2024 Book Discussions



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Trust by Hernan Diaz

Even through the roar and effervescence of the 1920s, everyone in New York has heard of Benjamin and Helen Rask. He is a legendary Wall Street tycoon; she is the daughter of eccentric aristocrats. But at what cost have they acquired their immense fortune?

Evening Readers: Jan. 3rd Page Turners: Feb. 13th

Long Gone, Come Home by Monica Chenault-Kilgore

Birdie witnesses a murder and is urged to flee to avoid questioning. She travels to the big city, determined to put her life back together. Plunged into the bustling jazz scene, Birdie learns that finding her place is tough—but she is tougher.

Evening Readers: Feb. 7th Page Turners: March 12th

The Spectacular by Fiona Davis

Marion is over the moon to have been selected to be one of the Rockettes. Then one night a bomb explodes in the theater. As Marion finds herself pulled deeper into the investigation, she may be forced to sacrifice everything she's worked for.

Evening Readers: March 6th Page Turners: Apr. 9th

Hello, Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

William grew up in a house silenced by tragedy. So it's a relief when his skill on the basketball court earns him a scholarship to college. He soon meets Julia, a spirited and ambitious young woman. But then darkness from William's past surfaces.

Evening Readers: Apr. 3rd Page Turners: May 14th

Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See

From a young age, Yunxian learns about women's illnesses alongside a young midwife-in-training, Meiling. But when Yunxian is sent into an arranged marriage, her mother-in-law forbids her from seeing Meiling; Yunxian is to act like a proper wife.

Evening Readers: May 1st Page Turners: June 11th

Happiness Falls by Angie Kim

Mia isn't initially concerned when her father and younger brother Eugene don't return from a walk in a nearby park. But then Mia's brother runs through the front door bloody and alone.

Evening Readers: June 5th Page Turners: July 9th



The Golden Spoon by Jessa Maxwell

For six amateur bakers, competing in Bake Week is a dream come true. But as the competition commences, things begin to go awry. At first, it's small acts of sabotage. But when a body is discovered, it's clear that The Golden Spoon is a prize worth killing for.

Evening Readers: July 3rd Page Turners: Aug. 13th



I Have Some Questions For You by Rebecca Makkai

Bodie Kane is content to forget her past and the murder of her former roommate. But when the Granby School invites her back to teach a course, Bodie is drawn to the case. In their rush to convict Omar, did the school and the police overlook other suspects?

Evening Readers: Aug. 7th Page Turners: Sep. 10th

Family Lore by Elizabeth Acevedo

Flor has a gift: she can predict, to the day, when someone will die. So when she decides she wants a living wake—a party to bring her family and community together to celebrate the long life she's led—her sisters are surprised. Has Flor foreseen her own death, or someone else's? Does she have other motives?

Evening Readers: Sep. 4th Page Turners: Oct. 8th

Go As A River by Shelley Read

Victoria Nash delivers late-season peaches from her family's farm set amid the wild beauty of Colorado. As she heads into her village, a stranger stops to ask her the way. How she chooses to answer will unknowingly alter the course of both their young lives.

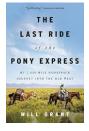
Evening Readers: Oct. 2nd Page Turners: Nov. 12th



This Half-Moon by Mary Beth Keane

Malcolm, longtime bartender, has always dreamed of owning a bar. When his boss retires, Malcolm stretches to buy the place. His wife, Jess, has devoted herself to her career. Like Malcolm, she feels her youth slipping away and wonders how to reshape her future.

Evening Readers: Nov. 6th Page Turners: Dec. 10th



The Last Ride of the Pony Express by Will Grant

A uniquely tenacious tale of adventure by a native son of the West who defies most modern conveniences to compass some two thousand miles on horseback. The result is an unforgettable narrative that will forever change how you see the West, the Pony Express, and America as a whole.

Evening Readers: Dec. 4th Page Turners: Jan. 14th

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