

CFUW Aurora/Newmarket Book Clubs 2020-2021 Reading Lists*Collated by Diane Hughes***Book Club 1 –3rd Wednesday Evening – Tina Williams**

September	The World that we Knew	Alice Hoffman
October	The Huntress	Kate Quinn
November	This Is How It Always Is	Lorie Frankel
January	State of Wonder	Ann Patchett
February	Akin	Emma Donahue
March	Stay Where I Can See You	Katrina Onstad
April	The Company We Keep	Frances Itani
May	Hum if you Don't know the Words	Bianca Marais
June	The Forgotten Home Child	Genevieve Graham

Book Club 2 –Third Tuesday Afternoon – Diane Hughes

September	At the Mountain's Edge	Genevieve Graham
October	Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens
November	The Weight of Ink	Rachel Kadish
January	Sweetness in the Belly	Camila Gibb
February	American Dirt	Jeanine Cummins
March	Amazing Grace	Leslie Crewe
April	Becoming Mrs. Lewis	Patti Callahan
May	The Island of Sea Women	Lisa See

Book Club 3 –Wednesday Afternoon – Becky Haggith

September	The Rent Collector	Camron Wright
October	The Unlikely Adventures of the Shergill Sisters	Balli Kaur Jaswal
November	The Island of Sea Women	Lisa See
December	The Jane Austen Society	Natalie Jenner
January	Actress	Anne Enright
February	Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens
March	The Dutch House	Ann Patchett
April	A Good Wife	Samra Zafar
May	Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine	Gail Honeyman

Book Club 4 – 3rd Wednesday Afternoon – Janet Courtney

September	Dark Matter	Blake Crouch
October	The Island of Sea Women	Lisa See
November	Akin	Emma Donoghue
January	A Gentleman in Moscow	Amor Towles
February	This Is How It Always Is	Laurie Frankel
March	American Dirt	Jeanine Cummins
April	Before Happiness	Shawn Achor
May	The Lost Gutenberg: The Astounding Story of One Book's Five-Hundred Year Odyssey	Margaret Leslie Davis

Book Club 5 – 3rd Wednesday Afternoon – Lorraine Hill

October	The Huntress	Kate Quinn
November	My Life as a Rat	Joyce Carol Oates
January	Good Harbor	Anita Diamant
February	Shuggie Bai	Douglas Stuart
March	From the Ashes: A Story of Being Metis, Homeless, and Finding My Way	Jesse Thistle
April	The Lowland	Jhumpa Lahiri
May	Recipe for a Perfect Wife	Karma Brown

Book Club 6 – 2nd Wednesday Afternoon Salon- Karen Strype

July	From the Ashes	Jesse Thistle
August	American Dirt	Jeanine Cummins
September	The Forgotten Home Child	Genevieve Graham
October	In the Garden of Beasts	Erik Larson
November	The Indigo Girl	Natasha Boyd
December	The Long Petal of the Sea	Isabel Allende
January	The Homegoing	Yaa Gyasi
March	How to Pronounce Knife	S. Thammavongsa
April	The Forgotten Daughter	Joanna Goodman
May	Dewey: The Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World	Bret Witter & Vicki Myron
June	The Night Portrait	Laura Morelli

Book Club 7 - Final Thursday - Anne Marie Devine

September	A Place for Us	Fatima Mirza
October	Obasan	Joy Kogawa
November	American Dirt	Jeanine Cummins
January	The Fire-Dwellers	Margaret Laurence
February	Small Game Hunting at the Local Coward Gun Club	Megan Gail Coles
March	Lunafest - the virtual short film festival being held virtually on March 12.	Discussion of Films
April	Normal People	Sally Rooney
May	Finding Dorothy	Elizabeth Letts
June	The Vanishing Half	Brit Bennett

OTHER BOOK LISTS – 2020-2021

Canada Reads March 2021: CBC's annual battle of the books, where 5 Canadian personalities select the book they think Canadians should read.

Canada Reads 2021	Canada Reads 2021 Finalists
Theme for 2021: “One Book To Transport Us.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Midnight Bargain by C.L. Polk • Two Trees Make a Forest by Jessica J. Lee • *Jonny Appleseed by Joshua Whitehead • Hensch by Natalie Zina Walschots • Butter Honey Pig Bread by Francesca Ekwuyasi <p>*WINNER</p>

Governor General's Literary Awards – Dec 2020

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.)

English-language Finalists 2020– Fiction	English-language Finalists 2020 - Non-fiction
<p>Due to the pandemic, the Canada Council for the Arts is postponing the announcements for the 2020 Governor General's Literary Awards (GGBooks).</p> <p>*WINNER</p>	<p>The finalists will be revealed on May 4, 2021, and the winners, on June 1, 2021</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.

Pulitzer Prize Winners, Spring 2020

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: *Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America* by W. Caleb McDaniel

Booker Prize October, 2020

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 2020	Shortlist 2020
<p><i>The New Wilderness</i> by Diane Cook</p> <p><i>This Mournable Body</i> by Tsitsi Dangarembga</p> <p><i>Burnt Sugar</i> by Avni Doshi</p> <p><i>Who They Was</i> by Gabriel Krauze</p> <p><i>The Mirror and the Light</i> by Hilary Mantel</p> <p><i>Apeirogon</i> by Colum McCann</p> <p><i>The Shadow King</i> by Maaza Mengiste</p> <p><i>Such A Fun Age</i> by Kiley Reid</p> <p><i>Shuggie Bain</i> by Douglas Stuart</p> <p><i>Real Life</i> by Brandon Taylor</p> <p><i>Redhead by The Side of The Road</i> by Anne Tyler</p> <p><i>Love and Other Thought Experiments</i> by Sophie Ward</p> <p><i>How Much of These Hills is Gold</i> by C Pam Zhang</p>	<p><i>The New Wilderness</i> by Diane Cook</p> <p><i>This Mournable Body</i> by Tsitsi Dangarembga</p> <p><i>Burnt Sugar</i> by Avni Doshi</p> <p><i>The Shadow King</i> by Maaza Mengiste</p> <p>*Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart</p> <p><i>Real Life</i> by Brandon Taylor</p> <p>* WINNER</p>

Giller Prize November 2020: recognizing excellence in Canadian fiction. Winners are announced in November.

