

Trinity Book Club Selections 1989 - present

2021

The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson
Caste by Isabel Wilkerson
The River of Doubt by Candace Millard
American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

2020

The Rent Collector by Cameron Wright
March and April cancelled by COVID
The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Lucky Boy by Shyanthi Sekaram
Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson
Mind and Matter-A Life in Math and Football by John Urschel
A Single Thread by Tracy Chevalier
Pope Joan by Donna Woolfolk Cross
The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek by Michele Richardson

2019

Guns, Germs and Steel-The Fates of Human Society by Jared Diamond
Eleanor Elephant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman
Alexander von Humboldt's New World by Andrea Wulf
Knocking on Heaven's Door by Kathy Butler
Where the Crawdads sing by Delia Owen
The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See
July reading: Five unpublished stories by Ed Sams
Educated by Tara Westover
Individual's choice of a Toni Morrison book
Still Life by Louise Penny
The Second Mountain by David Brooks

2018

Do No Harm or Admissions by Henry Marsh
Crow Lake by Mary Lawson
Dust Bowl Girls by Lydia Reeder
Shoe Dog by Phil Knight
Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
A World Ablaze by Craig Harline
Henry David Thoreau: A Life by Laura Dassow Walls

2017

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman
1984 by George Orwell
Soul of Octopuses and other animal titles by Sy Montgomery
Killing Kennedy: The end of Camelot by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
Dying for a Taste and A Measure of Murder by Leslie Karst
The Elephant Whisperer by Lawrence Anthony with Graham Spence
Davita's Harp by Chaim Potok
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Glory Over Everything by Kathleen Grissom

2016

Modoc - The True Story of the Greatest Elephant That Ever Lived by Ralph Helfer
Selections from author Edward Abbey
Justice For All - Earl Warren and the Nation He Made by Jim Newton
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne
Gutenberg's Apprentice by Alix Christie
Dead Wake by Erik Larson
Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger
Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig
The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

2015

The Wright Brothers -- David McCullough
All the Light We Cannot See -- Anthony Doer
The Orphan Train -- Christina Kline
Even After All This Time -- Afschineh Latifi
Reimagining God -- Lloyd Geering
Slaughterhouse Five -- Kurt Vonnegut
Outliers: The Story of Success -- Malcolm Gladwell
The Dovekeepers -- Alice Hoffman
The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat -- Oliver Sacks
Even After All This Time -- Afschineh Latifi

2014

End of Your Life Book Club -- Will Schwabe
So Brave, Young, and Handsome -- Leif Enger
Lost in Shangri-la -- Mitchell Zuckoff
Orange is the New Black -- Piper Kerman
Flight Behavior -- Barbara Kingsolver
Beautiful Ruins -- Jess Walter
Huckleberry Finn -- Mark Twain
Claire and Mr. Tiffany -- Susan Vreeland
Boys in the Boat -- Daniel James Brown
Unboken -- Laurra Hillenbrand
Warmth of Other Suns -- Isabel Wilkerson

2013

The Killer Angels, Michael Shaara
Traveling Mercies, Anne Lamott
Flags of Our Fathers, James Bradley
Proof of Heaven, Eban Alexander, M.D.
Wicked Hill, Ed Sams
The Oath; A Surgeon Under Fire, Khassan Balev
The Space Between Us, Thrity Umrigar
Running the Rift, Naomi Benaron
Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore, Robin Sloan
In the Garden of Beasts, Erik Larson

2012

Nothing to Envy, Barbara Demick
A Long Fatal Love Chase, Louisa May Alcott
Walking for Our Lives, Donna Rankin Love
Bitter Grounds, Sandra Benitez
Half Broke Horses, Jannette Walls
Rare Bird, Maria Mudd Ruth
Blood Brothers, Elias Chacor
When a Crocodile Eats the Sun, Peter Godwin
On Gold Mountain, Lisa See
March, Geraldine Brooks
State of Wonder, Ann Patchett

2011

The Lacuna - Barbara Kingsolver
The Art of Racing in the Rain - Garth Stein
Zeitoun - Dave Eggers
The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint - Brady Udall
Iron and Silk - Mark Salzman
An Uncommon Friendship - Bernat Rosner, Frederic Tubach, Sally Patterson Tubach
Forever - Pete Hamill
The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down - Ann Fadiman
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks - Rebecca Skloot
Touchstone - Laurie King
Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant - Ann Tyler

2010

In the Company of Liars – Karen Maitland
The Believers – Zoe Heller
Stones for Schools – Greg Mortenson
Olive Kitteridge – Elizabeth Strout
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet – Jamie Ford
People of the Book – Geraldine Brooks
Cutting For Stone – Abraham Verghese
Sarah's Key - Tatiana de Rosnay
To Kill a Mockingbird - Harper Lee
Daughter of Persia - Sattareh Farman

