

WOMEN READ Book Selections 2018-2019

September 19

The Bullhead Queen: a Year on Pioneer Lake by Susan Leaf (200 pg)

The author is a naturalist who finds more than enough beauty and mystery among its creatures and along its shores to fill this book with meditations on life, nature, and her own Lutheran faith. In essays that progress through the seasons and liturgical calendar, she reveals how the essential wildness of Pioneer Lake persists despite the assaults of road salt, suburban-style development, and human carelessness.

October 17

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah (440 pg)

A historical novel of two sisters coming of age in France on the eve of WWII who take very different routes to survive and resist the war and German occupation.

November 21

A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota edited by Sun Ying Shin (240 pg)

A provocative anthology of 16 essays by Minnesota authors offering a range of perspectives on what it is like to live as a person of color in one of the whitest states in the nation, experiences that we must understand to come together in real relationships.

December: No meeting

January 16

Beartown by Fredrik Backman (432 pg)

A forgotten town that is fractured by scandal and the amateur hockey team that might change everything tell the story of a small town with a big dream. *Beartown* explores how we are forever shaped by the places we call home and what can happen when we carry the heavy weight of other people's dreams on our shoulders.

February 20

Under a Flaming Sky: The Great Hinckley Firestorm of 1894 by Daniel Brown (304 pg)

A documentary presentation of one of the most destructive fires in North America and the amazing story of how its survivors escaped to change a nation.

March 20

Marcel's Letters: A Font and the Search for One Man's Fate by Carolyn Porter (352 pg)

A graphic designer and typography geek stumbles across some letters from 1943-44 written in French by someone named Marcel. Years later, she had the letters translated and was caught up in Marcel's remarkable story and fate.

April 10 (PLEASE NOTE: This is the 2ND Wednesday as the 3RD Wednesday is Holy Week)

The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg (240 pg)

A moving novel about three people who have lost the person they love most. An unconventional family, they find their way back to happiness through love and sharing.

May 15

Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton (256 pg)

A beautifully written and profoundly compassionate story of the Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo and his son Absalom, set in the troubled and changing South Africa of the 1940s.