High Plains Public Radio’s tag line, “In touch with the world, at home on the High Plains,” is the inspiration for the 2023 Spring Read: In Touch with the World. The read features a baker’s dozen of works from authors and settings around the world. We’ll explore messages, insights and lessons from others’ lives through the lenses of culture, spirituality, conflict and history. At the final book discussion on May 7, 2023, we’ll explore the insights for those of us who live and work on the High Plains.

Here’s the full book list for the season:

- **The Cellist of Sarajevo** by Stephen Galloway, 2008 (Bosnia/Herzegovina)
- **The Beekeeper of Aleppo** by Christy Lefteri, 2019 (Syria)
- **Made in China: A Prisoner, an SOS Letter, and the Hidden Cost of America’s Cheap Goods** by Amelia Pang, 2021 (China)
- **Like Water for Chocolate** by Laura Esquivel, 1989 (Mexico)
- **The Little Prince** by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, 1943 (France)
- **The Wandering Falcon** by Jamil Ahmad, 2011 (Pakistan & Afghanistan)
- **The Bat** by Jo Nesbo, 2013 (Norway)
- **Museum of Abandoned Secrets** by Oksana Zabuzhko, 2009 (Ukraine)
- **This Mournable Body** by Tsitsi Dangarembga, 2018 (Zimbabwe)
- **Banished!** by Han Dong, 2008 (China)
- **Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles, 2016 (Russia)
- **All Quiet on the Western Front** by Erich Maria Remarque, 1928 (Germany)
- **I Am Malala** by Malala Yousafzai, 2013 (Pakistan)
- **Once Were Warriors** by Alan Duff, 1990 (New Zealand)