

Silver Falls Library Book Club

Books Read Between 1999 and 2019

1776

By David McCullough

1984: A Novel

By George Orwell

Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three

Faiths

By Bruce S. Feiler

Against All Enemies: Inside America's
War on Terror

By Richard Clarke

Ahab's Wife or the Star Gazer

By Sena Jeter Naslund

The Alchemist

By Paulo Coelho

The Alienist

By Caleb Carr

All He Ever Wanted

By Anita Shreve

All Over but the Shoutin'

By Rick Bragg

All the Light We Cannot See

By Anthony Doerr

And the Mountains Echoed

By Khaled Hosseini

The Art of Racing in the Rain

By Garth Stein

Ask Me: 100 Essential Poems

By William Stafford

Back When We Were Grown-Ups

By Anne Taylor

Beautiful Ruins

By Jess Walter

Before We Were Yours

By Lisa Wingate

Behind the Beautiful Forevers

By Katherine Boo

The Big Picture

By Douglas Kennedy

Big Stone Gap

By Adriana Trigiani

Blue Diary

By Alice Hoffman

Blue Highways: A Journey into America

By William Least Heat Moon

The Book of Unknown Americans

By Cristina Henriquez

The Book that Matters Most

By Ann Hood

Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe,
Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the
World Has Ever Seen

By Christopher McDougall

The Boston Girl

By Anita Diamant

Boys in the Boat

By Daniel Brown

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao

By Junot Diaz

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Britt-Marie was Here

By Fredrik Backman

Broken for You

By Stephanie Kallos

The Buddha in the Attic

By Julie Otsuka

Catfish and Mandala

By Andrew X. Pham

The Country Boy

By Homer Davenport

Courting Greta

By Ramsey Hootman

Crossing to Safety

By Wallace Stegner

Cry the Beloved Country

By Alan Paton

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

By Mark Haddon

Cutting for Stone

By Abraham Verghese

The Cutting Season

By Attica Locke

Daughter in Persia

By Sattareh Farman-Farmaian

Death Comes for the Archbishop

By Willa Cather

Defending Jacob

By William Landay

Devil in the White City

By Erik Larson

Dive from Clausen's Pier

By Ann Packer

Don't Lets Go to the Dogs Tonight

By Alexandra Fuller

Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance

By Barack Obama

Educated: a Memoir

By Tara Westover

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine

By Gail Honeyman

The Elegance of the Hedgehog

By Muriel Barbery

Empire Falls

By Richard Russo

Ex Libris: Confessions of a Common Reader

By Anne Fadiman

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

By Jonathan Safran Foer

Fast Food Nation

By Eric Schlosser

Five Quarters of the Orange

By Joanne Harris

For One More Day

By Mitch Albom

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Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist
Explores the Hidden Side of Everything
By Steven Levitt

Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop
Café
By Fannie Flagg

A Gentleman in Moscow
By Amor Towles

Gilead
By Marilynne Robinson

Girl in Hyacinth Blue
By Susan Vreeland

The Girls
By Lori Lansens

Girl with a Pearl Earring
By Tracy Chevalier

The Giver
By Lois Lowry

The Glass Castle: A Memoir
By Jeanette Walls

Gone Girl
By Gillian Flynn

The Good earth
By Pearl S. Buck

Good Morning, Midnight
By Lily Brooks-Dalton

The Great Divide
By T. Davis Bunn

Growing Up
By Russell Baker

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie
Society
By Marry Ann Shaffer

Half Broke Horses
By Jeannette Walls

Headlong
By Michael Frayn

The Help
By Kathryn Stockett

The Hobbit, or There and Back Again
By J.R.R. Tolkien

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet
By Jamie Ford

The House of the Seven Gables
By Nathaniel Hawthorne

The House on Mango Street
By Sandra Cisneros

I Captured the Castle
By Dodie Smith

In Sunlight in a Beautiful Garden
By Kathleen Cambor

I'm a Stranger Here Myself
By Bill Bryson

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
By Rebecca Skloot

Isaac's Storm
By Erik Larson

Julie
By Catherine Marshall

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The Jump-Off Creek

By Molly Gloss

King Lear

By William Shakespeare

The Kitchen House

By Kathleen Grissom

The Kite Runner

By Khaled Hosseini

The Lacuna

By Barbara Kingsolver

Ladder of Years

By Anne Tyler

The Lake Dreams the Sky

By Swain Wolfe

La's Orchestra Saves the World

By Alexander McCall Smith

The Last Child

By John Hart

The Last Lecture

By Randy Pausch

The Last Time I Was Me

By Cathy Lamb

The Leaves of Grass

By Walt Whitman

A Lesson Before Dying

By Ernest J. Gaines

Let the Great World Spin

By Colum McCann

Life is so Good

By George Dawson

Life of Pi

By Yann Martel

The Light Between Oceans

By M. L. Stedman

Look Me in the Eye: My Life With Asperger's

By John Elder Robison

The Lost City of Z

By David Grann

The Lost Wife

By Alyson Richman

Loving Lindsey: Raising a Daughter with Special Needs

By Linda Atwell

Maisie Dobbs

By Jacqueline Winspear

Maggie Now

By Betty Smith

The Magic of Ordinary Days

By Ann Howard Creel

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand

By Helen Simonson

The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit

By Sloan Wilson

Manhunt: The Twelve-Day Chase of Lincoln's Killer

By James L. Swanson

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Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog
By John Grogan

