

GFWC-SC Girlfriends' Book Club ESO Reading List Any Author Listed below and any of their books (whether listed below or not) are part of our Reading List. Members may also read other books and suggest that the books be added to our list.

Andrews, Mary Kay

- The High Tide Club
- The Weekenders
- Sunset Beach

Babcock, Havilah

- Tails of Quails 'n Such
- My Health is Better in November

Benson, Paula Gail – lives in Columbia, SC 8-4-2024

Writes short stories – one can be found in Heartbreaks and Half-Truths – 22 Stories of Mystery and Suspense

Blake, Sarah

- The Postmistress

Bockhoven, Georgia

- The Beach House
- Another Summer
- Return to the Beach House

Boyer, Susan (Lives in Greenville, SC)

- Liz Talbot Mystery Series
 - o Lowcountry Boil
 - o Lowcountry Bombshell
 - o Lowcountry Boneyard
 - o Lowcountry Bordello o Lowcountry Bookclub
 - o Lowcountry Bonfire o Lowcountry Bookshop
 - o Lowcountry Boomerang o Lowcountry Boughs of Holly

Boykin, Kim (South Carolina)

- Echoes of Mercy
- The Wisdom of Hair

- A Peach of a Pair
- Palmetto Moon
- Sweet Home Carolina

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I Should Have Said Something

Brennert, Alan

- Moloka'I

Bristow, Gwen (Marion, SC)

- Tomorrow is Forever
- Celia Garth
- Golden Dreams

Brooks, Geraldine -8-4-2024

Horse, a Novel

Carr, Robyn • T

The View from Alameda Island

Chestnut, Mary Boykin (Statesburg, SC)

- Mary Chestnut's Civil War
- A Diary from Dixie
- The Private Mary Chestnut

Clark, C. Hope

- Dying on Edisto Updated 7-25-2021

Clipston, Amy

- An Amish Heirloom

Conroy, Melissa (Beaufort, SC)

- The Lowcountry Coloring Book: Charleston, Savannah, the Sea Islands & Beyond
- Grandma is an Author (children's book)
- Poppy's Pants (children's book)

Conroy, Pat (Born in Atlanta, Georgia and lived in Beaufort, SC)

- The Prince of Tides

- Beach Music
- The Lords of Discipline
- The Great Santini
- The Water is Wide
- South of Broad
- My Losing Season: A Memoir
- The Pat Conroy Cookbook: Recipes of My Life
- The Death of Santini: The Story of a Father and His Son
- Savannah
- My Reading Life

Culbertson, Geanna (California)

- The Crisanta Knight Series
 - o Protagonist Bound
 - o The Severance Game o Inherent Fate
 - o The Liar, The Witch & The Wormhole
 - o To Death and Back

Damron, Carla – lives in Columbia, SC; 8-4-2024

The Stone Necklace

The Orchid Tattoo

Edgar, Walter (Alabama – lives in Columbia, SC)

- South Carolina: A History
- Partisans & Redcoats: The Southern Conflict That Turned the Tide of the American Revolution
- The South Carolina Encyclopedia
- South Carolina in the Modern Age

Finkel, Michael- updated 8-4-2024

The Art thief

Dickey, James (Atlanta, GA and lived in Columbia, SC)

- Deliverance

Frank, Dorothy Benton (Sullivan's Island, SC)

- Plantation
- All Summer Long
- Porch Lights
- Sullivan's Island
- All the Single Ladies
- Lowcountry Summer
- The Last Original Wife
- Folly Beach
- Island of Palms
- The Christmas Pearl
- Full of Grace
- Pawley's Island
- The Hurricane Sisters
- The Land of Mango Sunsets
- Shem Creek
- Bulls Island
- Return to Sullivan's Island
- By Invitation Only
- Queen Bee

Garmus, Bonnie-8-4-2024

Lessons in Chemistry

Goodwin, Daisy

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Hanna, Kristen • The Nightingale

