

List of Books Recommended by Members for this year

These are all the wonderful-sounding books that we couldn't choose for various reasons...mostly that there are just so many! I did not repeat books already on the summer reading list.

The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner (historical fiction also partially set in the present)

The Great Dissenter by Peter Canellos (biography of John Marshall Harlan, supreme court justice)

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson (also a movie, death row innocence)

The Splendid and the Vile by Eric Larson (Churchill's first year as Prime Minister during Hitler's bombing campaign)

The 1619 Project by Nikole Hannah-Jones et al (18 essays exploring the legacy of slavery)

Hidden Valley Road by Robert Kolker (true story of a midcentury American family with 12 children, 6 diagnosed with schizophrenia)

The Library Book by Susan Orlean (nonfiction about the Los Angeles Public Library, its huge fire in 1986, and libraries and librarians in general)

Dinners with Ruth: a memoir of Friendship by Nina Totenberg (the author's friendship with RBG and the author's years as NPR correspondent)

Going There by Katie Couric (memoir)

Read Dangerously: The Subversive Power of Literature in Troubled Times by Azar Nafisi

The Princessa: Machiavelli for Women by Harriet Rubin (how to become powerful and have successful relationships without becoming a man)

Burning Questions: Essays and Occasional Pieces, 2004-2021 by Margaret Atwood
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah (WWII—Woman who led American and British pilots over the mountains to safety; will be a movie)

The Future is History: How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia by Masha Gessen
(how Russia surrendered to an invincible strain of autocracy in the last generation)

Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams (a historical novel about words that were deleted or omitted from the Oxford Dictionary by the men who worked on it)

Forgetting: The Benefits of not Remembering by Scott Small
Take my Hand by Dolen Perkins-Valdez (novel about a black nurse in post-segregation Alabama who “blows the whistle”)

The House of Special Purpose by John Boyne (novel set in the Russian Revolution and its aftermath)

The Coddling of the American Mind by Greg Lukianoff (about good intentions and bad ideas in education)