

Cook Memorial Library, Tamworth, NH  
Summer reading book share  
August 22, 2018

**Titles and authors discussed:**

*I Remember Nothing* or *I Feel Bad About My Neck* by Nora Ephron  
Audiobooks - funny, so funny you have to stop the car because you're laughing so hard

Anything by Richard Powers - reading early stuff helps when reading newer books  
Newest book is *The Overstory*, a favorite older one is *Three Farmers on Their Way to a Dance*

Author Dave Eggers - both fiction and nonfiction (one reader prefers his fiction), newer book *The Monk of Mokha*, really good book about a subject that didn't seem too interesting before reading. Other good reads by Eggers are *The Circle*, *Zeitoun*, *Your fathers, where are they?* *And the prophets, do they live forever?*

Author Elisabeth Ogilvie - series and standalone novels set on an island in Maine, written beginning in 1940s. Many readers come back to these again and again. *A Theme for Reason*, and autobiography *My World Is an Island*

*Evenfall* by Liz Michalski - "good reading"

*Mostly My Maine* by Walter Staples

*LaRose* by Louise Erdrich - library book group book for July

*What the Bible Is All About* - self-assigned summer homework to get ready for winter bible study group

*Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows - missed this one when it was the big book of 2008 (brought to attention because there's a new Netflix movie based on book)

Gerald Durrell's books, also set on Guernsey - great reads

*Stones from a River* by Ursula Hegi - set in Germany right before World War II, interesting to see community grapple with changes leading up to war and painful decisions that had to be made like whether to leave or stay

Similarly set during time of conflict and social upheaval, *Sofia Petrovna* by Lydia Chukovskaya, set in USSR at onset of Stalinism

*Losing Julia* by Jonathan Hull - partly set during World War I - “beautiful, heartwrenching”

*Citizen Vince* by Jess Walters - plot includes witness protection program

*She’s Not There: A Life in Two Genders* by Jennifer Finney Boylan - a memoir about being a transgender person

*American Wolf: A True Story of Survival and Obsession in the West* by Nate Blakeslee - “fantastic” (our nonfiction book group will read this this winter)

Rereading books read in high school - Steinbeck’s *Tobacco Road* and *The Grapes of Wrath* - amazing how they are relevant to current situation with migrants - “classics are classics for a reason”

John Sedwick’s *In My Blood* - history of America and a family - his Yeoman’s talk at library was great

Donald Hall’s essays - latest (and sadly, last) is *A Carnival of Losses*, another good one is *String Too Short to Be Saved*

*Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande - learn more about Indian culture and values (see *America for Beginners*, below) - “I wish he could be my doctor”

Author Celeste Ng, *Everything I Never Told You* and *Little Fires Everywhere* - both start with attention-getting event then unfold

### **New books to try out:**

*Vox* by Christina Dalcher - if you were a woman and were allowed to speak only 100 words a day...

*Sunburn* by Laura Lippman - noir-style thriller about a woman who’s on the run and the man who has been hired to find her

For fans of contemporary fantasy - *The City of Lost Fortunes* by Bryan Camp - set in New Orleans after Katrina, reminds a bit of Gaiman’s *American Gods*

*The Mars Room* by Rachel Kushner - young woman’s coming of age during second-wave feminism

*There There* by Tommy Orange - intertwined stories of urban Indians in Oakland, California - Predict this will be on "best of 2018" lists at end of the year

*Heartberries* by Therese Mailhot - memoir by Native American writer

*America for Beginners* by Leah Franqui - A recently widowed woman travels from India to United States to find her estranged son, as much about the people who help her on her journey as about her story - learned a lot about Indian culture

For horror fans, author Paul Tremblay's books *Disappearance at Devil's Rock* and *The Cabin at the End of the World* both have earned star reviews

**Did you read a good book this summer?**

Share it with us at <https://goo.gl/forms/9bnzRFirEjlaNmdo2>