

Noonday Nosh began in 1995. It meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 12 noon in the classroom. Noonday Nosh is a hybrid discussion and people are welcome to join in person or online. For more information or a Zoom link, please contact Julia Ratledge (julia.ratledge@fultoncountygva.gov).

Noonday Nosh Book Club Archives

2024

The Keeper of Hidden Books, a novel by Madeline Martin

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store, a novel by James McBride

The Little Paris Bookshop, a novel by Nina George

Lady Tan's Circle of Women, a novel by Lisa See

Demon Copperhead, a novel by Barbara Kingsolver

The Authenticity Project, a novel by Clare Pooley

The Messy Lives of Book People, a novel by Phaedra Patrick

Recitatif, a story by Toni Morrison

Family Lore, a novel by Elizabeth Acevedo

Salt to the Sea, a novel by Ruta Sepetys

The Red Notebook, a novel by Antoine Laurain

Symphony of Secrets, a novel by Brendan Slocumb

2023

The Last Bookshop in London by Madeline Martin

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

Musical Chairs by Amy Poeppel

We Begin at the End by Chris Whitaker

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

Last Summer at the Golden Hotel by Elyssa Freidland

The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb

The Last Chance Library by Freya Sampson

Olga Dies Dreaming by Xochitl Gonzalez

The Last Green Valley by Mark Sullivan

Less by Andrew Sean Greer

West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

2022

The Stolen Lady by Laura Morelli

Caste by Isabel Wilkerson

A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende

My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You she's Sorry by Fredrik Backman

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls by Anissa Gray

Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe by Heather Webber

The World That We Knew by Alice Hoffman

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng

The Sixteen Pleasures by Robert Hellenga

The One-in-a-Million Boy by Monica Wood

Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

2021

The Dutch House by Anne Patchett

Afterlife by Julia Alvarez

Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

Inland by Téa Obreht

The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel

The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

It's Not All Downhill from Here by Terry McMillan

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri

The Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

2020

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek by K.M. Richardson

The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
If Beale Street Could Talk by James Baldwin
The Music Shop by Rachel Jones
Where'd You Go Bernadette by Maria Semple
News of the World by Paulette Jiles
Dear Mrs. Bird by A.J. Pearce
Circe by Madeline Miller
Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin
Kitchens of the Great Midwest by J.Ryan Stradahl

2019

The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman
A Rick Bragg Book of your choice for Roswell Reads
Americanah by C. N. Adichie
Commonwealth by Anne Patchett
Dead Wake by Eric Larsson
Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
Under the Wide and Starry Sky by Nancy Horan
The Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
Into the Water by Paula Hawkins
Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan
Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan

2018

The Paying Guests by Sarah Waters
Burial for a King Rebecca Burns
The Heart by Maylis de Kerangal
A God in Ruins by Kate Atkinson
Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
The Readers by Katarina Bivald

Circling the Sun by Paula McLain

The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

The Story of a Beautiful Girl by Rachel Simon

A Yellow Raft in Blue Water by Michael Dorris

Hercule Poirot's Christmas by Agatha Christie

2017

A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler

The Underdogs by Melissa Fay Greene

The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Outliers-The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell

The Heart Goes Last by Margaret Atwood

The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

The Guilded Years by Karen Tanabe

The Lady in Gold by Anne-Marie O'Connor

Inside the O'Briens by Lisa Genova

At the Edge of the Orchard by Tracy Chevalier

My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout

Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf

2016

The Interestings by Meg Wolitzer

What Stands in a Storm by Kim Cross.

Empire Falls by Richard Russo

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

Prince of Frogtown by Rick Bragg

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel Brown

The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Mrs. Grant and Madame Jule by Jennifer Chiaverini

Before I Go to Sleep by S. J. Watson

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

A Christmas Memory by Truman Capote

2015

After the Rain by Karen White

The Distance Between Us by Reyna Grande - 2015 Roswell Reads Selection

Thirteen Moons by Charles Frazier

Into the Beautiful North (2014 Big Read Selection for Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System) by Luis Alberto Urrea

