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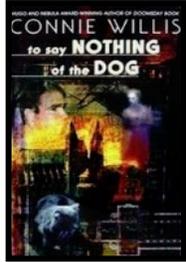
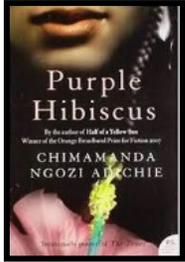
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ANNA shared that her literary dinner party would be an opportunity to make new friends, rather than a gathering of old pals. She explained, “I’ve enjoyed one book each from **Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**, **Beverly Jenkins** and **Connie Willis**. While they write in genres I read often – literary fiction, romance, and science fiction, respectively – they offer wider perspectives within those genres. Adichie’s famous TED talk warns of

‘The Danger of a Single Story;’ this imaginary guest list would bring many diverse stories to the table.”

ANNA suggests the following novels: *Purple Hibiscus* by **Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**, *Destiny’s Embrace* by **Beverly Jenkins**, and *To Say Nothing of the Dog* by **Connie Willis**.

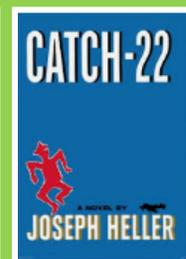
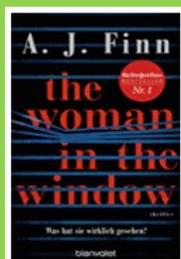
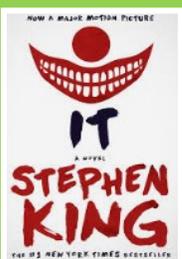
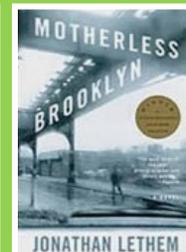
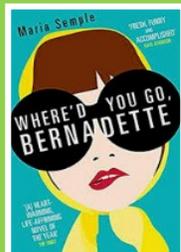
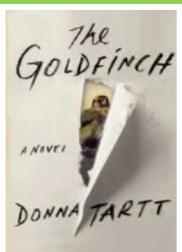
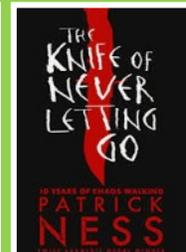
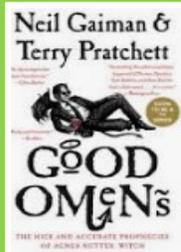
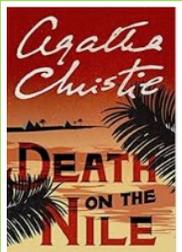


WHO WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL LITERARY DINING COMPANIONS? AND WHY?



WHICH BOOKS WILL BE ADAPTED TO THE BIG SCREEN IN 2019?

Every year, books are adapted to become movies or television series. The following roundup represents several titles we can expect to see this year. Check them out!



MONTHLY STAFF FAVORITES



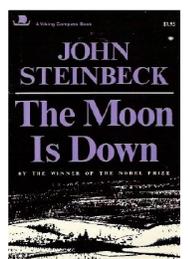
SUE: *JOYFUL: THE SURPRISING POWER OF ORDINARY THINGS TO CREATE EXTRAORDINARY HAPPINESS* BY INGRID FETELL LEE. Designer Ingrid Fetell Lee explains how to cultivate a happier, healthier life by making small changes to your surroundings. Experts urge us to find balance by looking inward and muting the outside world. What if the natural vibrancy of our surroundings is our source of joy?

EMILY: *HOTEL SILENCE* BY AUDUR AVA ÓLAFSDÓTTIR. Jónas’ wife has left him; his mother is slipping deeper into dementia, and his daughter is no longer who he thought. So he buys a one-way ticket to a war-ravaged country where he plans to end it all. On arriving at Hotel Silence, he finds his plans go awry, and it becomes clear that he will give life a second chance, albeit down a most unexpected path.



RICHARD: *THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU* BY JONATHAN TROPPER. After the death of his father and a week of sitting shivah with his enjoyably dysfunctional family presided over by their mother, who is a celebrated parenting expert despite her children's difficulties, the mourning period brings each of the family members to unexpected epiphanies about their own lives and each other.