- The Great Alone

Harvey, Kristy (Beaufort, NC)

- Dear Carolina
- Lies and Other Acts of Love
- Slightly South of Simple

- The Secrets to Southern Charm
- A Southern Side of Paradise
- Feels Like Falling (4/20)

Henry, Patti Callahan (Bluffton, SC and Alabama)

- Losing the Moon
- Where the River Runs
- When Light Breaks
- Between the Tides
- The Art of Keeping Secrets
- Driftwood Summer
- The Perfect Love Song
- Coming Up for Air
- And Then I Found You
- The Stories We Tell
- The Idea of Love
- The Bookshop at Water's End
- Becoming Mrs. Lewis – the Improbable Love Story of Joy Daviceman and C. S. Lewis
- The Favorite Daughter

Heyward, DuBose (Charleston, SC)

- The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes
- Porgy

Hilderbrand, Elin

- The Perfect Couple
- Winter in Paradise
- Summer of '69
- What Happens in Paradise (10/19)

Hope, Anna

- The Ballroom

Humphreys, Josephine (Charleston, SC)

- Rich in Love • Nowhere Else on Earth
- Dreams of Sleep
- The Fireman's Fair

Hurston, Zora Neale

- Their Eyes Were Watching God

Kelly, Martha Hall

- The Lilac Girls (2019)

Kidd, Sue Monk (Georgia)

- Secret Life of Bees
- The Mermaid Chair
- The Invention of Wings •

God's Joyful Surprise

- First Light
- When the Heart Waits

King, Cassandra (lives in Beaufort, SC)

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- The Same Sweet Girls Guide to Life
- Moonrise
- Queen of Broken Hearts •

The Same Sweet Girls

- The Sunday Wife
- Making Waves

Knoll, Jessica

- Luckiest Girl Alive
- The Favorite Sister

Lacey, Robert • The Crown

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Our Prince of Scribes: Writers Remember Pat Conroy, Edited by Nicole Seitz and Jonathan Haupt,
66 contributing authors

Tell me a Story

Monroe, Mary Alice (Lives on Isle of Palms, SC)

- Turtle Summer (Children's Book)
- A Butterfly Called Hope (Children's Book)
- Girl in the Mirror • The Long Road Home
- The Four Seasons • The Book Club
- Skyward • Sweetgrass
- Time is a River
- Last Light Over Carolina
- The Butterfly's Daughter
- Swimming Lessons
- The Beach House
- Beach House Memories
- Beach House for Rent
- The Summer Girls
- The Summer Wind
- The Summers End
- A Lowcountry Wedding
- A Lowcountry Christmas
- Beach House Reunion
- The Summer Guest

Mulhern, Julie

- The Country Club Murders
- o The Deep End
- o Guaranteed to Bleed
- o Clouds in My Coffee
- o Send in the Clowns
- o Watching the Detectives
- o Cold as Ice

o Shadow Dancing

o Back Stabbers

o Telephone Line

- The Poppy Fields Adventures o Fields' Guide to Abduction o Fields' Guide to Assassins

o Fields' Guide to Voodoo

Noble, Shelley

- The Beach at Painter's Cove

Ownes, Delia Updated 7-25-2021

- Where the Crawdads Sing

Patterson, James

- The People v Alex Cross

Patton, Lisa

- The Dixie Series

o Whistlin' Dixie in a Nor Easter

o Yankee Doodle Dixie

o Southern as a Second Language

- Rush

Perrin, Valerie – updated 8/4/24

Fresh Water for Flowers

Peterkin, Julia (Laurens County, SC)

- Scarlet Sister Mary

- Green Thursday: Stories

- Black April: Novel

Pinckney, Josephine (Charleston, SC)

- Three O'Clock Dinner

- My Son and Foe

Quinn, Kate

- The Huntress

The Diamond Eye- 8-4-2024

Rash, Ron (Chester, SC)

- The Cove
- Serena
- The World Made Straight
- Above the Waterfall
- Nothing Gold Can Stay

Robinson, Eugene (Orangeburg, SC)

- Disintegration: The Splintering of Black America
- Last Dance in Havana

Rogers, George C. Jr. (Charleston, SC)

- Charleston in the Age of the Pinkneys
- A South Carolina Chronology 1497-1992 2 ndEdition
- The History of Georgetown County, SC

Ross, Ann B.