The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris by David McCullough

The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery

The Bridge of San Luis Rey by Thornton Wilder

Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver

Then We Came to the End by Joshua Ferris

Rise and Shine by Anna Quindlen

Foreign Affairs by Alison Lurie

Once Upon a Christmas by Pearl S. Buck

2014

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

Someone Else's Love Story by Joshilyn Jackson

2014 Roswell Reads Selection

Defending Jacob: a novel by William Landay

The Widow of the South by Robert Hicks

Roads to Quoz by William Least Heat Moon

The Secretary: a Journey with Hillary Clinton from Beirut to the Heart of American Power by Kim Ghattas

First Class: the Legacy of Dunbar, America's First Black Public High School by Alison Stewart

The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: a memoir by Bill Bryson

Homer & Langley: a novel by E. L. Doctorow

The White Queen by Philippa Gregory

Arrowsmith by Sinclair Lewis

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce

2013

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines
Sweeping Up Glass by Carolyn Wall (Roswell Reads 2013)
Heart and Soul by Maeve Binchy
The Three Weissmanns of Westport by Cathleen Schine
Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant by Anne Tyler
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Wish You Well by David Baldacci
Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
84 Charing Cross Road by Helene Hanff
Scribbling the Cat: Travels With an African Soldier by Alexandra Fuller
The Painted Veil by Somerset Maugham
Christmas Gift by Ferrol Sams

2012

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin (Roswell Reads 2012)
The Red Hat Club Rides Again by Haywood Smith
The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey by Walter Mosley
On the Road by Jack Kerouac
One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Márquez
Falling Home by Karen White
A Passage to India by E. M. Forster
The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver
Breakfast at Tiffany's by Truman Capote
Something Wicked This Way Comes by Ray Bradbury
The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio by Terry Ryan

2011

Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall
My Name Is Mary Sutter by Robin Oliveira (Roswell Reads 2011)
The Lace Reader: a novel by Brunonia Barry
The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

Open House: a novel by Elizabeth Berg

The Stone Diaries by Carol Shields

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson

Fireworks Over Toccoa by Jeffrey Stepakoff

Digging to America: a novel by Anne Tyler

Louisa May Alcott: the Woman Behind Little Women by Harriet Reisen

Ten Beach Road by Wendy Wax - Ms. Wax joined us for this discussion.

Nowhere Is a Place by Bernice McFadden

2010

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski

Outcasts United: A Refugee Soccer Team, An American Town by Warren St. John (Roswell Reads 2010)

My Antonia by Willa Cather

American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House by Jon Meacham

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story by Diane Ackerman

The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The Confederate General Rides North by Amanda Gable

Kabul Beauty School by Deborah Rodriguez

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

2009

The Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Them by Nathan McCall (Roswell Reads 2009)

Death on the Family Tree, Guess Who's Coming to Die? and ***Who Killed the Queen of Clubs?*** -

Author Patricia Sprinkle visited Noonday Nosh and discussed some of her most recent titles.

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Girl Who Stopped Swimming by Joshilyn Jackson

A Thread of Grace: a novel by Mary Doria Russell

How Starbucks Saved My Life: A Son of Privilege Learns to Live Like Everyone Else by Michael Gates Gill

Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri

People of the Book: a novel by Geraldine Brooks

A Mercy by Toni Morrison

Songs Without Words by Ann Packer

2008

What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day by Pearl Cleage

The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards (Roswell Reads 2008)

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Fight Terrorism and Build Nations by Greg Mortenson

The Sunday Philosophy Club by Alexander McCall Smith

The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeannette Walls

Floating in My Mother's Palm: A Novel by Ursula Hegi

The Diving Bell and the Butterfly: A Memoir of Life in Death by Jean-Dominique Baudy

The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East by Sandy Tolan

Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield

Roswell: History, Haunts, and Legends by Dianna Avena

Mudbound: a novel by Hilary Jordan

The Christmas Train by David Baldacci

2007

The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards

The Valley of Light by Terry Kay (Roswell Reads 2007)

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan: a novel by Lisa See

West of Kabul, East of New York: an Afghan American story by Mir Tamim Ansary

Water for Elephants: a novel by Sara Gruen

Running with Scissors: a memoir by Augusten Burroughs

Climbing the Mango Trees by Madhur Jaffrey

Honeymoon with My Brother by Franz Wisner

Can't Wait to Get to Heaven by Fannie Flagg

Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert

Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky

2006

The Piano Tuner by Daniel Mason
Rocket Boys by Homer Hickam (Roswell Reads 2006)
March by Geraldine Brooks
The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger
Life Studies: Stories by Susan Vreeland
Gilead by Marilynne Robinson
Run With the Horsemen by Ferrol Sams
The Birth of Venus by Sarah Dunant
The Eyre Affair by Jasper Fforde
The Queen's Fool by Philippa Gregory