2009

The Things They Carried – Tim O'Brien
Bridge of Sighs – Richard Russo
Cider House Rules – John Irving
The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao – Junot Diaz
The Mascot: Unraveling the Mystery of My Jewish Father's Nazi Boyhood - Mark Kurzem
And the Waters Turned to Blood - Rodney Barker
Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life - Barbara Kingsolver
The Elegance of the Hedgehog – Muriel Barbery
Where Light Takes Its Color From the Sea – James Houston
The Sun Also Rises – Ernest Hemmingway
Isaac's Storm – Erik Larson

2008

eat pray love - Elizabeth Gilbert
Thunderstruck – Erik Larson
Scorched Earth – David Robbins
the namesake – Jhumpa Lahiri
Water for Elephants – Sara Gruen
The Language of Baklava : A Memoir – Diana Abu-Jaber
Waiting for Teddy Williams – Howard Frank Moser
The Book Thief – Markus Zusak
Farewell to Manzanar – Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston
The Zookeeper's Wife – Diane Ackerman
The Shack – William P. Young

2007

Unless – Carol Shields
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close – Jonathan Safran Foer
On The Road – John Kerouac
Teacher Man: A Memoir – Frank McCourt
Maltese Falcon – Dashiell Hammett
The Glass Castle – Jeannette Walls
Atonement – Ian McEwen
Three Cups of Tea – Greg Mortenson
The Madonnas of Leningrad – Debra Dean
Measure of a Man – Sydney Poitier
Lay of the Land – Richard Ford

2006

Abraham – Bruce Feiler
The Known World – Edward P. Jones
White Teeth – Zadie Smith
Shadow of the Wind – Carlos Zafon
About Grace – Anthony Doerr
Moloka'i – Alan Brennert
Pearl – Mary Gordon
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan – Lisa See
The Kitchen Boy – Robert Alexander
Gilead – Marilynne Robinson
44 Scotland Street – Alexander McCall Smith

2005

Catfish and Mandela – Andrew Pham
Four Spirits – Sean Jeter Naslund
Under the Banner of Heaven – Jon Krakauer
The Good Earth – Pearl Buck
The Dive From Clausen's Pier – Ann Parker
Walking Into the Night – Olaf Olafsson
Summerland – Michael Chabon
Middlesex – Jeffrey Eugenides
Catch 22 – Joseph Heller
The Devil in the White City – Erik Larson
The Book of Joe – Jonathan Tropper

2004

Three Junes – Julia Glass
Josephine – Carolly Erickson
The Bridge of San Luis Rey – Thornton Wilder
The Virgin Blue – Tracy Chevalier
The Cave – Jose Saramago
Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling – Ross King
The Songcatcher – Sharyn McCrumb
Lay That Trumpet in Our Hands - Susan Carol McCarthy
Reading Lolita in Tehran – Azar Nafisi
The Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini

2003

Bel Canto – Ann Patchett
East of Eden – John Steinbeck
The Secret Life of Bees – Sue Monk Kidd
The Piano Tuner – Daniel Philippe Mason
The Lovely Bones – Alice Sebold
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress – Dai Sijie
Colors of the Mountain – Da Chen
The Life of Pi – Yann Martel
The Other Boleyn Girl – Phillipa Gregory

2002

Ahab's Wife – Sena Jeter Nasland
Plain Truth – Jodi Picoult
The Professor and the Madman – Simon Winchester
Four Letters of Love – Niall Williams
Snow Mountain Passage – James Houston
Folly – Laurie R. King
I Know Just What You Mean – Ellen Goodman & Patricia O'Brien
Anne Morrow Lindbergh – Susan Hertog
Five Quarters of the Orange – Joanne Harris
Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay – Michael Chabon

2001

Galileo's Daughter – Dava Sobel
Hitler's Niece – Ron Hansen
Tortilla Curtain – T. C. Boyle
Samurai's Garden – Gail Tsukiyama
Daughter of Fortune – Isabel Allende
Things Fall Apart – Chinua Achebe
A Valley in Italy – Lisa St. Aubin De Teran
Girl with the Pearl Earring – Tracy Chevalier
Girl in Hyacinth Blue – Susan Vreeland
Sister of My Heart – Chitra Divakarun

2000

A Walk in the Woods – Bill Bryson
Traveling Mercies – Anne Lamott
Poisonwood Bible – Barbara Kingsolver
The Red Tent – Anita Diamant
The God of Small Things – Avanhati Roy
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn – Betty Smith
Snow Country – Yasunari Kawabata
Accordion Crimes – Annie Proulx
House of Sand and Fog – Andre Dubus
Farewell – Horton Foote
Plainsong – Kent Haruf