REAGAN: *THE MOON IS DOWN* BY JOHN STEINBECK. In this masterful tale set in Norway during World War II, Steinbeck explores the effects of invasion on both the conquered and the conquerors. He delves into the emotions of the German commander and the Norwegian traitor, as well as depicting the spirited patriotism of the Norwegian underground. He uncovers profound truths about war and about human nature.



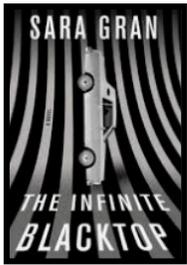
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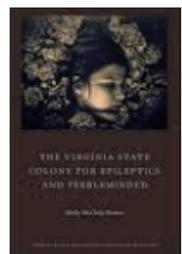
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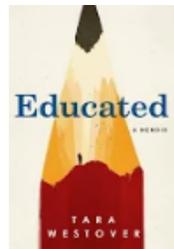
ANN: *THE INFINITE BLACKTOP* BY SARA GRAN. Driven off the desert road and left for dead, Claire DeWitt has to think fast to avoid the cops who arrive first on the scene. Making a break for it, she sets off in search of the person who tried to kill her, and the reasons why. Perhaps the biggest mystery of all lies deeper than that, somewhere out there on the ever rolling highway of life.

JESSICA: *HOW TO BE A GOOD CREATURE* BY SY MONTGOMERY. A naturalist and adventurer discusses the personalities and quirks of thirteen animals who have profoundly affected her. She explains the ways we learn to love and become empathetic; how we create our families; how we learn gratitude and forgiveness; and most of all, how to be a good creature.



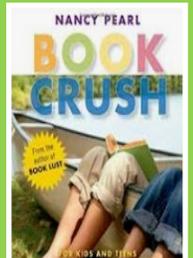
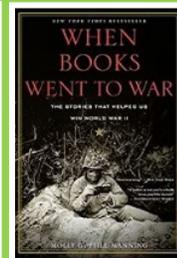
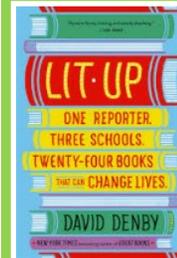
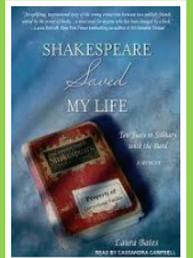
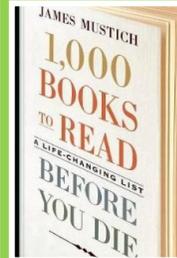
JANA: *THE VIRGINIA STATE COLONY FOR EPILEPTICS AND FEEBLEMINDED: POEMS* BY MOLLY MCCULLY BROWN. The poetry explores the haunted legacy of the former medical institution at the heart of the eugenics movement in the early twentieth century in America. Brown, who has cerebral palsy, gives voice to the Colony's chorus of residents, reclaiming for them elements of their humanity.

DIANE: *EDUCATED: A MEMOIR* BY TARA WESTOVER. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara prepared for the end of the world. As a way out, she began to educate herself, learning enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where she set foot in a classroom for the first time. Eventually, she went to Harvard.



HAVE YOU MADE YOUR 2019 "MUST READ" LIST?

Make a New Year's resolution that's fun to honor: "Read more books." These suggestions will help you cultivate a book list that's sure to keep you motivated. Happy reading!



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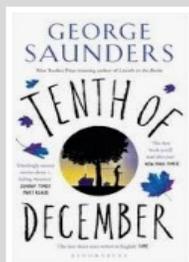


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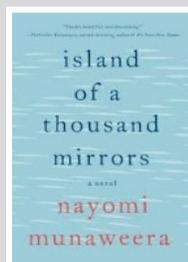
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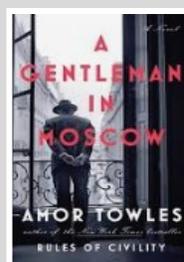
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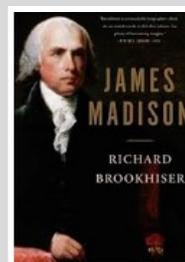
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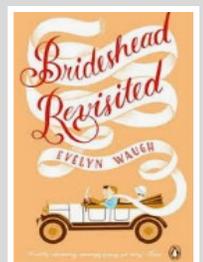
Third Wednesday
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A Gentleman in Moscow



American History
January 24
5:00 PM
James Madison



Classics Book Group
January 31
5:30 PM
Brideshead Revisited



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