

# BACK IN TIME BOOK CLUB

## 2019 TITLES

Books are available at the Circulation Desk about 1 month before the meeting.

**Thursday, January 17                      2:00pm                      Rotary Room**

***Dreamers of the Day* by Mary Doria Russell**

A forty-year-old schoolteacher from Ohio still reeling from the tragedies of the Great War and the influenza epidemic comes into a modest inheritance that allows her to take the trip of a lifetime to Egypt and the Holy Land. Arriving at the Semiramis Hotel, site of the 1921 Cairo Peace Conference, she meets Winston Churchill, T. E. Lawrence, and Lady Gertrude Bell. With her plainspoken American opinions, she becomes a sounding board for these historic luminaries who will, in the space of a few days, invent the nations of Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, and Jordan. (cafelibraries.org)

**Thursday, February 21                      2:00pm                      Rotary Room**

***All the Stars in the Heavens* by Adriana Trigiani**

The movie business is booming in 1935 when twenty-one-year-old Loretta Young meets thirty-four-year-old Clark Gable on the set of *The Call of the Wild*. Gable falls for the stunning and vivacious young actress instantly. Far from the glittering lights of Hollywood, Sister Alda Ducci has been forced to leave her convent and begin a new journey that leads her to Loretta. Becoming Miss Young's secretary. Over the course of decades, she and Loretta encounter scandal and adventure, choose love and passion, and forge an enduring bond of love and loyalty. (amazon.com)

**Thursday, March 21                      2:00pm                      Rotary Room**

***The Half-Drowned King* by Linnea Hartsuyker**

An exhilarating saga of the Vikings that conjures a brutal, superstitious, and thrilling ninth-century world and the birth of a kingdom—the debut installment in a historical literary trilogy that combines the bold imagination and sweeping narrative power of *Game of Thrones*, *Vikings*, and *Outlander*. (amazon.com)

**Thursday, April 18                      2:00pm                      Rotary Room**

***Between Earth and Sky* by Amanda Skenandore**

On a quiet Philadelphia morning in 1906, a newspaper headline catapults Alma Mitchell back to her past. A federal agent is dead, and the murder suspect is Alma's childhood friend, Harry Muskrat. Harry--or Asku, as Alma knew him--was the most promising student at the 'savage-taming' boarding school run by her father, where Alma was the only white pupil. Created in the wake of the Indian Wars, the Stover School was intended to assimilate the children of neighboring reservations. Instead, it robbed them of everything they'd known--language, customs, even their names. Her lawyer husband, Stewart, reluctantly agrees to help defend Asku for Alma's sake. To do so, Alma must revisit the painful secrets she has kept hidden from everyone--especially Stewart. (cafelibraries.org)

**Thursday, May 16                      2:00pm                      Rotary Room**

***Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd**

The story of Eliza Lucas Pinckney, who ran her father's plantation outside Charleston, South Carolina in the 1700s and struck a bargain with the plantation's slaves--teach her how to make indigo and she would teach them to read. (cafelibraries.org)

**Thursday, June 20** **2:00pm** **Rotary Room**

***Atomic City Girls* by Janet Beard**

In the bestselling tradition of *Hidden Figures* and *The Wives of Los Alamos*, comes this riveting novel of the everyday people who worked on the Manhattan Project during World War II. (amazon.com)

**Thursday, July 18** **2:00pm** **Rotary Room**

***Silence of the Girls* by Pat Barker**

From the Booker Prize-winning author of the Regeneration trilogy comes a monumental new masterpiece, set in the midst of literature's most famous war. Pat Barker turns her attention to the timeless legend of *The Iliad*, as experienced by the captured women living in the Greek camp in the final weeks of the Trojan War. (amazon.com)

**Thursday, August 15** **2:00pm** **Rotary Room**

***The Taster* by V.S. Alexander**

Magda Ritter is pressed into service for her country and, now, every meal could be her last. She is one of a handful of young women given the dubious honor of tasting Adolf Hitler's food, protecting the paranoid dictator from death by poisoning. Pampered compared to most in wartime Germany, the girls live on a knife's edge of fear and suspicion. (cafelibraries.org)

**Thursday, September 19** **2:00pm** **Rotary Room**

***Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee**

*Pachinko* follows one Korean family through the generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea with Sunja, the prized daughter of a poor yet proud family, whose unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame them all. Deserted by her lover, Sunja is saved when a young tubercular minister offers to marry and bring her to Japan. So begins a sweeping saga of an exceptional family in exile from its homeland and caught in the indifferent arc of history. (cafelibraries.org)

**Thursday, October 17** **2:00pm** **Rotary Room**

***War of the Roses: Stormbird* by Conn Iggulden**

The first book in #1 New York Times bestselling author Conn Iggulden's brilliant new historical series about two families that plunged England into a devastating, decades-long civil war.

***(Ballots for 2020 selections distributed. Cast your votes!)***

**Thursday, November 21** **2:00pm** **Rotary Room**

***Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah**

The dying wish of a loving father ignites a family drama that brings two sisters and their acid-tongued, Russian-born mother together in a story that reaches back to WWII Leningrad. (cafelibraries.org)

***(Ballots for 2020 selections collected. Cast your votes!)***

**Thursday, December 19** **2:00pm** **Rotary Room**

***Mr. Dickens and His Carol* by Samantha Silva**

Charles Dickens is not feeling the Christmas spirit. His newest book is an utter flop, the critics have turned against him, relatives near and far hound him for money. While his wife plans a lavish holiday party for their ever-expanding family and circle of friends, Dickens has visions of the poor house. But when his publishers try to blackmail him into writing a Christmas book to save them all from financial ruin, he refuses ... On one of his long night walks, in a once-beloved square, he meets the mysterious Eleanor Lovejoy, who might be just the muse he needs. (cafelibraries.org)

The Back in Time Book Club welcomes everyone interested in reading and discussing historical fiction.

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