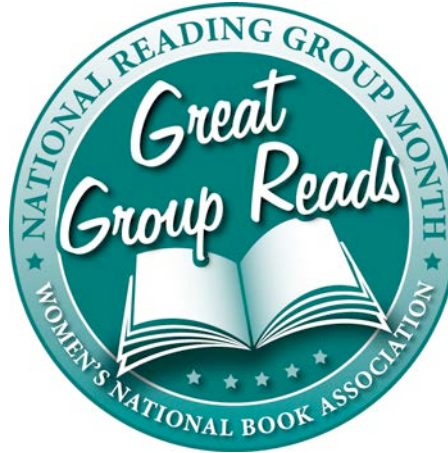
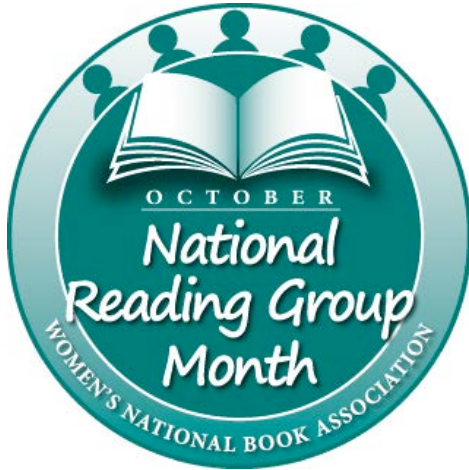


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NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL BOOK ASSOCIATION

National Reading Group Month Announces Great Group Reads 2014 Selections

NEW YORK – SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 – The National Reading Group Month/Great Group Reads Committee has chosen 20 books as this year's list:

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr (Scribner)
Burial Rites by Hannah Kent (Back Bay Books)
Cataract City by Craig Davidson (Graywolf Press)
Children of the Jacaranda Tree by Sahar Delijani (Atria Books)
The Commandant of Lubizec by Patrick Hicks (Steerforth Press)
Euphoria by Lily King (Atlantic Monthly Press)
Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng (Penguin Press)
Foreign Gods, Inc. by Okey Ndibe (Soho Press)
Marching to Zion by Mary Glickman (Open Road Media)
Neverhome by Laird Hunt (Little, Brown and Company)
The Orphans of Race Point by Patry Francis (Harper Perennial)
Painted Horses by Malcolm Brooks (Grove Press)
Prayers for the Stolen by Jennifer Clement (Hogarth)
The Promise by Ann Weisgarber (Skyhorse Publishing)
The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion (Simon & Schuster)
The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin (Algonquin Books)
An Untamed State by Roxane Gay (Black Cat)
What is Visible by Kimberly Elkins (Twelve)
Where Somebody Waits by Margaret Kaufman (Paul Dry Books)
The World of Rae English by Lucy Rosenthal (Black Lawrence Press)

(Great Group Reads 2014 Selections,
http://www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/ggr_selections.html)

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 topics, from the intimate dynamics of family and personal relationships to major cultural and world issues. The 26-member Committee also made a conscious effort to concentrate its attention on underrepresented titles from independent publishers and small presses and lesser-known mid-list releases from larger houses.

Great Group Reads Selection Committee Chair Bebe Brechner says: "For a sixth year in a row, our selection committee comprised of writers, reviewers, booksellers, librarians, publicists, and dedicated readers chose a dynamic list of books that will guarantee great discussions for book groups and offer gratifying reading experiences." (A full list of Selection Committee members can be found at the National Reading Group Month Web site, www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/ggr_committee.html.)

The National Reading Group Month Chair Jill A. Tardiff thanks the Committee for its constancy and thoroughness and all the publishers who submitted titles and made reading copies available. Ms. Tardiff says, "Our goal is to have these superb 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 are providing an assortment of professionally designed display materials such as shelf-talkers and table-top posters on the National Reading Group Month Web site 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 Toolkit at Get Involved www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/involved.html).

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