

CFUW Aurora/Newmarket Book Clubs 2019-2020 Reading Lists

Collated by Diane Hughes

Book Club 1 –3rd Wednesday Evening – Tina Williams

September	Sweetness in the Belly	Camilla Gibb
October	Carol	Patricia Highsmith
November	The Farm	Joanne Ramos
January	Love and Ruin	Paula McLean
February	The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox	Maggie O'Farrell
March	The Home for Unwanted Girls	Joanna Goodman
April	Beyond Belief	Jenna Misgavige Hill
May	Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens
June	By Chance Alone	Max Eisen

Book Club 2 –Third Tuesday Afternoon – Diane Hughes

September	The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding	Jennifer Robson
October	Unsheltered	Barbara Kingsolver
November	Educated	Tara Westover
January	The Fire Maker	Peter May
February	Little Fires Everywhere	Celeste Ng
March	The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics	Daniel James Brown
April	The Girl Who Smiled Beads	Clementine Wamariya
May	Hillbilly Elegy: a memoir of a family and culture in crisis	J. D Vance

Book Club 3 –Wednesday Afternoon – Becky Haggith

September	Becoming	Michelle Obama
October	A Disappearance in Damascus	Deborah Campbell
November	Lands of Lost Borders: Out of Bounds on the Silk Road	Kate Harris of Atlin , B.C.
December	Boy Wonders	Cathal Kelly
January	The Lost Girls of Paris	Pam Jenoff
February	Orphan Train	Christina Baker Kline
March	Washington Black	Esi Edugyan
April	The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane	Lisa See
May	History of Bees	Maja Lunde

Book Club 4 –Wednesday Afternoon – Janet Courtney

September	The Girl Who Smiled Beads	Clementine Wamariya & Elizabeth Weil
October	Code Name: Lise	Larry Loftis
November	The Purchase	Linda Spalding
January	Forgiveness	Mark Sakamoto
February	How to Change Your Mind	Michael Pollan
March	Maybe You Should Talk to Someone	Lori Gottlieb
April	Becoming	Michelle Obama
May	The Real Wallace Simpson	Anna Pasternak

Book Club 5 –3rd Wednesday Afternoon – Lorraine Hill

September	Teardown: Rebuilding Democracy from the Ground Up	Dave Meslin
October	Becoming	Michelle Obama
November	Unsheltered	Barbara Kingsolver
January	Rules of Civility	Amor Towles
February	Out of Muskoka	James Bartleman
March	The Huntress	Kate Quinn
April	My Life as a Rat	Joyce Carol Oates
May	Good Harbor	Anita Diamant

Book Club 6 – 2nd Wednesday Afternoon - Donna Unwin

September	Thirteen	Steve Cavanagh
October	Forgiveness	Mark Sakamoto
November	The tea girl of hummingbird lane	Lisa See
December	Claws of the Panda	Jonathan Manthorpe
January	Moment of Lift	Melinda Gates
February	Washington Black	Esi Edugyan
March	Pachinko	Min Jin Lee
April	Fire Road	Kim Phuc Phan Thi
May	This is how it always is	Laurie Frankel
June	Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell	Robert Dugoni

Book Club 7 - Last Thursday- Gwen Berry

September	Becoming	Michelle Obama
October	The Gown	Jennifer Robson
November	The Island of Sea Woman	Lisa See
January	Then She was Gone	Lisa Jewel
February	The Home for Unwanted Girls	Joanna Goodman
March	Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking	Susan Cain
April	Homes – A Refugee Story	Abu Bakr Al Rabeeah and Wininie Yeung
May	The Library Book	Susan Orlean

OTHER BOOK LISTS – 2019-2020

Canada Reads March 2020: CBC's annual battle of the books, where 5 Canadian personalities select the book they think Canadians should read.

<i>Canada Reads 2020</i>	<i>Canada Reads 2020 Finalists</i>
<p>Theme for 2020: One book to bring Canada into focus.</p> <p><u>Canada Reads</u> 2020 has been postponed due to COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Small Game Hunting at the Local Coward Gun Club</i> by Megan Gail Coles • <i>Radicalized</i> by Cory Doctorow • <i>We Have Always Been Here</i> by Samra Habib • <i>Son of a Trickster</i> by Eden Robinson • <i>From the Ashes</i> by Jesse Thistle, <p>*WINNER N/A</p>

Governor General's Literary Awards – Dec 2019

The **Governor General's Awards** are a collection of [awards presented by the Governor General of Canada](#), marking distinction in a number of academic, artistic and social fields. (There are more categories of Literary Awards than listed here.)

