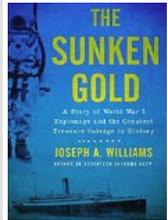


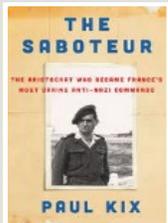
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Author Talks:

March 7 at 7 PM:
Joseph A. Williams
The Sunken Gold:

A Story of World War I Espionage and the Greatest Treasure Salvage in History



March 26 at 7 PM:
Paul Kix
The Saboteur:

The Aristocrat Who Became France's Most Daring Anti-Nazi Commando

Who's Your Favorite Author?

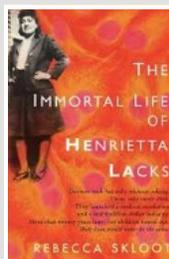
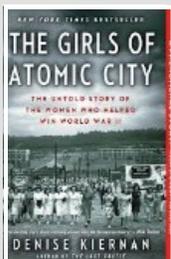
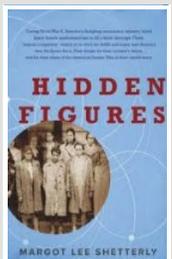
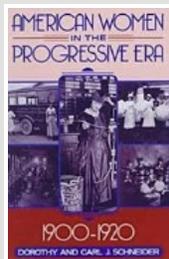
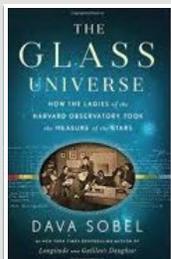
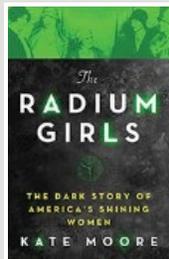
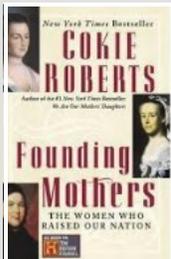
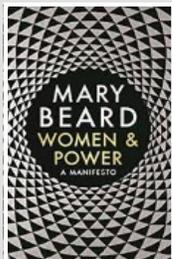


Jessica enjoys many authors, but she particularly enjoys reading books written by **Jason Reynolds**, **Barbara Kingsolver** and **Ruta Sepetys**. She notes, "The one commonality found in the work of my favorite authors is the ability he or she has to transport the reader in a few single words. Some poetic, others practical in their narrative, I've come to truly appreciate their carefully crafted worlds. Whether I'm re-visiting an old favorite or trying a new title, they never fail to pull me out of my own reality and into a newly described setting, reflection or plot." She also recommends **Suzanne Kingsbury**, **Anita Diamant** and **Tim O'Brien**.

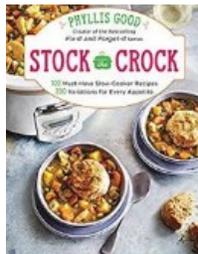
She suggests the following novels: *The Boy in the Black Suit* by Jason Reynolds, *The Summer Fletcher Greel Loved Me* by Suzanne Kingsbury, and *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien.

Women's History Month

March is **National Women's History Month** and an opportunity to honor women who have shaped America's history and its future through their commitment to ending discrimination against women and girls. Please check these out!



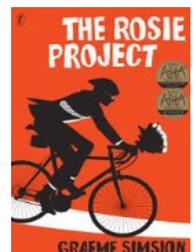
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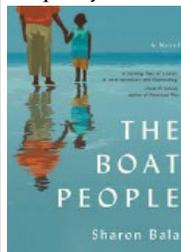
Sue: *Stock the Crock* by **Phyllis Good**. You'll find beloved classics, as well as dishes you might be surprised can be done successfully in a slow cooker. Whether you are looking to accommodate gluten-free, paleo, or vegetarian diets, or prefer slow-cooker meals perfectly sized for one or two people, this cookbook provides smart ideas, more than 100 recipe photos, and cooking hacks that will change the way you use your favorite fuss-free cooking appliance.

Diane: *The Rosie Project* by **Graeme Simsion**.

Don Tillman is getting married, but he has not yet met a suitable lady. To start the process, he designed the "Wife Project," a sixteen-page questionnaire to help him find the perfect partner. She will definitely **not** be a barmaid, a smoker, a drinker, or a late-arriver. Rosie Jarman is all these things. She is also fiery and intelligent and beautiful. Don learns despite your best scientific efforts, you don't find love: love finds you.



