

October 2018

Dear Friend of the Women's National Book Association,

This has been a hard week—a hard month. Whatever side of the political aisle you're on, it's not easy to ignore the trauma and rage filling women across the nation, and it's hard not to be overwhelmed by it.



One key action we can all take is to support women's voices. By believing the women in our communities—especially those who are marginalized, by listening to stories of oppression and abuse, and by sharing stories told by women of color and the LGBTQ community, we can be a force for change. This may, at times, seem like a passive form of resistance, but stories—and the voices that tell them—have powerful ways of changing how we think. They show us how to listen, how to learn, and how to grow. It's not only personally moving to read these stories, but also it's one of the only ways to break through the mess and the chaos to find understanding and truth.

I hope you'll find comfort in reading the excerpt below. And I hope you'll join me, and the WNBA, by always advocating for women's voices even when—especially when—their experiences or lives differ from your own.

*You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.*
—Maya Angelou, "Still I Rise"

Sincerely,
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The Bookwoman Blog

By Nicole Ayers (Charlotte)

The *Bookwoman* team is excited to launch the national blog this week. Be sure to [visit the blog](#), where you can read our welcome post and

"meet" our national president, Rachelle Yousuf, in our first "Power behind the WNBA" member interview.




You can expect new blog content on Tuesdays and Fridays. Be sure to read this section next month to see what's new!

Don't forget that we're always on the lookout for guest bloggers. If you're a WNBA member with an idea to pitch, email me at newsletter@wnba-books.org.

National Reading Group Month Events Across the Country

October NATIONAL READING GROUP MONTH



Women's National Book Association

By Tina Ollenburg (Charlotte)

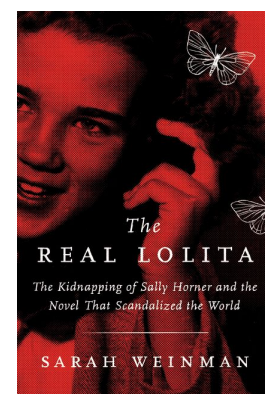
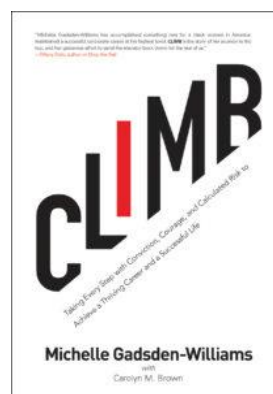
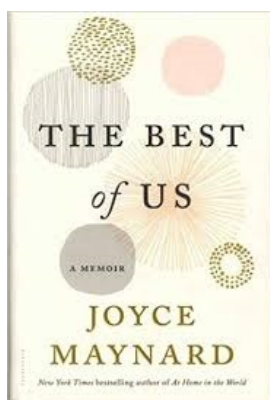
October is National Reading Group Month (NRGM), and there are exciting events in honor of NRGM happening at WNBA chapters around the country. Featured below are a few of the events scheduled to take place throughout the month. Check out what is happening with your local chapter as well as what books are on the new Great Group Reads (GGR) 2018 list, which you can find on the [NRGM website](http://www.nrgm.org).



NRGM Signature Event

WNBA-NYC Presents "The Art of Writing Non-Fiction: From Memoirs to Investigative Inquiries"

Taking place at One Spirit Learning Alliance on Thursday, October 18th, Rosalind Reisner (co-author of and editor of *Women in the Literary Landscape: A Centennial Publication of the Women's National Book Association*) will lead a discussion with GGR authors Joyce Maynard (*The Best of Us: A Memoir*), Michelle Gadsden-Williams (*Climb: Taking Every Step with Conviction, Courage, and Calculated Risk to Achieve a Thriving Career and a Successful Life*), and Sarah Weinman (*The Real Lolita: The Kidnapping of Sally Horner and the Novel That Scandalized the World*). You can find out more and register for this event by clicking [here](#).



Other Chapter Events

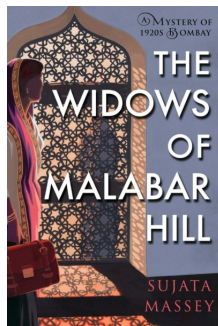
WNBA-Greater Lansing NRG Author Panel

On Thursday, October 18th, WNBA-Greater Lansing and Everybody Reads, Books and Stuff will host an event with GGR 2018 author Irene H. Butter (*Shores Beyond Shores: From Holocaust to Hope, My True Story*), Ann Pearlman (*Infidelity: A Memoir*), and Barbara Stark-Nemon (*Hard Cider*). Click [here](#) for more information about this event.



WNBA-Charlotte "BiblioFeast" Book & Author Dinner with event partner Park Road Books

This event gives attendees the chance to chat and eat dinner with a revolving group of authors throughout the evening. Taking place at Maggiano's on October 15th, the visiting authors will include J.T. Ellison (*Tear Me Apart*), Donna Everhart (*The Road to Bittersweet*), Sue Halpern (*Summer Hours at the Robbers Library*), Webb Hubbell (*The Eighteenth Green*), Pam Kelley (*Money Rock: A Family's Story of Cocaine, Race, and Ambition in the New South*), Elaine Neil Orr (*Swimming Between Worlds*), Kathryn Schville (*What Luck, This Life*), and Lee Zacharias (*Across the Great Lake*).



WNBA-Greater Philadelphia NRG Author Panel

This author event will take place on October 25th at Towne Book Center & Cafe. The authors in attendance will be GGR 2018 author Sujata Massey (*The Widows of Malabar Hill*), Bernard Schaffer (*The Thief of All Light*), and Adrienne Benson (*The Brightest Sun*). Click [here](#) for more information.

Great Group Reads

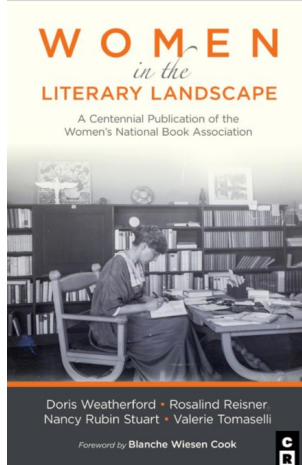
Is your long-standing book club looking for its next great read? Maybe you've created a new book club or you've recently joined an established one, and you need ideas for books that will spark lively conversations. You're sure to impress with a selection from 2018's [Great Group Reads](#) list.



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Grab your copy of *Women in the Literary Landscape*!

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—From the foreword by Blanche Wiesen Cook, *Eleanor Roosevelt Vol. 1-3*.

Whether you're a pumpkin-spice latte fan or a black coffee junkie, keep your beverages warm this fall with a WNBA stainless steel mug. Grab yours [here](#).

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