



2024 Reading List

The Color Purple

By Alice Walker

Winner of the 1983 Pulitzer Prize, it's the story of a poor girl growing up in rural Georgia in the early part of the 20th century. We follow Celie through her struggle with an abusive father, a racist and sexist culture, an abusive marriage, and, eventually, the forging of strong loving relationships.

ISBN: 978-143135692

Book Club Discussion: February 20th

The Seed Keeper

By Diane Wilson

This book follows a Dakhóta family over multiple generations, from the 19th century to the early 2000s, largely told from the perspective of a young woman named Rosalie Iron Wing. As she grows up she learns that she loves to garden, and the book explores the relationship between the land and Rosalie's Dakhóta ancestors, and the injustices they've endured.

ISBN: 978-1571311375

Book Club Discussion: April 23rd

Solito

By Javier Zamora

In this memoir, Javier Zamora recalls his "trip" from El Salvador to the United States in the late 1990s at just nine years old, on his way to be reunited with the parents he hasn't seen in years. Zamora recalls the harrowing migration story in vivid detail — alternating among funny, heartbreaking and hopeful moments.

ISBN: 978-0593498088

Book Club Discussion: June 18th

Don't Tell Anybody the Secrets I Told You

By Lucinda Williams

A *New York Times* bestseller from the unique perspective of the Grammy award-winner and songwriter, Lucinda Williams takes readers through the events that shaped her life and music.

ISBN: 978-0593136492

Book Club Discussion: August 20th

Eleanor and Park

By Rainbow Rowell

It's 1986 in Omaha, Neb. Eleanor and Park are 16-year-old misfits who strike up a friendship on the bus. They connect through comic books and mixtapes and eventually fall in love. It may sound like a stereotypical YA romance, but the challenges that Eleanor and Park face are complex, real and thought provoking.

ISBN: 978-1250012579

Book Club Discussion: October 15th

Kitchen Arabic: How My Family Came to America and the Recipes We Brought With Us

By Joseph Geha

In 1946, Joseph Geha boarded a ship with his family in Beirut, Lebanon. Their eventual destination was Toledo, Ohio. Geha grew up with his family stories and delicious Lebanese food. Now, he's woven these together in his book. Geha is professor Emeritus of Creative Writing at Iowa State University.

ISBN: 978-0820364001

Book Club Discussion: December 17th