GREAT GROUP READS

The 2021 Great Group Reads is a list of twenty books that were chosen by a committee of readers from the Women’s National Book Association (WNBA) on the basis of their appeal to reading groups. This year's list includes themes such as family, sacrifice, racism, grief, friendship, illness, forgiveness, and identity, among others, that create opportunities for lively discussion and contemplation.

Now in its thirteenth year, the Great Group Reads program continues to provide readers with a resource for finding entertaining and moving books that are perfect for shared reading. In addition to bookstores, libraries, and general book groups, the WNBA has a monthly book club that is dedicated solely to reading books from the various Great Group Reads lists. Information can be found on our website.

The Great Group Reads Selection Committee makes a conscious effort to focus its attention on under-represented titles from independent and university presses as well as lesser-known mid-list releases from larger houses. The Selection Committee reads and discusses the books, which are all submitted by publishers, from March through July. The list is finalized in August and announced in September, just in time for National Reading Group Month in October.

We encourage all who read any 2021 Great Group Reads, or any other Great Group Reads books, to use the following hashtags to share thoughts and pictures: #GrtgrpReads2021, #GreatGroupReads, and #NatlReadingGrpMonth.

We will be hosting events with the authors of the 2021 Great Group Reads selections throughout the year, and we encourage all to join us. Sign up for our emails to find out our programming schedule.

NATIONAL READING GROUP MONTH

National Reading Group Month occurs every October. It is an initiative of the WNBA that has become a well-celebrated month within the literary community.

National Reading Group Month complements the WNBA’s mission to promote the value of books and reading. Through this initiative, the Women’s National Book Association aims to foster the values reading groups encourage like discovery, camaraderie, recreation, and appreciation of literature and reading as channels for transmitting culture and enriching civic engagement through its Great Group Reads program.

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