Books Read 1997 - 2017

UW Faculty Auxiliary Book Discussion Group
Here’s What We’ve Been Reading:
1997 to 2017

1997 - 1998
The Samurai’s Garden - Gail Tsukiyama
A Lesson Before Dying - Ernest J. Gaines
Of Love and Shadows OR Paula - Isabel Allende
Angela’s Ashes - Frank McCourt
A Virtuous Woman OR Ellen Foster - Kaye Gibbons
The Color of Water: A Black Man’s Tribute to His White Mother - James McBride
Turkish Reflections: A Biography of Place - Mary Lee Settle

1998 - 1999
Personal History - Katherine Graham
Sense and Sensibility - Jane Austin
Smilla’s Sense of Snow - Peter Hoeg
Walking Across Egypt - Clyde Edgerton
Long Walk to Freedom - Nelson Mandela
Stones from the River - Ursula Hegi
Independence Day - Richard Ford
Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil - John Berendt
Corelli’s Mandolin - Louis De Bernieres

1999 - 2000
The Poisonwood Bible - Barbara Kingsolver
The Hours - Michael Cunningham
Mrs. Dalloway - Virginia Wolfe
Memoirs of a Geisha - Arthur Golden
Welcome to the World, Baby Girl! - Fannie Flagg
Lindbergh - A. Scott Berg
Hanna’s Daughters - Marianne Fredricksson
Buddenbrooks: The Decline of a Family - Thomas Mann

2000 - 2001
Look Homeward, Angel - Thomas Wolfe
Dorothy Stimson Bullitt: An Uncommon Life - Delphine Haley
Into the Blue OR In Pale Battalions - Robert Goddard
The Road from Coorain AND True North: A Memoir - Jill Ker Conway
Fanny Stevenson: Muse, Adventuress and Romantic Enigma - Alexandra Lapierre
Galileo’s Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith and Love - Dava Sobel
Wild Kat (Kat Colorado Mysteries) - Karen Kijewski
Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies - Jared Diamond
2001 - 2002
Anything by Robert Lewis Stevenson
The Moonstone - Wilkie Collins
Plainsong - Kent Haruf
Ahab's Wife - Sena Jeter Naslund
The Blind Assassin - Margaret Atwood
Huckleberry Finn - Mark Twain
Anything by Eudora Welty

2002 - 2003
The Innocents Abroad - Mark Twain
Wild Life - Molly Gloss
Birds of Prey: A Novel of Suspense - J. A. Jance
Crossing to Safety - Wallace Stegner
The Power of One - Bryce Courtenay
Lasso the Wind: Away to the New West, also The Good Rain: Across Time and Terrain in the Pacific Northwest - Timothy Egan
Memoirs of Pontius Pilate - James R. Mills
In Memory of the Forest - Charles Powers

2003 - 2004
The Grapes of Wrath - John Steinbeck
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress - Dai Sijie
The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency - Alexander McCall Smith
Nines Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women - Geraldine Brooks
Secret Life of Bees - Sue Monk Kidd
The DaVinci Code - Dan Brown

2004 - 2005
Old Goriot - Honore de Balzac
Bel Canto - Ann Patchett
The Full Cupboard of Life - Alexander McCall Smith
Waxwings - Jonathan Raban
Falling Angels - Tracy Chevalier
Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation - Cokie Roberts
Jayber Crow - Wendell Berry
Alexander Hamilton - Ron Chernow

2005 - 2006
The Brothers Karamazov - Fyodor Dostoevsky
Life of Pi - Yann Martel
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time - Mark Haddon
The Kite Runner - Khaled Hosseini
The Heartsong of Charging Elk - James Welch
Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed - Jared Diamond
Too Close to the Falls - Catherine Gildiner

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The Good Earth - Pearl S. Buck
A Confederacy of Dunces - John Kennedy Toole
Dreams of My Russian Summer - Andrei Makine
The Good Women of China: Hidden Voices - Xinran Xue
The Highest Tide - Jim Lynch
Dreams From My Father - Barack Obama
Two Lives - Vikram Seth

2007 – 2008
Of Human Bondage - W. Somerset Maugham
The Beekeeper’s Apprentice - Laurie R. King
Three Cups of Tea - Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
The Piano Shop on the Left Bank - Thad Carhart
Leaving Mother Lake - Yang Erche Namu
In the Empire of Genghis Khan - Stanley Stewart

