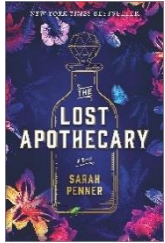


2023 Book Discussions



The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner

Women across the city whisper of a mysterious figure named Nella who sells well-disguised poisons to use against the oppressive men in their lives. But the apothecary's fate is jeopardized when her newest patron, a precocious twelve-year-old, makes a fatal mistake.

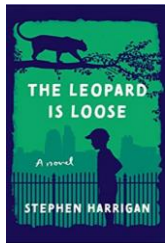
Evening Readers: Jan. 4th Page Turners: Feb. 14th



Red Thread of Fate by Lyn Liao Butler

Two days before Tam and Tony Kwan receive their letter of acceptance for the son they are adopting from China, Tony and his estranged cousin Mia are killed unexpectedly in an accident. A shell-shocked Tam learns she is named the guardian to Mia's five-year-old daughter, Angela.

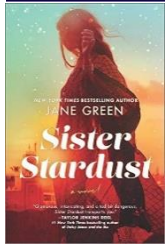
Evening Readers: Feb. 1st Page Turners: March 14th



The Leopard is Loose by Stephen Harrigan

For Grady McClarty, World War II is only a troubling event that occurred before he was born; their mother is still grieving for her husband. His uncles are veterans determined to step into a fatherhood role for their nephews, even as they struggle with the psychological scars they carry from the war.

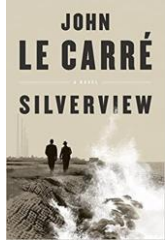
Evening Readers: March 1st Page Turners: Apr. 11th



Sister Stardust by Jane Green

Talitha's life seemed perfect. She moved from London to Marrakesh with her husband Paul Getty. When Claire arrives in London from her small town, she never expects to cross paths with a woman as magnetic as Talitha Getty. But beneath Talitha's glamorous facade lurks a darkness few can understand.

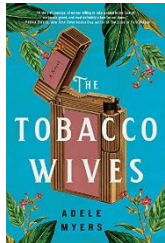
Evening Readers: Apr. 5th Page Turners: May 9th



Silverview by John le Carré

Julian has renounced his high-flying job in the city for a simpler life running a bookshop in a small English seaside town. But only a couple of months into his new career, Julian's evening is disrupted by a visitor.

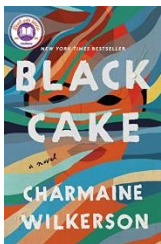
Evening Readers: May 3rd Page Turners: June 13th



The Tobacco Wives by Adele Myers

Maddie is a seamstress who's just arrived in Bright Leaf—the tobacco capital of the South. Misfortune follows many of the women, including health problems. Maddie wants to report what she knows, but in a town where everyone depends on Big Tobacco to survive, she doesn't know who she can trust.

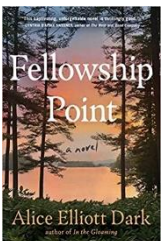
Evening Readers: June 7th Page Turners: July 11th



Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson

In present-day California, Eleanor Bennett's death leaves behind a puzzling inheritance for her two children: a black cake and a voice recording. Eleanor shares a tumultuous story about a headstrong young swimmer who escapes her island home under suspicion of murder.

Evening Readers: July 5th Page Turners: Aug. 8th



Fellowship Point by Alice Elliott Dark

Celebrated children's book author Agnes Lee is determined to secure her legacy to permanently protect the peninsula known as Fellowship Point. To donate the land to a trust, Agnes must convince shareholders to dissolve a generations-old partnership. And one of those shareholders is her best friend, Polly.

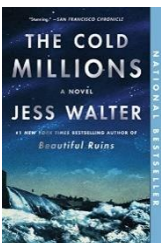
Evening Readers: Aug. 2nd Page Turners: Sep. 12th



The Nurse's Secret by Amanda Skenandore

Bellevue is the first school of its kind in the country. Just as she finds her footing, Una's suspicions about a patient's death put her at risk of exposure, and will force her to choose between her instinct for self-preservation, and exposing her identity in order to save others.

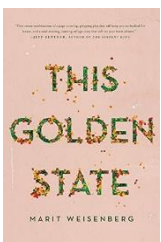
Evening Readers: Sep. 6th Page Turners: Oct. 10th



The Cold Millions by Jess Walter

The Dolans live by their wits, jumping freight trains and lining up for day work at crooked job agencies. Enter Ursula the Great, a vaudeville singer who performs with a live cougar who introduces them to a far more dangerous creature: a mining magnate determined to keep his wealth and his hold on Ursula.

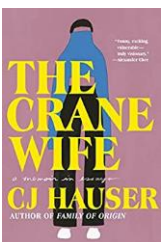
Evening Readers: Oct. 4th Page Turners: Nov. 14th



This Golden State by Marit Weisenberg

Poppy doesn't know why her family has been running her whole life, but she does know that there are consequences if they're ever caught. When a move to California exposes a crack in her parents' airtight planning, Poppy realizes how fragile her world is.

Evening Readers: Nov. 1st Page Turners: Dec. 12th



The Crane Wife by CJ Hauser

Ten days after calling off her wedding, CJ went on an expedition to Texas to study the whooping crane. After a week wading through the gulf, she realized she'd almost signed up to live someone else's life. She writes about friends and lovers and asks what more expansive definitions of love might offer us all.

Evening Readers: Dec. 6th Page Turners: Jan. 9th

Evening Readers meet at 6:30 p.m. and Page Turners meet at 10:00 a.m.

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