<i>English-language Finalists 2019– Fiction</i>	<i>English-language Finalists 2019 - Non-fiction</i>
<p><u>Eye</u> by Marianne Micros</p> <p>*Five Wives by Joan Thomas</p> <p><u>The Innocents</u> by Michael Crummey</p> <p><u>Late Breaking</u> by K.D. Miller</p> <p><u>The Student</u> by Cary Fagan</p> <p>*WINNER</p>	<p><u>City of Omens: A Search for the Missing Women of the Borderlands</u> by Dan Werb</p> <p><u>Fryderyk Chopin: A Life and Times</u> by Alan Walker</p> <p><u>Sea Trial: Sailing after My Father</u> by Brian Harvey</p> <p><u>Tiny Lights for Travellers</u> by Naomi K. Lewis</p> <p>*To the River: Losing My Brother by Don Gillmor</p> <p>*WINNER</p>

Interesting Trivia: During her tenure from 1999 to 2005, [Adrienne Clarkson](#) made an effort to obtain for the governor general's study copies of every Governor General's Literary Awards winning book from fairs and second hand shops. As of 2004 there remained only two titles unrepresented.

Booker Prize October, 2019

The **Booker Prize** for Fiction is a [literary prize](#) awarded each year for the best original full-length novel, written in the English language. In 2014, it became an International Prize

Longlist 2019	Shortlist 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Atwood, <i>The Testaments</i> • Kevin Barry, <i>Night Boat to Tangier</i> • Oyinkan Braithwaite, <i>My Sister, The Serial Killer</i> • Lucy Ellmann, <i>Ducks, Newburyport</i> • Bernardine Evaristo, <i>Girl, Woman, Other</i> • John Lanchester, <i>The Wall</i> • Deborah Levy, <i>The Man Who Saw Everything</i> • Valeria Luiselli, <i>Lost Children Archive</i> • Chigozie Obioma, <i>An Orchestra of Minorities</i> • Max Porter, <i>Lanny</i> • Salman Rushdie, <i>Quichotte</i> • Elif Shafak, <i>10 Minutes 38 Seconds in This Strange World</i> • Jeanette Winterson, <i>Frankissstein</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Margaret Atwood, <i>The Testaments</i> • Lucy Ellmann, <i>Ducks, Newburyport</i> • *Bernardine Evaristo <i>Girl, Woman, Other</i> • Chigozie Obioma, <i>An Orchestra of Minorities</i> • Salman Rushdie, <i>Quichotte</i> • Elif Shafak, <i>10 Minutes 38 Seconds in This Strange World</i> <p>*CO-WINNERS</p>

Pulitzer Prize Winners, Spring 2019 A **Pulitzer Prize** is an American prize awarded to Americans for distinction in the arts. Contenders in Fiction and Biography must be published in book form during the year by an American author, preferably dealing with American life

Fiction: *The Overstory*, by Richard Powers

History: *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom*, by David W. Blight

Giller Prize November 2019: recognizing excellence in Canadian fiction. Winners are announced in November.

<i>Giller Long List 2019</i>	<i>Giller Short List 2019</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andre Alexis <u><i>Days by Moonlight.</i></u> • Margaret Atwood <u><i>The Testaments.</i></u> • David Bezmozgis <u><i>Immigrant City.</i></u> • Michael Christie <u><i>Greenwood.</i></u> • Megan Gail Coles <u><i>Small Game Hunting at the Local Coward Gun Club.</i></u> • Michael Crummey <u><i>The Innocents.</i></u> • Adam Foulds <u><i>Dream Sequence.</i></u> • K.D. Miller <u><i>Late Breaking.</i></u> • Alix Ohlin <u><i>Dual Citizens.</i></u> • Steven Price <u><i>Lampedusa.</i></u> • Zalika Reid-Benta <u><i>Frying Plantain.</i></u> • Ian Williams <u><i>Reproduction.</i></u> 	<p>David Bezmozgis <u><i>Immigrant City</i></u></p> <p>Megan Gail Coles <u><i>Small Game Hunting at the Local Coward Gun Club</i></u></p> <p>Michael Crummey <u><i>The Innocents</i></u></p> <p>Alix Ohlin <u><i>Dual Citizens</i></u></p> <p>Steven Price <u><i>Lampedusa</i></u></p> <p>*Ian Williams <u><i>Reproduction</i></u></p> <p>* WINNER</p>

The Leacock Medal 2019 The Leacock Medal is awarded annually for the best in Canadian humour writing. The Stephen Leacock Association is based in Orillia, ON. Winner is announced in the spring.