Master Butchers' Singing Club
By Louise Erdrich

The Measure of a Man
By Sydney Poitier

The Memory Keepers Daughter
By Kim Edwards

Michelangelo & the Pope's Ceiling
By Ross King

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil
By John Berendt

Mink River
By Brian Doyle

Mister Pip
By Lloyd Jones

The Moonflower Vine
By Jetta Carleton

Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore
By Robin Sloan

My Brilliant Friend
By Elena Ferrante

My Dear Hamilton: a Novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton
By Stephanie Dray

My Invented Country
By Isabel Allende

My Name is Mary Sutter
By Robin Oliveira

My Sister's Keeper
By Jodi Picoult

The Namesake
By Jhumpa Lahiri

News of the World
By Paulette Jiles

Nickel and Dime
By Barbara Ehrenrich

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency
By Alexander McCall Smith

One Thousand White Women: The Journals of Mary Dodd
By Jim Fergus

One True Thing
By Anna Quindlen

The Optimist's Daughter
By Eudora Welty

Ordinary Grace
By William Kent Drueger

Orphan Train
By Christina Baker Kline

Our Souls at Night
By Kent Haruf

Peace Like a River
By Leif Enger

People of the Book
By Geraldine Brooks

Plainsong
By Kent Haruf

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Plain Truth

By Jodi Picoult

The Postmistress

By Sarah Blake

A Prayer for Owen Meany

By John Irving

Prayers for Sale

By Sandra Dallas

Princess: A True Story of Life Behind the Veil

By Jean P. Sasson

The Prize Winner of Defiance Ohio

By Terry Ryan

Prodigal Summer

By Barbara Kingsolver

The Professor & the Madman

By Simon Winchester

Quite a Year for Plums

By Bailey White

A Redbird Christmas

By Fannie Flagg

Remains of the Day

By Kazuo Ishiguro

Rise of the Rocket Girls: the Women Who Propelled Us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars

By Nathalia Holt

The Road to Wellville

By T. Coraghessan Boyle

Room

By Emma Donoghue

The Rosie Project

By Graeme C. Simsion

Running the Rift

By Naomi Benaron

The Samurai's Garden

By Gail Tsukiyama

The Scapegoat

By Daphne Du Maurier

Secret Life of Bees

By Sue Monk Kidd

The Shack

By William Young

Shadow Divers

By Robert Kurson

Skinny Dip

By Carl Hiaasen

She's Come Undone

By Wally Lamb

Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis

By Timothy Egan

Snow Falling on Cedars

By David Guterson

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan

By Lisa See

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Snow in August

By Pete Hamill

Sometimes a Great Notion

By Ken Kesey

A Star for Mrs. Blake

By April Smith

Step-Ball-Change

By Jeanne Ray

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry

By Gabrielle Zevin

The Story of Arthur Truluv

By Elizabeth Berg

A Sudden Light

By Garth Stein

Tender at the Bone

By Ruth Reichl

Thirteen Moons

By Charles Frazier

A Thousand Splendid Suns

By Khaled Hosseini

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace – One School at a Time

By Greg Mortenson

Three Weeks with My Brother

By Nicholas Sparks

Tisha: The Story of a Young Teacher in the Alaska Wilderness

By Robert Specht

Tough Cookie

By Diane Matt Davidson

Travels with Charley

By John Steinbeck

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

By Betty Smith

Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption

By Laura Hillenbrand

An Unfinished Life

By Mark Spragg

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

By Rachel Joyce

Vanishing Acts

By Jodi Picoult

Waiting

By Ha Jin

A Walk in the Woods

By Bill Bryson

Water for Elephants

By Sarah Gruen

When Breath Becomes Air

By Paul Kalanithi

Where River Turns to Sky

By Gregg Kleiner

The Whistling Season

By Ivan Doig

Wild

By Cheryl Strayed

Winter Wheat

By Mildred Walker

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The Woman in Cabin 10

By Ruth Ware

Woman of the Silk

By Gail Tsukiyama

*The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of
Those Who Survived the Great American
Dust Bowl*

By Timothy Egan

A Wrinkle in Time

By Andrea Walker

The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story

By Diane Ackerman

*Zoya's Story: An Afghan Woman's
Struggle for Freedom*

By Zoya

All three faiths claim Abraham as their own, and they all assert to be the correct modern day representative of the Abrahamic religious tradition. The book's first half addresses what the Bible and Koran say about Abraham, his call to monotheism, and his sons Isaac and Ishmael. Particularly fascinating are Feiler's discussions of how the three religious traditions invented This book portrays the role of Abraham in the history, theology and contemporary thought in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. I realized at the conclusion of this book that I just completed a journey of my own faith. I have an appreciation for other faiths, I do not believe there is only one faith or one way to God. What I do know is I am comfortable with my choice of Christianity. Could this common thread of three faiths serve as a unifying symbol in difficult times? Bruce Feiler's new book is titled "Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths." And Bruce Feiler joins us now from the studios of member station WBUR in Boston, and good to have you on TALK OF THE NATION again. Mr. BRUCE FEILER (Author, "Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths"): It's always my pleasure, Neal. CONAN: Of course, we want to hear from you listeners as well. Do you know the story of Abraham? What does he mean to you? What questions do you have about hi