

Evergreen Branch Southside Book Club 2020 Discussion Schedule

Evergreen Branch of the Everett Public Library

9512 Evergreen Way, Everett WA, 98204

All are welcome ~ No registration needed!

Discussions held every other month on the second Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

FEB 11 AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE | Tayari Jones | fiction, 308pp. Newlyweds Celestial and Roy, the living embodiment of the New South, are settling into the routine of their life together when Roy is sent to prison for a crime he didn't commit. When her husband's sentence is suddenly overturned, Celestial encounters unexpected challenges in resuming her life. An insightful look into the lives of people who are bound and separated by forces beyond their control. **Join Jones as she talks about the book Feb 15 at the Everett Performing Arts Center for Everett Reads!**

APR 14 THE ESSEX SERPENT | Sarah Perry | fiction, 418pp. The unlikely friendship between a scholarly vicar and a canny widow pursuing her interest in natural history sets the stage for this sweeping 19th-century saga of competing belief systems. Stuffed with smarts and storytelling sorcery, this is a work of astonishing breadth and brilliance.

JUNE 9 THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK | Kim Michele Richardson | fiction, 308pp. A unique story about Appalachia and the healing power of the written word. One of Kentucky's last living "Blue People" works as a traveling librarian in 1930s Appalachia. A hauntingly atmospheric love letter to the first mobile library in Kentucky and the fierce, brave packhorse librarians who wove their way from shack to shack dispensing literacy, hope, and — just as importantly — a compassionate human connection.

AUG 11 THE LIBRARY BOOK | Susan Orlean | non-fiction, 319pp. An engaging, casual history of librarians and libraries and a famous one that burned down. It's the story of the Los Angeles Public Library, poet Charles Bukowski's "wondrous place," and what happened to it on April 29, 1986: It burned down. This dazzling love letter to a beloved institution is also an investigation into one of its greatest mysteries.

OCT 13 OLIVE, AGAIN | Elizabeth Strout | fiction, 289pp. The thorny matriarch of Crosby, Maine makes a welcome return. As in Strout's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Olive Kitteridge* (2008, etc.), the formidable title character is always a presence but not always onstage in these 13 interconnected tales of loneliness, loss, and love in its many flawed incarnations. Beautifully written and alive with compassion, almost unbearably poignant, a thrilling book in every way.

DEC 8 THE STRANGER IN THE WOODS | Michael Finkel | non-fiction, 203pp. This is a journalist's account of a Massachusetts man who lived alone in the woods of Maine for 27 years, not out of anger at the world, but simply because he preferred to live a life of solitude and self-sufficiency. A remarkable true story.



NOTE: "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek," and "Olive, Again," are available for book group hold starting Mar 1, 2020. Go to KitKeeper on epls.org to request and schedule Book Group kits online. For more information, please call 425-257-8000 ML Reference Desk or Librarian Joyce Hansen / JHansen@everettwa.gov / 425-257-7659 2/4/2020