**Albany Book Club**

Books read in previous years.

2019

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | Queen Sugar | Natalie Baszile |
| Feb. | The Picture of Dorian Gray | Oscar Wilde |
| Mar. | A Man Called Ove | Fredrik Backman |
| Apr. | Clara and Mr. Tiffany | Susan Vreeland |
| May | The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend | Katarina Blvald |
| June | Our Souls at Night | Kent Haruf |
| July | On the Road | Jack Kerouac |
| Aug. | 1984 | George Orwell |
| Sept. | The Invention of Wings | Sue Monk Kidd |
| Oct. | Girl Waits with Gun | Amy Stewart |
| Nov. | The Ultimate Gift | Jim Stovall |
| Dec. | The Best of Me | Nicholas Sparks |

2018

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | The Nightingale | Kristin Hannah |
| Feb. | My Life in France | Julia Childs |
| Mar. | Theirs Eyes Were Watching God | Zora Neale Hurston |
| Apr. | Inside the O’Briens | Lisa Genova |
| May | Rules of Civility | Amor Towles |
| June | Hillbilly Elegy | J. Vance |
| July | The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley | Hannah Tinti |
| Aug. | Safe Haven | Nicholas Sparks |
| Sept. | The Wedding | Nicholas Sparks |
| Oct. | Jane Eyre | Charlotte Bronte |
| Nov. | The Snow Child | Eowyn Ivey |
| Dec. | Hail to the Chef | Julie Hyzy |

2017

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | Three Cups of Tea | Greg Mortenson |
| Feb. | The Dog Stars | Peter Heller |
| Mar. | The Awakening of Miss Prim | Natalie Sanmartin Fenollera |
| Apr. | A Street Cat Named Bob | James Bowen |
| May | Scrambled | Andrew Oliver |
| June | The Longest Ride | Nicholas Sparks |
| July | A Walk in the Woods | Bill Bryson |
| Aug. | And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer | Fredik Backman |
| Sept.  | Following Atticus | Tom Ryan |
| Oct. | The Last Painting of Sara de Vos | Dominic Smith |
| Nov. | Call the Midwife | Jennifer Worth |
| Dec.  | Christmas Bells | Jennifer Chiaverini |

2016

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | The Talented Mr. Ripley | Patricia Highsmith |
| Feb. | The Fault in Our Stars | John Green |
| Mar. | Hannah Coulter | Wendell Berry |
| Apr. | Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet | Jamie Ford |
| May | All the Light We Cannot See | Anthony Doerr |
| June | A Long Way Gone | Ishmael Beah |
| July | Orphan Train | Christina Baker Kline |
| Aug. | The Boys on the Boat | Daniel James Brown |
| Sept. | All the King’s Men | Robert Penn Warren |
| Oct.  | Me Before You | Jojo Moyes |
| Nov. | Between Shades of Gray | Ruta Sepetys |
| Dec. | Two from Galilee | Marjorie Homes |

2015

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | Where’d You Go, Bernadette | Maria Semple |
| Feb. | Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons | Lorna Landvik |
| Mar. | The Name of the Rose | Umberto Eco |
| Apr. | Elizabeth and Hazel | David Margolick |
| May | The Silver Star | Jeanette Walls |
| June | The Red Tent | Anita Diamant |
| July | Heaven Is for Real | Todd Burpo |
| Aug. | Orphan Train | Christina Baker Cline |
| Sept. | The Blind Side | Michael Lewis |
| Oct. | The Light Between Oceans | M. L. Stedman |
| Nov. | David and Goliath | Malcolm Gladwell |
| Dec. | An Irish Country Christmas | Patrick Taylor |

2014

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | Wild | Cheryl Strayed |
| Feb. | The Art of Racing in the Rain | Garth Stein |
| Mar. | The Story of the Trapp Family Singers | Maria Augusta Trapp |
| Apr. | Stiff | Mary Roach |
| May | The Language of Flowers | Vanessa Diffenbaugh |
| June | Blessings | Anna Quindlen |
| July | Me Talk Pretty one Day | David Sedaris |
| Aug. | A Child Called It | Dave Pelzer |
| Sept. | Angela’s Ashes | Frank McCourt |
| Oct. | Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café | Fannie Flagg |
| Nov. | These Things Hidden | Heather Gudenhkauf |
| Dec. | The Best Christmas Pageant Ever | Barbara Robinson |

2013

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks | Rebecca Skloot |
| Feb. | Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close | Jonathan Safran Foer |
| Mar. | The Shack | William P. Young |
| Apr. | Freakonomics | Steven D. Levitt |
| May | Garlic and Sapphires | Ruth Reichi |
| June | The Help | Kathryn Stockett |
| July  | Dog-On-It | Spencer Quinn |
| Aug. | Sarah’s Key | Tatiana de Rosnay |
| Sept. | The Unbearable Lightness of Scones | Alexander McCall Smith |
| Oct. | In a Sunburned Country | Bill Bryson |
| Nov. | Beach House Memories | Mary Alice Monroe |
| Dec. | The Quilter’s Apprentice | Jennifer Chiaverini |