2008 – 2009
Death Comes for the Archbishop - Willa Cather
The Luncheon of the Boating Party - Susan Vreeland
The Red Dress - Sarah Harrison
Madison House - Peter Donahue
The Whistling Season - Ivan Doig
The Book of Small - Emily Carr
Snow - Orhan Pamuk

2009 – 2010
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society - Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows
People of the Book - Geraldine Brooks
The Bed of Red Flowers: In Search of My Afghanistan - Nelofer Pazira
Out Stealing Horses - Per Petterson
The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox - Maggie O’Farrell
River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze River - Peter Hessler
A Golden Age - Tahmima Anam
The Four Seasons: Novel of Vivaldi’s Venice - Laurel Corona

2010 – 2011
Cutting for Stone - Abraham Verghese
East of Eden - John Steinbeck
Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet - Jamie Ford
John James Audubon: The Making of an American - Richard Rhodes
The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian - Sherman Alexie
The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins, Social Security, and Unemployment Insurance - Kirstin Downey
The Housekeeper and the Professor - Yoko Ogawa
The Collector: David Douglas and the Natural History of the Northwest - Jack Nisbet
The Help - Kathryn Stockett

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Being Indian: The Truth About Why the 21st Century will be India’s - Pavan K. Varma
Olive Kitteridge - Elizabeth Strout
The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century - Steve Coll
Destiny Disrupted: A History of the World Through Islamic Eyes - Mir Tamim Ansary
The Mapping of Love and Death: A Maisie Dobbs Novel (P.S.) - Jacqueline Winspear
The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court - Jeffrey Toobin
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks - Rebecca Skloot
The Lacuna: A Novel - Barbara Kingsolver
The Paris Wife: A Novel - Paula McLain

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The Tiger's Wife - Tea Obrecht
The Warmth of Other Suns - Isabel Wilkerson
The Professor's House - Willa Cather
A Moveable Feast - Ernest Hemingway
I Still Dream About You - Fannie Flagg
Across Many Mountains - Yangzom Brauen
The Sense of an Ending - Julian Barnes
City of Thieves - David Benioff
The Eleventh Man - Ivan Doig

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My Antonia - Willa Cather
Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937 – 1948 - Madeleine Albright
The Orchardist - Amanda Coplin
Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis - Timothy Egan
A Secret Gift: How One Man's Kindness - and a Trove of Letters - Revealed the Hidden History of the Great Depression - Ted Gup
Room: A Novel - Emma Donoghue
The Influencing Machine: Brooke Gladstone on the Media - Brooke Gladstone and Josh Neufeld
House of Stone: A Memoir of Home, Family, and a Lost Middle East - Anthony Shadid
The True Believer: Thoughts on the Nature of Mass Movements - Eric Hoffer

2014 – 2015
Twilight of the Elites: America After Meritocracy - Christopher Hayes
The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer - Siddhartha Mukherjee
The Orphan Train: A Novel - Christina Baker Kline
Americanah: A Novel - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
In Patagonia - Bruce Chatwin
The Good Lord Bird - James McBride
Fighting for Life - S. Josephine Baker
My Beloved World - Sonia Sotomayor
Caleb's Crossing: A Novel - Geraldine Brooks

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Lady at the OK Corral: The True Story of Josephine Marcus Earp - Ann Kirschner
Don’t Let’s Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood - Alexandra Fuller
The Emerald Mile: The Epic Story of the Fastest Ride in History Through the Heart of the Grand Canyon - Kevin Fedarko
All the Light We Cannot See - Anthony Doerr
Dancing at the Rascal Fair - Ivan Doig
Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End - Atul Gawande
Girls of Riyadh - Rajaa Alsanea
How Much is Enough? Money and the Good life - Robert Skidelsky and Edward Skidelsky
Dear Leader: Poet, Spy, Escapee: A Look Inside North Korea (or Dear Leader: My Escape from North Korea) - Jang Jin-Sung

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The Hollow Ground - Jane Gardam
The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History - Elizabeth Kolbert
The Art Forger - Barbara A. Shapiro
The Great Divide: Unequal Societies and What We Can Do About Them - Joseph Stiglitz
Good Night, Mr. Wodehouse - Faith Sullivan
Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China - Evan Osnos
Brooklyn - Colm Toibin
Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania - Erik Larson
Daughters of the Samurai: A Journey from East to West and Back - Janice P. Nimura