Pearl S. Buck.

“Angel City ” - Smith- fiction - A family makes their way to Florida to open a roadside produce stand and end up in the nightmare of a migrant labor camp.

Hunter's Creek Book Club 2020 Selections

Sold on a Monday (McMorris) Fiction .
A Mother's Reckoning (Kiebold) Biography
Beneath the Scarlet Sky (Sullivan) Biography .
Becoming (Obama) Biography
Lilac Girls_(Kelly) Biography
Educated (Westover) Biography
Where the Crawdads Sing (Owens) Fiction
The Girl with Seven Names (Lee & John) Biography
The Half-Life of Everything (Gang) Fiction
The Guest Book (Blake) Fiction