Norma: *The Boat People* by **Sharon Bala**. When a rusty cargo ship carrying Mahindan and five hundred fellow refugees from Sri Lanka's bloody civil war reaches Vancouver's shores, the young father thinks he and his six-year-old son can finally start a new life. Instead, the group is thrown into a detention processing center, with news headlines speculating that among the boat people are members of a terrorist group. The refugees seek asylum and to finally be free from war.



Anna: *Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy* by **Carlos Eire**. In 1962, at the age of eleven, Carlos Eire was one of 14,000 children airlifted out of Cuba, and his parents were left behind. His life until then is the subject of this heartbreaking, wry, intoxicatingly beautiful memoir of growing up in a privileged Havana household and of being exiled from his own childhood by the Cuban revolution. This is an ode to a paradise lost.





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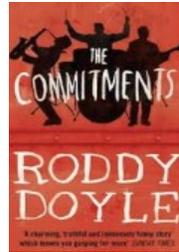
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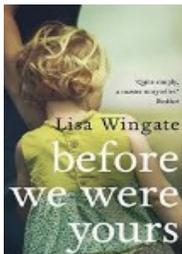
Jana: *Green Angel* by Alice Hoffman. Left on her own when her family dies in a terrible disaster, fifteen-year-old Green is haunted by loss and by the past. Struggling to survive physically and emotionally in a place where nothing seems to grow and ashes are everywhere, Green retreats into the ruined realm of her garden. In destroying her feelings, she also begins to destroy herself, erasing the girl she'd once been as she inks darkness into her skin. Can she relearn the lessons of love and heal?

Richard: *The Commitments* by Roddy Doyle.

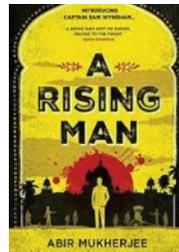
Barrytown, Ireland has something to sing about. The Commitments are spreading the gospel of the soul. They are ably managed by Jimmy Rabbitte, a man with ambition; brilliantly coached by Joey 'The Lips' Fagan, an old man with a trumpet, and protected by tough guy Mickah Wallace. Their twin assault on Motown and Barrytown takes them by leaps and bounds from the parish hall to the steps of the studio door. Can The Commitments live up to their name?



Emily: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shanty-boat. When their parents have a medical emergency, Rill is left in charge until strangers arrive in force. Thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents. As the siblings are separated, they soon realize the truth is much darker.



Ann: *A Rising Man* by Abir Mukherjee. Captain Sam Wyndham, former Scotland Yard detective, is a new arrival to Calcutta. Desperately seeking a fresh start after his experiences during the Great War, Wyndham has been recruited to head up a new post in the police force. But with barely a moment to acclimatize to his new life or to deal with the ghosts which still haunt him, Wyndham is caught up in a murder investigation that will take him into the dark underbelly of the British Raj.



Two Year Anniversary!

In March 2016, we presented our inaugural issue of "What to Read Next." Since then, several of you have anecdotally shared your enthusiasm about being exposed to new authors, different genres and even alternative methods to "reading" a book. We look forward to sharing more ideas with you this next year. Happy reading!



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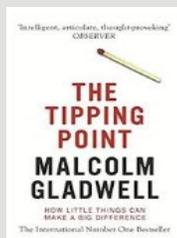
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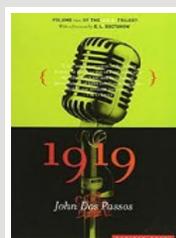


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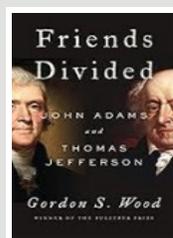
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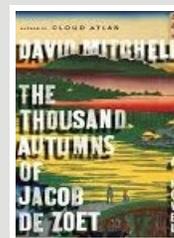
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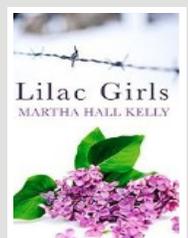
American History
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Friends Divided



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The Thousand Autumns



Historical Fiction
April 10
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