

COLUMBIAN BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE 2006-2007

- July - *The Kite Runner* by Kahled Hosseini
- August - *March* by Geraldine Brooks
- September - *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler
- October - *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson
- November - *Peace Like a River* by Lefi Enger
- January 4 - *The Known World* by Edwar P. Jones
- January 25 - *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks
- March 1 - *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- March 25 - *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
- April - *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns
- May - *Charming Billy* by Alice McDermott
- June - *The Atonement* by Ian MEwan

COLUMBIAN BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE 2007-2008

- September - *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes
- October - *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khalid Hosseini
- November - *Gilead* Marilynne Robinson
- January - *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy
- February - *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck
- March - *Fugitive Pieces* by Anne Michaels
- April - *Last Night at the Lobster* by Steward O’Nan
- May *The Inheritance of Loss* by Diran Desai
- June - *His Illegal Self* by Peter Carey

COLUMBIAN BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE 2008-2009

September - *Middlemarch* by George Eliot

October - *Day* by A. L. Kennedy

November - *Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton

January - *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver

February - *Home* by Marilynne Robinson

March - *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan

April - *The vision of Emma Blau* by Ursula Hegi

May - *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

June - *Crow Lake* by Mary Lawson

COLUMBIAN BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE 2009-2010

September - *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens

October - *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar

November - *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

January - *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

February - *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson

March - *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

April - *Flower Children* by Maxine Swann

May - *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

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

COLUMBIAN BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE 2010-2011

All meetings on Thursdays at 9:30 in the Crystal Terrace.

September 9, 2010 - *Ayn Rand and the World She Made* by Anne C. Heller

October 14, 2010 - *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

November 11, 2010 - *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

January 13, 2011 - *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel

February 10, 2011 - *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier

March 10, 2011 - *Lime Tree Can't Bear Orange* by Amanda Smyth

April 14, 2011 - *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See

May 12, 2011 - *Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard* by Kiran Desai

June 9, 2011 - *Home Safe* by Elizabeth Berg

NO MEETING IN JULY

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

COLUMBIAN BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE 2011-2012

All meetings on Thursdays at 9:30 in the Crystal Terrace.

September 8 - *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton

October 13 - *The Distant Hours* by Kate Morton

November 10 - *Private Life* by Jane Smiley

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

January 12 - *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner

February 9 - *The Hare With the Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal

March 8 - *Room* by Emma Donoghue

April 12 - *The Tiger* by John Vaillant

May 10 - *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson

June 14 – *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

COLUMBIAN BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE 2012-2013

September 13 – *Justine and Balthazar* by Lawrence Durrell (fiction)

October 11 – *Bury Your Dead* by Louise Penny

November 8 - *The Hemlock Cup* by Bettany Hughes (nonfiction)

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

January 10 - *American Dervish* by Ayad Akhtar (fiction)

February 14 - *The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova (fiction)

March 14 - *Running the Rift* by Naomi Benaron (fiction)

April 11 - *Caravaggio* by Andrew Graham-Dixon (nonfiction)

May 9 - *Suite Française* by Irène Némirovsky (fiction)

June 13 - *Bitter Lemons* by Lawrence Durrell (nonfiction)

NO MEETING IN JULY

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

COLUMBIAN BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE 2013-2014

September 12, 2013

Caravaggio; A Life Sacred and Profane by Andrew Graham-Dixon

Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (1571-1610) lived the darkest and most dangerous life of any of the great painters...In the course of this desperate life Caravaggio created the most dramatic paintings of his age, using ordinary men and women - often prostitutes and the very poor - as models for his depictions of classic religious scenes...For four hundred years Caravaggio's tumultuous life and mysterious death have been surrounded by speculation. Here is the first biography to present all the main evidence firsthand.

October 10, 2013

The Lock Artist by Steve Hamilton

Steve Hamilton will be the guest of honor at the *Magna cum Murder* event which will take place at the Columbia Club October 25-27. I thought it would be fun to read his most recent (and award-winning) mystery to whet our appetites for the event!

November 14, 2013

The Round House by Louise Erdrich *National Book Award Winner*

Written with undeniable urgency, and illuminating the harsh realities of contemporary life in a community where Ojibwe and white live uneasily together, *The Round House* is a brilliant and entertaining novel, a masterpiece of literary fiction. Louise Erdrich embraces tragedy, the comic, a spirit world very much present in the lives of her all-too-human characters, and a tale of injustice that is, unfortunately, an authentic reflection of what happens in our own world today.

January 9, 2014

Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo

While the distance between rich and poor is growing in the U.S., the gap between the haves and have-nots in India is staggering to behold. This first book by a New Yorker staff writer (and Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for the Washington Post) jolts the reader's consciousness with the opposing realities of poverty and wealth in a searing visit to the Annawaldi settlement, a flimflam slum

that has recently sprung up in the western suburbs of the gigantic city of Mumbai, perched tentatively along the modern highway leading to the airport and almost within a stone's throw of new, luxurious hotels. We first meet Abdul, whose daily grind is to collect trash and sell it; in doing so, he has "lifted his large family above subsistence." Boo takes us all around the community, introducing us to a slew of disadvantaged individuals who, nevertheless, draw on their inner strength to not only face the dreary day but also ponder a day to come that will, perhaps, be a little brighter. Sympathetic yet objective and eloquently rendered.

February 13,2014

Canada by Richard Ford

When fifteen-year-old Del Parsons' parents rob a North Dakota bank, his normal life is altered forever, and a threshold is crossed that can never be uncrossed. His parents' imprisonment threatens a turbulent and uncertain future for Del and his twin sister, Berner.

March 13, 2014

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce

Meet Harold Fry, recently retired. He lives in a small English village with his wife, Maureen, who seems irritated by almost everything he does, even down to how he butters his toast. Little differentiates one day from the next. Then one morning the mail arrives, and within the stack of quotidian minutiae is a letter addressed to Harold in a shaky scrawl from a woman he hasn't seen or heard from in twenty years which changes the course of his life.

April 19, 2014

Sweet Tooth by Ian McEwan

In this stunning new novel, Ian McEwan's first female protagonist since *Atonement* is about to learn that espionage is the ultimate seduction.

May 8, 2014

Then End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe

This is the inspiring true story of a son and his mother, who start a “book club” that brings them together as her life comes to a close.

June 12, 2014

Strong Poison by Dorothy Sayers

Love and mystery surround Lord Peter Wimsey in this intriguing case of murder. It's up to him to solve the case - and save mystery novelist Harriet Vane. When her fiance dies exactly in the way described in one of her novels, she naturally becomes the chief suspect. Can Wimsey save her - and win her heart?

[Note: Originally published in 1930; paperback available at basblue.com]