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Women's National Book Association's 2020 Great Group Reads Announcement

NEW YORK — **October 1, 2020** — The Women's National Book Association (WNBA) announces the 2020 Great Group Reads selections.

Publishers, including the Big Five, academic presses, and small presses, submitted 223 books from their lists of books published between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020. A committee of 42 readers devoted themselves from February through July to determining the 20 books they believed were the best group reads of the past year.

Millions of readers belong to book clubs and reading groups, and Great Group Reads provides those groups, and those who read on their own, a curated list each year specifically designed to facilitate discussion and reflection.

"Once again the selection committee has chosen an outstanding collection of novels and memoirs to highlight for book clubs this year. The choices fit in beautifully with the difficult and necessary discussions we are having as a nation and in our own homes right now. They are provocative, engaging and diverse, and they offer book clubs of all stripes much to discuss and consider about our shared past, present and future," said Kristen Knox, Great Group Reads chairperson.

Written by authors from a variety of backgrounds, the selections delve into thought-provoking topics such as racism, immigration, identity, love, grief and family. The books illuminate the human experience and allow readers to explore global social issues and personal relationships.

2020 Great Group Reads

Anna Eva Mimi Adam by Marina Antropow Cramer (RunAmok Books, TP 978-1732709799)

The Beauty of Your Face

by Sahar Mustafa (W.W. Norton, HC 978-1324003380)

The Bitch

by Pilar Quintana (World Editions, TP 978-1642860597)

Continental Divide

by Alex Myers (University of New Orleans Press, TP 978-1608011698)

The Exiles

by Christina Baker Kline (William Morrow, HC 978-0062356345)

Godshot

by Chelsea Bieker (Catapult, HC 978-1948226486)

Goshen Road: A Novel

by Bonnie Proudfoot (Swallow Press, TP 978-0804012232)

The Hierarchies: A Novel

by Ros Anderson (Dutton, HC 978-0593182871)

In Five Years

by Rebecca Serle (Atria Books, HC 978-1982137441)

In Our Midst

by Nancy Jensen (Dzanc Books, HC 978-1950539161

Invented Lives

by Andrea Goldsmith (Scribe US, TP 978-1947534902)

The Last Goldfish

by Anita Lahey (Biblioasis, TP 978-1771963435)

Miracle Creek

by Angie Kim (Picador, TP 978-1250251305)

The Prettiest Star

by Carter Sickels (Hub City Press, HC 978-1938235627)

The Road to Urbino

by Roma Tearne (Gallic, TP 978-1910709481)

The Royal Abduls

by Ramiza Shamoun Koya (Forest Avenue Press, TP 978-1942436416)

Tea by the Sea

by Donna Hemans (Red Hen Press, TP 978-1597098458)

Tell Me Your Names and I Will Testify

by Carolyn Holbrook (University of Minnesota Press, TP 978-1517907631)

The Wanting Life

by Mark Rader (Unnamed Press, TP 978-1944700997)

Wild Game

by Adrienne Brodeur (Mariner Books, TP 978-0358361329)

More information about the <u>2020 Great Group Reads Selections</u> and the Great Group Reads program can be found on the WNBA's website.

About the Women's National Book Association (WNBA): The Women's National Book Association is a professional organization dedicated to promoting books, fostering literacy and supporting women in the book world. Formed in 1917 by a group of female booksellers in New York City who were not allowed to join the all-male booksellers' organizations, the WNBA continues to advocate for equality and representation in the book world. The WNBA welcomes members of all genders and professions.