Giller Long List 2020

- *Ridgerunner* by Gil Adamson
- *Here the Dark* by David Bergen
- *Watching You Without Me* by Lynn Coady
- *All I Ask* by Eva Crocker
- *The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue
- *Butter Honey Pig Bread* by Francesca Ekwuyasi
- *Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good
- *Dominoes at the Crossroads* by Kaie Kellough
- *Indians on Vacation* by Thomas King
- *Consent* by Annabel Lyon
- *Polar Vortex* by Shani Mootoo
- *The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel
- *Clyde Fans* by Seth
- *How to Pronounce Knife* by Souvankham Thammavongsa

Giller Short List 2020

- *Ridgerunner* by Gil Adamson
- *Here the Dark* by David Bergen
- *Polar Vortex* by Shani Mootoo
- *The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel
- ****How to Pronounce Knife* by Souvankham Thammavongsa**

*** WINNER**

The Leacock Medal 2020

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 2020</i>	<i>Leacock Medal Short List 2020</i>
<p>Chapin, Sasha - <i>All the Wrong Moves</i> Crawford, Mark - <i>The New Canadian Curling Club</i> Crewe, Lesley - <i>Are You Kidding Me?!</i> Curran, Colleen - <i>Out for Stars</i> Goodwin, Daniel - <i>The Art of Being Lewis</i> Jacobs, Heidi L. M. - <i>Molly of the Mall: Literary Lass and Purveyor of Fine Footwear</i> Lamb, Jamie - <i>Christmas in Mariposa: Sketches of Canada's Legendary Little Town</i> Reidel, Marion - <i>Cafe Conversations</i> Richardson, Bill - <i>I Saw Three Ships</i> Spurway, Amy - <i>CROW</i> Taylor, Drew Hayden - <i>Cottagers and Indians</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>*Molly of the Mall: Literary Lass and Purveyor of Fine Footwear - Heidi L.M. Jacobs</i> ● <i>Crow</i> - Amy Spurway ● <i>Cottagers and Indians</i> - Drew Hayden Taylor <p>*WINNER</p>

RBC Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction in Canada

2020 was the **final year** of the **RBC Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction in Canada**. The late Taylor loved nonfiction writing and believed the genre was overlooked in Canada. The Taylor Prize was introduced in 2000 to promote Canadian nonfiction writing to the public.

If you a reader of history, biography, memoirs, etc, like me, this category will be missed.

I searched for a replacement list of prize winning nonfiction Canadian Books, but found nothing comparable So I substituted the following 2 lists. If you know a list as good as the Charles Taylor Prize, please let me know.

Bestselling Canadian non-fiction books in 2020

1. *From the Ashes* by Jesse Thistle
2. *The Skin We're In* by Desmond Cole
3. *Fraiche Food, Full Hearts* by Jillian Harris and Tori Wesszer
4. *Talking to Strangers* by Malcolm Gladwell
5. *12 Rules for Life* by Jordan B. Pearson
6. *The Answer Is ...* by Alex Trebek
7. *21 Things You May Not Know about the Indian Act* by Bob Joseph
8. *The Oh She Glows Cookbook* by Andela Liddon
9. *Successful Aging* by Daniel J. Levitin
10. *Mandy's Gourmet Salads* by Mandy Wolfe, Rebecca Wolfe, and Meredith Erickson

<https://www.booknetcanada.ca/blog/2020/10/14/bestselling-canadian-books-in-2020>

Scroll to non-fiction.

Look here for the CBC Books picks for the top Canadian nonfiction of the year 2020.

The list is too long to include here, so please access the list at this url:

https://www.cbc.ca/books/the-best-canadian-nonfiction-of-2020-1.5822569?__vfz=medium%3Dsharebar

Some Historical Literary & Cultural Events/Anniversaries 2020 -2021

August 3: Centenary of P. D. James's birth.

August 22: Centenary of Ray Bradbury's birth.

August 17: 75th anniversary of the publication of *Animal Farm*.

January 2: National Science Fiction Day

Jan 27 – Family Literacy Day in Canada

12th June 1942 - Anne Frank Gets a Diary for her birthday

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

January 2: Centenary of Isaac Asimov's birth.

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

March 26, 1921 -The 100th anniversary of the launch of the schooner *Bluenose* in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

December 6, 1921 -The 100th anniversary of the election of Agnes Campbell Macphail, first female Member of Parliament

2020 - 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War

2020 - Centennial of Canada's First Olympic Gold Medal in Hockey

Beverly Cleary - beloved children's author - April 12, 1916 - March 25, 2021 - lived to age 104

On Being Alone - Joshua Slocum - solo mariner who sailed around the world alone for 3 years:

“I had already found that it was not good to be alone, and so I made companionship with what there was around me, sometimes with the universe and sometimes with my own insignificant self; but my books were always my friends, let fail all else.”