- Miss Julia Takes the Wheel

Rutledge, Archibald (McClellanville, SC)

- Home by the River • Life's Extras
- Those Were the Days
- Freda Lightfoot – Peace in My Heart

Ryan, Hank Phillippi

- Prime Time
- The Wrong Girls

Ryan, Jennifer

- Chillbury Ladies Choir

St. James, Dorothy

- Asking for Truffle – A Southern Chocolate Shop Mystery

Sanders, Dori (Filbert, SC)

- Her Own Place: A Novel
- Clover

- Dori Sanders Country Cooking

See, Lisa

- The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane

Sigman, Mariano

- The Secret Life of the Mind – How Your Brain Thinks, Feels, and Decides

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Simms, William Gilmore (Charleston, SC)

- The Golden Christmas
- The Life of Francis Marion
- Martin Faber: The Story of a Criminal

Singleton, George (Raised in Greenwood, SC)

- Dog is My Co-Pilot
- Stories from the Blue Moon Café
- These People are Us

Sparks, Nicholas

- See Me
- Every Breath

Spillane, Mickey

- I, the Jury
- My Gun is Quick
- The Mike Hammer Collection Vol. 1
- The Mike Hammer Collection Vol. 2
- The Mike Hammer Collection Vol. 3
- A Long Time Dead: A Mike Hammer Casebook

Tata, Anthony J. Brigadier General U.S. Army Retired (Lives in Raleigh, North Carolina)

- Foreign and Domestic
- Three Minutes to Midnight
- Besieged • Direct Fire

Teller, Raegan Lives in Columbia, SC -8-4-2024

Murder in Madden

Thayer, Nancy

- The Island House
- Secrets in Summer
- A Nantucket Wedding

Trigiani, Adriana

- The Shoemaker's Wife

Walker, Jo – lives in Lexington, SC, children's books - 8-4-2024

Angel in Disguise

Wall, Carol (Virginia)

- Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening: How I Learned the Unexpected Joy of a Green Thumb

Weiner, Jennifer

- Mrs. Everything

Wentworth, Marjory (Poet Laureate of South Carolina)

- We Are Charleston
- New & Selected Poems
- The Endless Repetition of an Ordinary Miracle

Westover, Tara

- Educated

White, Karen (Lives near Atlanta, Georgia)

- The Christmas Spirits on Tradd Street – Release Date 10/22/19
- Dreams of Falling • The Night the Lights Went Out
- The Guest on South Battery
- Spinning the Moon
- Flight Patterns
- The Forgotten Room
- The Sound of Glass
- A Long Time Gone
- Grand Central: Original Stories of Postwar Love and Reunion

- Return to Tradd Street
- The Time Between • Sea Change

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- The Strangers on Montague Street
- The Beach Trees
- On Folly Beach
- The Girl on Legare Street
- The Lost Hours
- The House on Tradd Street
- The Memory of Water
- Learning to Breathe
- Pieces of the Heart
- The Color of Light
- Blessings of Mossy Creek
- After the Rain
- Falling Home •

Christmas Spirits on Tradd Street (10/19)

- The Last Night in London
- All The Ways We Said Goodbye

Williams, Beatriz ● Her Last Flight

- Our Woman in Moscow
- The Wicked Redhead
- The Golden Hour
- Summer Wives

Willig, Lauren

- The Glass Ocean

Wingate, Lisa

- Before We Were Yours • The Book of Lost Friend

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