2012

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | The Guernsey and Potato Peel Pie Society | Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows |
| Feb. | Playing for Pizza | John Grisham |
| Mar. | The Memory of Running | Ron McLarty |
| Apr. |  |  |
| May | The Moon is Down | John Steinbeck |
| June | Belle Ruin | Martha Grimes |
| July  | These Is My Words | Nancy E. Turner |
| Aug. | Sing You Home | Jodi Picoult |
| Sept. | The History of Love | Nicole Krauss |
| Oct. | The Geography of Bliss | Eric Weiner |
| Nov. | Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café | Fannie Flag |
| Dec. | The Christmas Wedding | James Patterson |

2011

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | Dewey | Vicki Myron |
| Feb. | Hotel Paradise | Martha Grimes |
| Mar. | The Case of the Missing Servant | Tarquin Hall |
| Apr. | Driftless | David Rhodes |
| May | Three Weeks with My Brother | Nicholas Sparks |
| June | The House at Sugar Beach | Helene Cooper |
| July  | Whistling in the Dark | Leslie Kagen |
| Aug. | Eat, Pray, Love | Elizabeth Gilbert |
| Sept. | The Defense of Food: An Eater’s Manifesto | Michael Pollan |
| Oct. | Bel Canto | Ann Patchett |
| Nov. | Shanghai Girls | Lisa See |
| Dec. | A Redbird Christmas | Fannie Flagg |

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | Water for Elephants | Sara Gruen |
| Feb. | Chocolat | Joanne Harris |
| Mar. | Hope’s Boys | Andrew Bridge |
| Apr. | Wish You Well | David Baldacci |
| May | The Devil in the White City | Erik Larson |
| June | Deception on His Mind | Elizabeth George |
| July  | Outlander | Diana Gabaldon |
| Aug. | Night Fall | Nelson DeMille |
| Sept. | Hotel Paradise | Martha Grimes |
| Oct. | Middlesex | Jeffrey Eugenides |
| Nov. | Vinegar Hill | A. Manette Ansay |
| Dec. | The Christmas Blessing | Donna VanLiere |

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | Digging to America | Anne Tyler |
| Feb. | The Memory Keeper’s Daughter | Kim Edwards |
| Mar. | A Year in Provence | Peter Mayle |
| Apr. | Year of Wonders | Geraldine Brooks |
| May | A Yellow Raft in Blue Water | Michael Dorris |
| June | The Glass Castle | Jeannette Walls |
| July  | Zazoo | Richard Mosher |
| Aug. | The Grapes of Wrath | John Steinbeck |
| Sept. | Loving Frank | Nancy Horan |
| Oct. | The Happy Isles of Oceania | Paul Theroux |
| Nov. | The Wednesday Letters | Jason E. Wright |
| Dec. | The Pillars of the Earth | Ken Follett |

2008

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | The Breakdown Lane | Jacqueline Mitchard |
| Feb. | Sugarplum Dead  | Carolyn Hart |
| Mar. | Accidental Reunion | Nancy Blakslee |
| Apr. | Breakfast of Champions | Kurt Vonnegut |
| May | Empire Falls | Richard Russo |
| June | My Sister’s Keeper | Jody Picoult |
| July  | The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down | Anne Fadiman |
| Aug. | Death of a Perfect Wife | M. C. Beaton |
| Sept. | Marley & Me | John Grogan |
| Oct. | The Time Traveler’s Wife | Audrey Niffenegger |
| Nov. | Five People You Meet in Heaven | Mitch Ablom |
| Dec. | Whistling Season | Ivan Doig |

2007

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | Wings | Danielle Steel |
| Feb. | Nickel and Dimed | Barbara Ehrenreich |
| Mar. | The Ghostway | Tony Hillerman |
| Apr. | The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency | Alexander McCall Smith |
| May | The Dive from Clausen’s Pier | Ann Packer |
| June | Corelli’s Mandolin | Louis De Bernieres |
| July  | Homeport | Nora Roberts |
| Aug. | The Shell Seekers | Rosamunde Pilcher |
| Sept. | Our Lady of the Forest | David Guterson |
| Oct. | Snowflower and the Secret Fan | Lisa See |
| Nov. | The Children of Men | P. D. James |
| Dec. | Gilead | Marilynne Robinson |

