

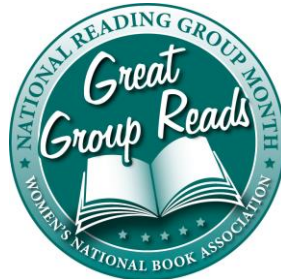
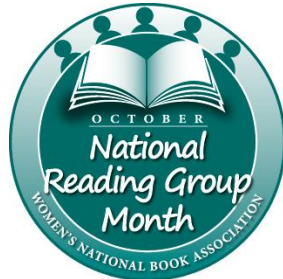
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NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL BOOK ASSOCIATION

National Reading Group Month – *Celebrating the joy of shared reading*

National Reading Group Month Announces Great Group Reads 2015 Selections

NEW YORK—SEPTEMBER 15, 2015—The National Reading Group Month/Great Group Reads committee has chosen 20 books as this year's list:

All My Puny Sorrows by Miriam Toews (McSweeney's)

All Who Go Do Not Return: A Memoir by Shulem Deen (Graywolf Press)

The Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber (Hogarth)

Call Me Home by Megan Kruse (Hawthorne Books)

Delicious Foods by James Hannaham (Little, Brown and Company)

Did You Ever Have a Family by Bill Clegg (Gallery Books/Scout Press)

Dietland by Sarai Walker (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Etta and Otto and Russell and James by Emma Hooper (Simon & Schuster)

Henna House by Nomi Eve (Scribner)

Landfall by Ellen Urbani (Forest Avenue Press)

Make Your Home Among Strangers by Jennine Capó Crucet (St. Martin's Press)

Man Alive: A True Story of Violence, Forgiveness and Becoming a Man by Thomas Page McBee (City Lights Publishers)

Miss Hazel and the Rosa Parks League by Jonathan Odell (Maiden Lane Press)

No. 4 Imperial Lane by Jonathan Weisman (Twelve)

Orphan #8 by Kim van Alkemade (William Morrow Paperbacks)

A Perfect Crime by A Yi (Oneworld Publications)

The Secret Wisdom of the Earth by Christopher Scotton (Grand Central Publishing)

A Sister to Honor by Lucy Ferriss (Berkley)

Without You, There Is No Us: My Time with the Sons of North Korea's Elite by Suki Kim (Crown)

The Wonder Garden by Lauren Acampora (Grove Press)

(Great Group Reads 2015 Selections

http://www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/ggr_selections.html)

These titles were selected on the basis of their appeal to reading groups, which seek books that open up lively conversations about a myriad of timely and provocative and diverse topics, from the intimate dynamics of family and personal relationships to major cultural and world issues.

Great Group Reads Selection Committee Chair Bebe Brechner says: “For a seventh year in a row, our 25-member Selection Committee comprised of writers, reviewers, booksellers, librarians, publicists, and dedicated readers chose a dynamic list of books that will guarantee great discussions for book groups and offer gratifying reading experiences.” (A full list of Selection Committee members can be found at the National Reading Group Month Web site, www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/ggr_committee.html.)

The National Reading Group Month Chair Jill A. Tardiff thanks the Committee for its constancy and thoroughness and all the publishers who submitted titles and made reading copies via traditional galleys and eBook format available. Ms. Tardiff says, “Our goal is to have these outstanding and often inspiring titles become reading-group staples with facilitators and that booksellers and librarians across the country feature them during the month of October, which is, of course, National Reading Group Month—and, throughout the year.” She continues, “For that purpose, we provide a wide array of professionally designed display materials such as shelf-talkers and table-top posters on the National Reading Group Month Web site for anyone to download and use in promoting these titles. We encourage visiting the site for these and other features and tips.”

(See National Reading Group Month Marketing Toolkit at Get Involved www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/involved.html).

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