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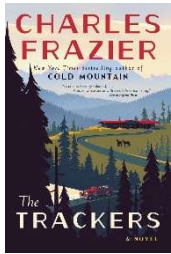
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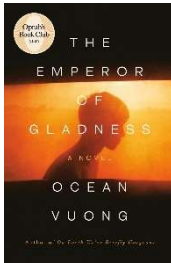
Evening Book Club's reading choices for 2026

Here are the books we will be discussing at these meeting dates:



Wednesday, May 13th at 7 PM: *The Trackers* by Charles Frazier

"Hurling past the downtrodden communities of Depression-era America, painter Val Welch travels westward to the rural town of Dawes, Wyoming. Through a stroke of luck, he's landed a New Deal assignment to create a mural representing the region for their new Post Office. A wealthy art lover named John Long and his wife Eve have agreed to host Val at their sprawling ranch. [...] One day, Eve flees home with a valuable painting in tow, and Long recruits Val to hit the road with a mission of tracking her down. Journeying from ramshackle Hoovervilles to San Francisco nightclubs to the swamps of Florida, Val's search for Eve narrows, and he soon turns up secrets that could spark formidable changes for all of them."



Wednesday, June 10th at 7 PM: *The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong

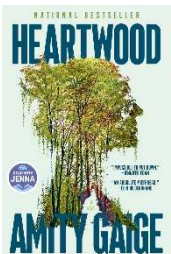
"One late summer evening in the post-industrial town of East Gladness, Connecticut, nineteen-year-old Hai stands on the edge of a bridge in pelting rain, ready to jump, when he hears someone shout across the river. The voice belongs to Grazina, an elderly widow succumbing to dementia, who convinces him to take another path. Bereft and out of options, he quickly becomes her caretaker. Over the course of the year, the unlikely pair develops a life-altering bond, one built on empathy, spiritual reckoning, and heartbreak, with the power to alter Hai's relationship to himself, his family, and a community at the brink."



Wednesday, July 8th at 7 PM: author study of Doris Kearns Goodwin

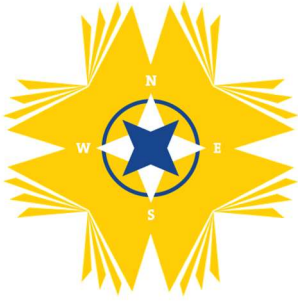
"Doris Kearns Goodwin is a world-renowned presidential historian, public speaker and Pulitzer Prize-winning, New York Times #1 best-selling author."

Whether you choose to read one of her many presidential biographies or her reflections on her 42-year marriage, it's your choice. We'll all be sharing what we read and talking about Doris Kearns Goodwin's writings and views in this book club meeting.



Wednesday, August 12th at 7 PM: *Heartwood* by Amity Gaige

"In the heart of the Maine woods, an experienced Appalachian Trail hiker goes missing. She is forty-two-year-old Valerie Gillis, who has vanished 200 miles from her final destination. Alone in the wilderness, Valerie pours her thoughts into fractured, poetic letters to her mother as she battles the elements and struggles to keep hoping. At the heart of the investigation is Beverly, the determined Maine State Game Warden tasked with finding Valerie, who leads the search on the ground. Meanwhile, Lena, a seventy-six-year-old birdwatcher in a Connecticut retirement community, becomes an unexpected armchair detective. Roving between these compelling narratives, a puzzle emerges, intensifying the frantic search, as Valerie's disappearance may not be accidental."

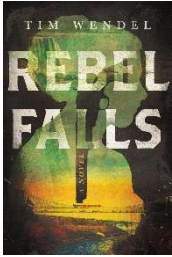


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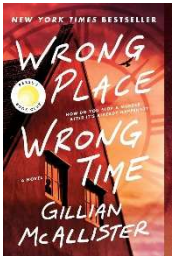
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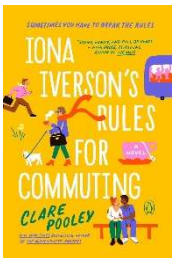
Wednesday, September 9th at 7 PM: *Rebel Falls* by Tim Wendel

"Late in the summer of 1864, Rory Chase, a young woman with a troubled past, returns to Niagara Falls and the border with British Canada to stop Confederate spies from seizing the lone Union warship on the Great Lakes."



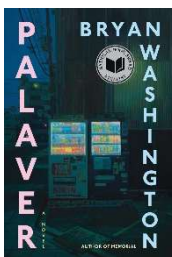
Wednesday, October 14th at 7 PM: *Wrong Place, Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister

"From UK bestselling author Gillian McAllister comes an astonishing, compulsively twisty psychological thriller about a mother who witnesses her teenage son stab a man and then seizes on an unconventional way to try to save him. [...] Late October. After midnight. You're waiting up for your seventeen-year-old son. He's late. As you watch from the window, he emerges, and you realize he isn't alone: he's walking toward a man, and he's armed. You can't believe it when you see him do it: your funny, happy teenage son, he kills a stranger, right there on the street outside your house. You don't know who. You don't know why. You only know your son is now in custody. His future shattered. That night you fall asleep in despair. All is lost. Until you wake ... and it is yesterday. And then you wake again ... and it is the day before yesterday. Every morning you wake up a day earlier, another day before the murder. With another chance to stop it. Somewhere in the past lies an answer. The trigger for this crime--and you don't have a choice but to find it."



Wednesday, November 4th at 7 PM: *Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting* by Clare Pooley

"Every day Iona, a larger-than-life magazine advice columnist, travels the ten stops from Hampton Court to Waterloo Station by train, accompanied by her dog, Lulu. Every day she sees the same people, whom she knows only by nickname: Impossibly-Pretty-Bookworm and Terribly-Lonely-Teenager. Of course, they never speak. Seasoned commuters never do. Then one morning, the man she calls Smart-But-Sexist-Manspreader chokes on a grape right in front of her. He'd have died were it not for the timely intervention of Sanjay, a nurse, who gives him the Heimlich maneuver. This single event starts a chain reaction, and an eclectic group of people with almost nothing in common except their commute discover that a chance encounter can blossom into much more. It turns out that talking to strangers can teach you about the world around you--and even more about yourself."



Wednesday, December 9th at 7 PM: *Palaver: a novel* by Bryan Washington

"Ten years after leaving Houston, a young man living in Tokyo is surprised when his mother shows up unannounced for Christmas. Estranged and burdened by old wounds, they struggle to reconnect amid the bustle of city life, the quiet companionship of a cat, and memories that stretch from Jamaica to Texas. As each learns to see the other anew, their journey reveals how love--messy, imperfect, and deeply human--can bridge even the widest divides."