1999

Corelli's Mandolin – Louis de Bernieres
Memoirs of a Geisha – Arthur Golden
Follow the River – James Thomo
Pilot's Wife – Anita Shreve
Before Women Had Wings – Connie May Fowler
Tuesdays with Morrie – Mitch Albom
John Steinbeck's books
To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee

1998

Undaunted Courage – Stephen E. Ambrose
Into Thin Air – Jon Krakauer
Eight Feet in the Andes – Dervla Murphy
Cold Mountain – Charles Frazier
A Civil Action – Jonathan Harr
A Change of Heart – Clair Sylvia
Angela's Ashes – Frank McCourt
A Perfect Storm – Sebastian Junger
Arranged Marriage – Chirita Banerjee Diva Karuai
The Divine Secrets of the YaYa Sisterhood – Rebecca Wells

1997

Libby – Betty John
Ellen Foster – Kaye Gibbons
Bird by Bird – Anne Lamott
English Patient – Michael Ondaatje
The Horse Whisperer – Nicholas Evans
How the Irish Saved Civilization – Thomas Cahill
The Long Walk – Slavomir Rawicz
Smell of Apples – Mark Behr
She's Come Undone – Wally Lamb
Bucking the Sun – Ivan Doig
The Gift of Pain – Paul Brand

1996

To Dance With the White Dog – Terry Kay
Serving in Silence – Margarethe Cammermeyer
84 Charing Cross Road – Eleanor Hanff
A Gathering of Old Men – Ernest Gaines
Shipping News – Annie Proulx
Dead Man Walking – Sister Helen Prejean
Snow Falling on Cedars – David Guterson
Winter Wheat – Mildred Walker
Montana 1948 – Larry Watson
A Frontier Lady – Sarah Royce
These Same Long Bones – Gwendolyn Parker
Reviving Ophelia – Mary Pipher

1995

Refuge – Terry Tempest Williams
Mutant Message From Down Under – Marlo Morgan
Pat Conroy's books
Pillars of the Earth – Ken Follett
Catch 22 – Joseph Heller
Possession – J.S. Byatt
The Stone Diaries – Carol Shields
Till We Have Faces – C. S. Lewis
The 16 Pleasures – Robert Hellenga
Charms for the Easy Life – Kay Gibbons
Written by Herself – Jill Kerr Conway

1994

Toni Morrison's books
Among Schoolchildren – Tracy Kidder
At Paradise Gate – Jane Smiley
Tony Hillerman's books
David Copperfield – Charles Dickens
Wild Swans – Three Daughters of China – Jung Chang
Girls with the Grandmother Faces – Frances Weaver
The Sacred Journey – Frederick Buechner

1993

Father Melancholy's Daughter – Gail Godwin
Composing a Life – Mary Katherine Bateson
Plain and Simple – Sue Bender
How to Make an American Quilt – Whitney Otto
Rising Sun – Michael Crichton
Acts of Faith – Eric Siegel
Waiting to Exhale – Terry McMillan
Wallace Stegner's books
Maya Angelou's books
The Living – Annie Dillar

1992

Palace Walk – Naguib Mahfouz
Animal Dreams – Barbara Kingsolver
Broken Cord – Michael Dorris
House of Spirits – Isabel Allende
Bed by the Window – M. Scott Peck
Outer Banks – Anne Rivers Siddon
Into the Heart – Kenneth Good

1991

The Cape Ann – Faith Sullivan
The Shining Hour – Susan Issac
Travels With Charlie – John Steinbeck
A Vision of Light – Judith Murkel Riley
Buffalo Nickel – Charles Smith
Name of the Rose – Umberto Eco
Tale of Two Cities – Charles Dickens
Yellow Raft in Blue Water – Michael Dorris
Bonfire of the Vanities – Tom Wolfe
Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café – Fannie Flagg
A Mother and Two Daughters – Gail Godwin
Education of Little Tree – Forrest Carter
Road from Coorain – Jill Kerr Conway

1990

West With The Night – Beryl Markham
Straight On Till Morning – Mary S. Lovell
Peace, Love and Healing – Dr. Bernie Seigel
The Shell Seekers – Rosamunde Pilcher
Circle of Quiet – Madeleine L'Engle
Handmaids' Tale – Margaret Atwood
Stones for Ibarra – Harriet Doer
Cold Sassy Tree – Olive Ann Burns
Joy Luck Club – Amy Tam
Bean Trees – Barbara Kingsolver
Song Lines – Bruce Chatwin
Love in the Time of Cholera – Gabriel García Márquez

1989

Cider House Rules – John Irving
And the Band Played On – Randy Shilts
Life and Death in Shanghai – Nien Cheng
The Remains of the Day – Kazuo Ishiguro
I See By My Outfit – Peter S. Beagle
Lady's Maid – Margaret Forster
Green City in the Sun – Barbara Wood
Crossing to Safety – Wallace Stegner
Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck
Ponderheart – Eudora Welty