2005

Daisy Miller by Henry James
The Amber Room by Steve Berry
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon
Jasmine by Bharati Mukherjee
The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson
The Valley of Light by Terry Kay
One Thousand White Women by Jim Fergus
Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks
Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China by Jung Chang
The Year the Lights Came On by Terry Kay

2004

The Number 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith
East of Eden by John Steinbeck
Nickel and Dimed: On Not Getting By In America by Barbara Ehrenreich
Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides
Life of Pi by Yann Martel

The Hemingway Book Club of Kosovo by Paula Huntley

Atonement by Ian McEwan

The Lobster Chronicles: Life on a Very Small Island by Linda Greenlaw

Crow Lake by Mary Lawson

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Sijie Dai

Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi

The Good Earth by Pearl Buck

2003

Empire Falls by Richard Russo

Old Men at Midnight by Chaim Potok

John Adams by David McCullough

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

The Odyssey by Homer

Walking Across Egypt by Clyde Edgerton

The Secret Life Of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Peace Like A River by Leif Enger

The Ladies of Covington Send Their Love by Joan Pendicott

Emma's War by Deborah Scroggins

Tending Roses by Lisa Wingate

2002

Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood

Prodigal Summer by Barbara Kingsolver

An Hour Before Daylight by Jimmy Carter

Bee Season by Myla Goldberg

A Short History of a Small Place by T. R. Pearson

A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry

Ecology of a Cracker Childhood by Janisse Ray

Morgan's Run by Colleen McCullough

Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay by Michael Chabon

Seabiscuit: An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand

Skipping Christmas by John Grisham

2001

Midwives by Chris Bohjalian

The Hours by Michael Cunningham

No Ordinary Time by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J. K. Rowling

Ahab's Wife by Sena Jeter Naslund

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down by Anne Fadiman

Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

Bachelor Brothers' Bed and Breakfast by Bill Richardson

Galileo's Daughter by Dava Sobel

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

To Dance with a White Dog by Terry Kay

2000

Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts

A Soldier of the Great War by Mark Helprin

A Patchwork Planet by Anne Tyler

Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

Lindbergh by A. Scott Berg

Coming Home by Rosamund Pilcher

Palace Walk by Naguib Mahfouz

The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger

Trinity by Leon Uris

Disgrace by J.M. Coetzee

Master Georgie by Beryl Bainbridge

The Hours by Michael Cunningham

1999

I Heard the Owl Call My Name by Margaret Craven

All Over But the Shoutin' by Rick Bragg

The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy

The Optimist's Daughter by Eudora Welty

Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden

Run with the Horseman by Ferrol Sams

Charming Billy by Alice McDermott

Lambs of God by Marele Day

I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith

The Sea, the Sea by Iris Murdoch

Celestine Sibley, selected works

1998

The Color of Water by James McBride

Tales of Burning Love by Louise Erdrich

Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

White Rabbit by Kate Phillips

The Blue Flower by Penelope Fitzgerald

Palindrome by Stuart Woods

The Living is Easy by Dorothy West

She's Come Undone by Wally Lamb

Personal History by Katherine Graham

Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood by Rebecca Wells

1997

One True Thing by Anna Quindlen

The Horse Whisperer by Nicholas Evans

At Home in Mitford by Jan Karon

Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison

Stones from the River by Ursula Hegi

Travels with Charlie by John Steinbeck

The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton

Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie

Liar's Club by Mary Karr

Life on the Road by Charles Kuralt

1995/1996

Ladder of Years by Anne Tyler

Christmas Memories by Truman Capote

The Stone Diaries by Carol Shields

Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner

Crazy in Alabama by Mark Childress

True North by Jill Ker Conway

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt

A Map of the World by Jane Hamilton

Snow Falling On Cedars by David Guterson

Country of the Pointed Firs by Sarah Orne Jewett

The English Patient by Michael Ondaatje

Possession by A. S. Byatt

The Christmas Box by Richard Paul Evans