

FRIENDS
2010 BOOK DISCUSSION SELECTIONS

Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room B.

Books are available 30 days prior to each discussion. Books will be handed out to regular members at the prior month's discussion or will be available at the Circulation Desk for those who don't pick them up at the discussion.

January 20

***Whistling in the Dark* by Lesley Kagen**

After promising on her father's deathbed to protect her sister, Troo, young Sally O'Malley finds she and her sister are on their own--with their mother hospitalized, their stepfather descending into alcoholism, and their big sister preoccupied with her boyfriend--at the same time that a child molester and murderer is on the loose.

February 17

***Peyton Place* by Grace Metalious**

Selena and Allison are as different as two fourteen-year-old girls can be, and following their lives for the next couple of years will show the sins, scandals, passions, and jealousies of a small New England town.

March 17

***Women of the Silk: A Novel* by Gail Tsukiyama**

Spanning the years between the world wars, this tale of a young Chinese girl forced to work in a silk factory describes the sisterhood of workers she discovers there and how they use the strength of their ambition, dreams, and friendship to achieve the freedom they could never have hoped for on their own.

April 21

***The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner**

First published in 1929, Faulkner created his "heart's darling," the beautiful and tragic Caddy Compson, whose story is told through separate monologues by her three brothers--the idiot Benjy, the neurotic suicidal Quentin and the monstrous Jason.

May 19

***The Girl with No Shadow* by Joanne Harris**

The long-anticipated sequel to the bestselling *Chocolat* finds Vianne assuming a low-profile new identity in Paris, where she opens a chocolaterie and hopes to escape the ghosts of her past before a devious new friend threatens everything she has worked for.

June 16***The Secret of Lost Things* by Sheridan Hay**

Coming to New York from Tasmania at the age of eighteen, Rosemary takes a job at a used and rare bookstore run by the gruff Mr. Pike and his idiosyncratic staff, including Walter Geist, a solitary albino, but when Walter's eyesight begins to fail, Rosemary takes on the job of his assistant and becomes caught up in the search for a long-lost Melville manuscript.

July 21***The 19th Wife: A Novel* by David Ebershoff**

The history of polygamy in the Mormon Church intertwines the story of Ann Eliza Young, the nineteenth wife of Brigham Young, and a modern mystery in which a polygamous man has been found murdered and one of his wives is accused of the crime.

August 18***Charlatan: America's Most Dangerous Huckster, the Man Who Pursued Him, and the Age of Flimflam* by Pope Brock**

Recounts the career of America's most infamous con man, John Brinkley, who parlayed sales of worthless patent cures into a career as a famed surgeon specializing in the restoration of male virility, and details the decades-long efforts to bring him down.

September 15***Olive Kitteridge: Fiction* by Elizabeth Strout**

Thirteen linked tales present a heart-wrenching, penetrating portrait of ordinary coastal Mainers living lives of quiet grief intermingled with flashes of human connection. Winner of the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

October 20***The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski**

Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar leads an idyllic life with his parents on their dog breeding farm in remote Wisconsin. When Edgar is forced to flee after the sudden death of his father, he must fight for his survival and that of the three yearling dogs who follow him.

November 17***Interred with Their Bones* by Jennifer Lee Carrell**

After receiving a mysterious box from her eccentric mentor, who claims it contains a newly found work by Shakespeare, theater director and scholar Kate Stanley is horrified when her theater is burned to the ground and her mentor killed.

December 15***The Three Miss Margarets: A Novel* by Louise Shaffer**

Three women named Margaret--Miss Peggy, Dr. Maggie, and Miss Li'l Bit--all icons in Charles Valley, Georgia, are bound together by a thirty-year-old secret and their clandestine, illegal efforts to right a terrible wrong.