

# Jessica's Book Club ~ ANNC

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This is a group for members to come together and discuss a spectrum of book genres. We have selected dates and titles to assist with planning the meetings. Everyone is welcome to join our group, mail list, or follow what we are reading at your pace.. Please let me know if you are available to host, (glasses, plates, napkins, & water) as an attendee, be sure to select on the evite what you will be bringing. There will be 5 books and 1 CD (when available) on the ANNC shelf by circulation to be checked out at Lee Library or get your copy by ordering directly on BCCLS.

The Day The World Came to Town 9/11 by Jim Defede [224 pages, published August 14, 2003] **October 2nd, 2018**  
On 9/11 38 jetliners from around the world stayed for 4 days during that day of tragedy. This book the inspiring story of the residents of Gander, Canada, whose acts of kindness have touched the lives of thousands of people and been an example of humanity and goodwill.

Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger [336 pages, published 3/4/2014] **October 30, 2018**  
Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, Ordinary Grace is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

VOX by Christina Dalcher [336 pages, published 8/21/2018] **November 27, 2018**  
On the day the government decrees that women are no longer allowed more than one hundred words per day. Soon women are not permitted to hold jobs. Girls are not taught to read or write. Females no longer have a voice. Before, the average person spoke sixteen thousand words each day, but now women have only one hundred to make themselves heard. For Dr. Jean McClellan, her daughter, and every woman silenced, Jean will reclaim her voice.

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng [352 pages, published 9/12/2017] **January 8, 2019**  
The story traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother & daughter who upend their lives. The novel explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood – and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster.

An American Marriage by Tayari Jones [320 pages, published 2/16/2018] **February 5, 2019**  
This stirring love story is a profoundly insightful look into the hearts and minds of three people who are at once bound and separated by forces beyond their control. An intimate look deep into the souls of people who must reckon with the past while moving forward, with hope and pain, into the future.

The Keeper of Lost Things by Ruth Hogan [288 pages, published 11/28/2017] **March 5, 2019**  
A charming, clever, and quietly moving debut novel of of endless possibilities and joyful discoveries that explores the promises we make and break, losing and finding ourselves, the objects that hold magic and meaning for our lives, and the surprising connections that bind us. As the Keeper of Lost Objects, Laura holds the key to Anthony and Eunice's redemption. But can she unlock the past and make the connections that will lay their spirits to rest?

What it Means When A Man Falls from the Sky: Stories by Lesley Nneka Arimah **April 2, 2019**  
[240 pages, published 4/3/2018] Short stories that are evocative, playful, subversive, and incredibly human. Arimah dives deep into Nigerian culture, creating well-crafted prose, with captivating intrafamily conflicts and desperation, tempered with kindness.

Calypso by David Sedaris [273 pages, published 5/29/2018] **April 30, 2019**  
Sedaris sets his formidable powers of observation toward middle age and mortality. His powers of observation have never been sharper, and his ability to shock readers into laughter unparalleled. But much of the comedy here is born out of that vertiginous moment when your own body betrays you and you realize that the story of your life is made up of more past than future.

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate [339 pages, published 6/6/2017]

**May 14, 2019**

Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

Love Does by Bob Goff

[240 pages, published 2/30/2012]

**June 11, 2019**

When Love Does, life gets interesting. Each day turns into a hilarious, whimsical, meaningful chance that makes faith simple and real. Each chapter is a story that forms a book, a life. And this is one life you don't want to miss. Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude just might inspire you to be secretly incredible, too.

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

[468 pages, published 9/6/2016]

**July 30, 2019**

Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose. (Soon to be a TV Series with Kenneth Branagh)

The Girl Who Smiled Beads by Clemantine Wamariya [281 pages, published 4/6/2018]

**September 5, 2019**

Clemantine provokes us to look beyond the label of "victim" and recognize the power of the imagination to transcend even the most profound injuries and aftershocks. Devastating yet beautiful, and bracingly original, it is a powerful testament to her commitment to constructing a life on her own terms.

Educated by Tara Westover

[336 pages, published 2/20/2018]

**October 1, 2019**

Educated is an account of the struggle for self-invention. It is a tale of fierce family loyalty, and of the grief that comes from severing one's closest ties. With the acute insight that distinguishes all great writers, Westover has crafted a universal coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes, and the will to change it.

Cooking for Picasso

[402 pages, published 8/9/2016]

**November 5, 2019**

Featuring an array of both fictional characters and the French Riviera's most famous historical residents, set against the breathtaking scenery of the South of France, Cooking for Picasso is a touching, delectable, and wise story, illuminating the powers of trust, money, art, and creativity in the choices that men and women make as they seek a path toward love, success, and joie de vivre.

The Girl With Seven Names by Hyeonseo Lee

[320 pages, published 7/2/2015]

**December 3, 2019**

An extraordinary insight into life under one of the world's most ruthless and secretive dictatorships – and the story of one woman's terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom. Aged seventeen, she decided to escape North Korea. She could not have imagined that it would be twelve years before she was reunited with her family.