2006

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | The Da Vinci Code | Dan Brown |
| Feb. | Anywhere but Here | Mona Simpson |
| Mar. | The Secret Life of Bees | Sue Monk Kidd |
| Apr. | Prodigal Summer | Barbara Kingsolver |
| May | The Kite Runner | Khaled Hosseini |
| June | The Honk and Holler, Opening Soon | Billie Letts |
| July  | The Life of Pi | Yanni Martel |
| Aug. | Haunted Hill | Andy Oliver |
| Sept. | The Turtle Warrior | Jody Picoult |
| Oct. | At Home in Mitford | Jan Karon |
| Nov. | Cannery Row and Sweet Thursday | John Steinbeck |
| Dec. | The Christmas Box and The Christmas Box Miracle | Richard Evans |

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | The Clan of the Cave Bear | Jean Auel |
| Feb. | The Source | James A. Michener |
| Mar. | The Scarlet Letter | Nathaniel Hawthorne |
| Apr. | The House on Mango Street | Sandra Cisneros |
| May | Running with Scissors | Augusten Burroughs |
| June | If Photos Could Talk | Andy Oliver |
| July  | Beach Music | Pat Conroy |
| Aug. | Population 485 | Michael Perry |
| Sept. | A Perfect Day | Richard Paul Evans |
| Oct. | Sister of My Heart | Chitra Divakaruni |
| Nov. | Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime | Mike Haddon |
| Dec. | Father Joe | Tony Hendra |

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | Jayber Crow | Wendell Berry |
| Feb. | Plainsong | Kent Haruf |
| Mar. | Lesson before Dying | Ernest Gaines |
| Apr. | Seek My Face | John Updike |
| May | Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance | Robert M. Pirsig |
| June | All Together in One Place | Jane Kirkpatrick |
| July  | East of Eden | John Steinbeck |
| Aug. | Uncle Tom’s Cabin | Harriet Beecher Stowe |
| Sept. | Low Country | Anne Rivers Siddons |
| Oct. | The Dating Game | Danielle Steel |
| Nov. | Tales of a Shaman’s Apprentice | Mark Plotkin |
| Dec. | Christmas Train | David Baldacci |

2003

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | Girl with a Pearl Earring | Tracy Chevalier |
| Feb. | American Son | Richard Blow |
| Mar. | Caucasia | Danzy Senna |
| Apr. | The Perfect Storm | Sebastian Junger |
| May | Cold Mountain | Charles Frazier |
| June | Blue Diary | Alice Hoffman |
| July  | The Persian Pickle Club | Sandra Dallas |
| Aug. | The Hours | Michael Cunninghan |
| Sept. | Missing What’s-Her-Name | Andy Oliver |
| Oct. | The Great Gatsby | F. Scott Fitzgerald |
| Nov. | Left Behind | Tim LeHaye |
| Dec. | House of Sand and Fog | Andre Dubus |

2002

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | Doomsday Book | Connie Willis |
| Feb. | Blackbird | Jennifer Lauck |
| Mar. | Ender’s Game | Orson Scott Card |
| Apr. | The Plain Truth | Jody Picoult |
| May | Diary of Mattie Spenser | Sandra Dallas |
| June | Reservation Blues | Sherman Alexie |
| July  | A Cry in the Night | Mary Higgins Clark |
| Aug. | Survival of the Fittest | Jonathan Kellerman |
| Sept. | The Horse Whisperer | Nicholas Evans |
| Oct. | Cry, the Beloved Country | Alan Paton |
| Nov. | Time and Again | Jack Finney |
| Dec. | Skipping Christmas | John Grisham |

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | Pilgrim at Tinker Creek | Annie Dillard |
| Feb. | Who Moved my Cheese? | Spencer Johnson |
| Mar. | Poisonwood Bible | Barbara Kingsolver |
| Apr. | To Kill a Mockingbird | Harper Lee |
| May | The Testament | John Grisham |
| June | O is for Outlaw | Sue Grafton |
| July  | Memoirs of a Geisha | Arthur Golden |
| Aug. | Where the Heart Is | Billie Letts |
| Sept. | Snow Falling on Cedars | David Gutersen |
| Oct. | The Spy Wore Red | Aline, Countess of Romanones |
| Nov. | A Thousand Acres | Jane Smiley |
| Dec. | Monk’s Hood | Ellis Peters |

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| Month | Title | Author |
| Jan. | The Pilot’s Wife | Anita Shreve |
| Feb. | Ellen Foster | Kaye Gibbons |
| Mar. | The Road from Coorain | Jill K. Conway |
| Apr. | The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter | Carson McCullers |
| May | Death Comes for the Archbishop | Willa Cather |
| June | Martian Chronicles | Ray Bradbury |
| July  | Turtle Moon | Alice Hoffman |
| Aug. | Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone | J. K. Rowling |
| Sept. | Wait Till Next Year | Doris Kearns Goodwin |
| Oct. | Frankenstein | Mary Shelley |
| Nov. | Walk Across America | Peter Jenkins |
| Dec. | The Murder of Roger Ackroyd | Agatha Christie |