<i>Leacock Medal Long List 2019</i>	<i>Leacock Medal Short List 2019</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Woo-Woo</i> by Lindsay Wong • <i>Trickster Drift</i> by Eden Robinson • <i>The NeverMind of Brian Hildebrand</i> by Martin Myers • <i>Final Report</i> by Rick Mercer • <i>Boy Wonders</i> by Cathal Kelly • <i>Ayesha at Last</i> by Uzma Jalaluddin • <i>Here So Far Away</i> by Hadley Dyer • <i>Woman World</i> by Aminder Dhaliwal • <i>Son of a Critch</i> by Mark Critch • <i>The Figgs</i> by Ali Bryan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ali Bryan, <i>The Figgs</i> • Mark Critch, <i>Son of a Critch: A Childish Newfoundland Memoir</i> • *Cathal Kelly, <i>Boy Wonders</i> <p>*WINNER</p>

**RBC Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction in Canada – 2019
Winner announced March 2019**

R. B.C.Charles Taylor Long List 2019	R. B.C. Charles Taylor Short List 2019
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Rush to Danger: Medics in the Line of Fire</i> by Ted Barris 2. <i>Bush Runner: The Adventures of Pierre-Esprit Radisson</i> by Mark Bourrie 3. <i>The Grandmaster: Magnus Carlsen and the Match That Made Chess Great Again</i> by Brin-Jonathan Butler, 4. <i>Had it Coming: What's Fair in the Age of #MeToo</i> by Robyn Doolittle, 5. <i>We Have Always Been Here: A Queer Muslim Memoir</i> by Samra Habib, 6. <i>In My Own Moccasins: A Memoir of Resilience</i> by Helen Knott, 7. <i>Highway of Tears: A True Story of Racism, Indifference and the Pursuit of Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls</i> by Jessica McDiarmid, 8. <i>The Regency Years: During Which Jane Austen Writes, Napoleon Fights, Byron Makes Love and Britain Becomes Modern</i> by Robert Morrison, 9. <i>Overrun: Dispatches from the Asian Carp Crisis</i> by Andrew Reeves, 10. <i>The Mongolian Chronicles: A Story of Eagles, Demons and Empires</i> by Allen Smutylo, 11. <i>The Reality Bubble: Blind Spots, Hidden Truths, and the Dangerous Illusions that Shape Our World</i> by Ziya Tong, 12. <i>The Mosquito: A Human History of our Deadliest Predator</i> by Timothy C. Winegard, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *<i>Bush Runner: The Adventures of Pierre-Esprit Radisson</i> by Mark Bourrie, • <i>Had it Coming: What's Fair in the Age of #MeToo</i> by Robyn Doolittle, • <i>Highway of Tears: A True Story of Racism, Indifference and the Pursuit of Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls</i> by Jessica McDiarmid, • <i>The Reality Bubble: Blind Spots, Hidden Truths, and the Dangerous Illusions that Shape Our World</i> by Ziya Tong • <i>The Mosquito: A Human History of our Deadliest Predator</i> by Timothy C. Winegard, <p>*WINNER</p>

Some Historical Literary & Cultural Events/Anniversaries 2019 -2020

February 14: International Book Giving Day.

April 7: 250th anniversary of the birth of William Wordsworth.

March 31: Seventy-fifth anniversary of the death of Anne Frank.

July 31: Harry Potter's birthday. He'd be 40 this year.

William Bliss Carman was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, on April 15, 186; at one time he was Canada's most acclaimed poet

"Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open."
—J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

"I am no bird; and no net ensnares me: I am a free human being with an independent will."
—Charlotte Brontë, *Jane Eyre*

"Where are we going, Pooh?" "Home, Piglet. We're going home because that's the best thing to do right now." —A.A. Milne

"Home is the nicest word there is." —Laura Ingalls Wilder