

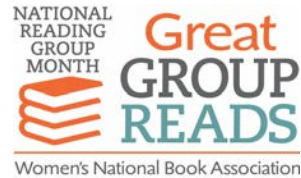
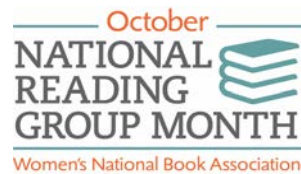
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## NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL BOOK ASSOCIATION

National Reading Group Month

– Celebrating the joy of shared reading

National Reading Group Month Announces Great Group Reads 2018 Selections

NEW YORK—SEPTEMBER 18, 2018—The National Reading Group Month Great Group Reads Committee has chosen 20 books as this year's list:

### Selections 2018

*America for Beginners* by Leah Franqui (William Morrow)

*As Wide as the Sky* by Jessica Pack (Kensington)

*Beasts of Extraordinary Circumstance* by Ruth Emmie Lang (St. Martin's Press)

*Dear Mrs. Bird* by AJ Pearce (Scribner)

*The Home for Unwanted Girls* by Joanna Goodman (Harper Paperbacks)

*A House Among the Trees* by Julia Glass (Anchor)

*Indian Horse* by Richard Wagamese (Milkweed Editions)

*In the Distance* by Hernan Diaz (Coffee House Press)

*In the Shadow of 10,000 Hills* by Jennifer Haupt (Central Avenue Publishing)

*Invitation to a Bonfire* by Adrienne Celt (Bloomsbury Publishing)

*The Lido* by Libby Page (Simon & Schuster)

*Maggie Boylan* by Michael Henson (Ohio University Press/Swallow Press)

*The Mercy Seat* by Elizabeth H. Winthrop (Grove Press)

*Plum Rains* by Andromeda Romano-Lax (Soho Press)

*The Second Mrs. Hockaday* by Susan Rivers (Algonquin Books)

*Shores Beyond Shores: From Holocaust to Hope, My True Story* by

Irene H. Butter with John D. Bidwell and Kris Holloway (White River Press)

*Tigerbelle: The Wyomia Tyus Story* by Wyomia Tyus and Elizabeth Terzakis

(Edge of Sports)

*The Vain Conversation* by Anthony Grooms (University of South Carolina Press/Story River Books)

*The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey (Soho Crime)

*Wolf Season* by Helen Benedict (Bellevue Literary Press)

These titles were selected on the basis of their appeal to reading groups, which seek books that open up lively conversations about a myriad of timely and provocative and diverse topics, from the intimate dynamics of family and personal relationships to major cultural and world issues.

Great Group Reads Selection Committee Chair Kristen Knox says:  
“Challenging, surprising, life-changing – that is how I would describe this year’s Great Group Reads Selections. A thought-provoking list wherein book clubs and their members will discover an exceptional group of talented authors who are engaged with the issues currently apart of the national conversation. Truly a list for everyone.”

(A full list of Selection Committee members can be found at the National Reading Group Month Web site, [www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/ggr\\_committee.html](http://www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/ggr_committee.html).)

The National Reading Group Month Chair Jill A. Tardiff thanks the Selection Committee for its constancy and thoroughness and all the publishers who submitted titles and made reading copies via traditional galley and eBook format available. Ms. Tardiff says, “Our goal is to have these outstanding and often inspiring titles become reading-group staples with facilitators and that booksellers and librarians across the country feature them during the month of October, which is, of course, National Reading Group Month—and, throughout the year.” She continues, “For that purpose, we provide a wide array of professionally designed display materials such as shelf-talkers and table-top posters on the National Reading Group Month website for anyone to download and use in promoting these titles. We encourage visiting the site for these and other features and tips.” (See National Reading Group Month Marketing Toolkit at Get Involved [www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/involved.html](http://www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/involved.html)).

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