

## 2025 Night Readers — 4th Mondays at 6 p.m.

**Jan. 27\*** *The Next Person You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom -- In this sequel to his earlier bestseller, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, author Albom picks up the story with Annie, the little girl saved from a horrible accident in the first book, who is now an adult.

**Feb. 24** *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett -- Recalling the past at her daughters' request, Lara tells the story of a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance, which causes her daughters to examine their own lives and reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.

**March 24** *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann -- In 1920s Oklahoma, members of the Osage Indian nation became some of the richest people in the world after oil was discovered beneath their land. Then, one by one, the Osage were being killed off. This is the story of the newly-professionalized FBI's investigations into the murders.

**April 28\*** *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver -- Dellarobia Turnbow is very dissatisfied with her life on her in-laws' struggling Tennessee sheep farm. On her way to an illicit rendezvous, Dellarobia discovers a natural phenomenon which brings worldwide attention and media coverage to the farm.

**May 19\*\*\*** *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare -- Adunni is a fourteen-year-old Nigerian girl who knows what she wants: an education. But when her father sells her to be the third wife of a local man who is eager for her to bear him a son and heir, she must find a way to pursue the life she desires.

**June 23** *True North* by Andrew Graff -- Sam and Swami Brecht and their two young children roll into the Northwoods town of Thunderwater, Wisconsin during the summer of 1993 in their Winnebago camper looking for a fresh start. Sam is there to try to revitalize his uncle's whitewater rafting business, but they face many challenges as they try to improve their family's lives.

\* Potluck — participants are invited to bring a dish to pass

**July 28\*** *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray -- In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture on the New York society scene and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works, as she helps build a world-class collection. But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs.

**Aug. 25** *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See -- This historical novel explores the culture of South Korean female divers known as the *haenyeo*, and follows the friendship between two divers, Young-sook and Mi-ja, from childhood on.

**Sept. 22** *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown -- In this nonfiction bestseller, author Brown tells the story of the University of Washington rowing team who was selected to take on the world in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, where Hitler planned to show off German supremacy.

**Oct. 27\*** *Razorblade Tears* by SA Crosby -- In their quest to do better for their sons in death than they did in life, two ex-cons, one Black and one White, search for those responsible for killing their sons, who were a married couple.

**Nov. 17\*\*\*** *Knife* by Salman Rushdie -- In this memoir, bestselling and award-winning author Rushdie tells of his experience of being attacked by a knife-wielding would-be assassin while speaking onstage in 2022 in Chautauqua, New York.

**Dec. 15\*\*\*** *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge -- At age 105, Woodrow Wilson Nickel looks back on the adventurous trip he took in 1938, driving two giraffes cross country to their new home at the San Diego Zoo.

\*\*\* Meeting on date other than 4th Monday of the month

## The Monday Evening Group “The Night Readers”

- ◆ Meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., except where noted.
- ◆ Leader: Peer-led discussions

**The Night Readers meetings are free and open to the public, no registration or reservation is needed.**

**The Night Readers invite participants to bring their own dinners to the meetings, if they choose, to eat during the discussion.**

**Several meetings throughout the year are designated as “potluck” in which participants are invited to bring a dish to pass. Beverages are provided at each meeting.**

**To get a copy of the book being discussed:** Pick up a copy at the checkout desk. Library copies will be reserved in advance.

These titles *may* also be available as e-books or e-audiobooks through the Hoopla or Libby apps, which are free to use on your mobile device with your Milwaukee County Federated Library System library card. Please ask a librarian if you need help accessing these electronic versions of the selected books.

Another option is to purchase a copy at an area bookstore or online.

**Cancellations due to weather:** The Night Readers book discussion group meetings will be cancelled if the library closes, or if the leader of the group notifies the library that the group will not meet due to weather conditions.



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