MUWC Evening (Scarf-tying, Movie-going) Book Group
Reading List Since the Beginning

2011-2012
Room, Eleanor Donoghue
A Walk in the Woods, Bill Bryson
The Weird Sisters, Eleanor Brown
Midnight in Paris - movie
The Marriage Plot, Jeffrey Eugenides
State of Wonder, Ann Patchett
Everything Beautiful Began After, Simon Van Booy
Fifty Shades of Grey, E.L. James
The Sense of an Ending, Julian Barnes
Folly Beach, Dorothea Benton Frank (+ visit to DuBose Heyward House & Bowen’s Island Restaurant)

2012-2013
Gone Girl, Gillian Flynn
Night Circus, Erin Morgenstern
Yellow Birds, Kevin Powers
And When She was Good, Laura Lipman
The Gift of Rain, Tan Twan Eng
Walking Out on the Boys, Frances K. Conley
Old School, Tobias Wolff
Lone Survivor, Marcus Luttrell
Sweet Tooth, Ian McEwan
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, Jonathan Foer
NW, Zadie Smith
Aleph, Paolo Coehlo

Honorable Mention:
Lionel Asbo: State of England, Martin Amis
The Queen’s Love, Francine de Plessix Gray
As Meat Loves Salt, Maria McCann
The Unforgiving Minute: A Soldier’s Education, Craig Mullaney
The Memoirs of Joseph Anton, Salman Rushdie
The Shoemaker’s Wife, Adriana Trigiani

2013-2014
The Last Lecture, Randy Pausch
Cat’s Eye, Margaret Atwood
Let the Great World Spin, Colum McCann
The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II, Denise Kiernan
The Dinner, Herman Koch
The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox, Maggie O’Farrell
The Goldfinch, Donna Tartt
The House on Mango Street, Sandra Cisneros

**Honorable Mention:**
The Middlesteins: A Novel, Jami Attenberg
Longbourne: A Novel, Jo Baker
Little, Big, John Crowley
The Round House, Louise Erdrich
Night Road, Kristin Hannah
Escape from Camp 14, Blane Harden
The Orphan Master’s Son, Adam Johnson
Doctor Sleep: A Novel, Stephen King
The Dante Club, Matthew Pearl
The Echo Maker, Richard Powers
Night, Elie Wiesel

**2014-2015**
The Orphan Train, Christina Baker Kline
The Miniaturist, Jesse Burton
The Secret History, Donna Tartt
The Children Act, Ian McEwan
Just Kids, Patti Smith
The Photograph, Penelope Lively
The Round House, Louise Erdrich
City of Thieves, David Benihoff

**Honorable Mention:**
Middlemarch, George Sand
My Life in Middlemarch, Rebecca Mead
For the Last Tea in China, Sarah Rose
Clara and Mr. Tiffany, Susan Vreeland
Dear Abigail, Diane Jacobs
The Paying Guests, Sarah Waters
The Storied Life of AJ Kifry, Gabrielle Zevin
This is the Story of a Happy Marriage, Ann Patchett
Second Star to the Right, Mary Alice Monroe
Summer Island, Kristin Hannah
The Surface of the Earth, Reynolds Price
The Husband’s Secret, Liane Moriarity

**2015-2016**
A Man Called Ove, Fredrik Backman
Astrid and Veronika, Linda Ollson
Life After Life, Kate Atkinson
The Long Goodbye, Raymond Chandler
The Death of Bees, Lisa O’Donald
The Buried Giant, Kazuo Ishiguro
The Dante Club, Mathew Pearl
Fates and Furies, Lauren Groff
Truth and Beauty, Ann Patchett - then as a companion book, read Autobiography of a Face, Lucy Grealy

Honorable Mention:
   Purity, Jonathan Frazen
   H is for Hawk, Helen MacDonald
   Wide Sargasso Sea, Jean Rhys
   Pacific, Simon Winchester

2016-2017
The One in a Million Boy, Monica Wood
Margaret Fuller: A New American Life, Megan Marshall
Orphan Girl: The Memoir of a Chicago Bag Lady, Jane Hertenstein
News of the World, Paulette Jiles
Riverine: A Memoir from Anywhere but Here, Angela Palm
Ordinary Grace, William Kent Krueger
Hold Still: A Memoir with Photographs, Sally Mann
Mrs. Simpson: Secret Lives of the Duchess of Windsor, Charles Higham
Lila, Marianne Robinson

Honorable Mention:
   My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry, Fredrik Bachman
   The Luminaries, Eleanor Catton
   Three Sisters, Three Queens, Phillippa Gregory
   Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End, Arul Gwande
   Louisa Catherine: The Other Mrs. Adams, Margery Heffron
   The Nix: A Novel, Nathan Hill
   A High Wind in Jamaica, Richard Hughes
   Lab Girl, Hope Jahren
   My Name is Lucy Barton, Elizabeth Strout
   Brooklyn, Colm Toibin
   The Space Between Us, Thrity Umrigar
   My Marriage, Jakob Wasserman

2017-2018
84 Charing Cross Road, Helene Hanff
Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival, Velma Wallis
Hourglass: Time, Memory, Marriage, Dani Shapiro
Spare Parts—Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot & the Battle for the American Dream, Joshua Davis
Running on Red Dog Road & Other Perils of an Appalachian Childhood, Drema Hall Berkheimer
The Ninth Hour, Alice McDermott
The Known World, Edward P. Jones
Chocolatour: A Quest for the World’s Best Chocolate, Doreen Pendgracs
The Last Ballad, Wiley Cash
**Honorable Mention**

*The Silent Wife*, Kerry Fisher  
*Tender is the Night*, F. Scott Fitzgerald  
*The End of the Affair*, Graham Greene  
*The Things We Keep*, Sally Hepworth  
*Never Let Me Go*, Kazuo Ishiguro  
*The Last Castle: The Epic Story of Love, Loss, & American Royalty in the Nation's Largest Home*, Denise Kiernan  
*Forrest Dark*, Nicole Krauss  
*Behold the Dreamers*, Imbolo Mbue  
*One Good Mama Bone*, Bren McClain  
*The Sea of Tranquility*, Katja Millay  
*The Refugees*, Viet Thanh Nguyen  
*The Swamp Fox: How Francis Marion Saved the American Revolution*, John Oller  
*The Rosie Project*, Graeme Simsion