

# FALL READING CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS

## RECOMMEND:

<u>TITLE:</u>	<u>AUTHOR:</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>
<b>FICTION:</b>		
<u>Change of a Lifetime</u>	Jude Deveraux	
<u>The Right Time</u>	Danielle Steele	"I really liked how the main character overcame tragedy"
<u>Royal Kiss and Tell</u>	Julia London	
<u>The Confession Club</u>	Elizabeth Berg	"Interesting book but a little Difficult to follow w/ so many Individual stories"
<u>City of Girls</u>	Elizabeth Gilbert	"An enjoyable read about a privileged girl who finds her way in the world in NYC"
<u>The Westing Game</u>	Ellen Raskin	
<u>Skipping Christmas</u>	John Grisham	"Not recommended. Not his Usual caliber; attempt at comedy falls flat"
<u>A Woman is No Man</u>	Elaf Rum	"Very good!"
<b>NONFICTION:</b>		
<u>How Not to Die</u>	Michael Gregor	
<u>Crazy Rich: Power, Scandal &amp;Tragedy</u>	Jerry Oppenheimer	"Parts of this book were very interesting. I enjoyed the Early days of J&J..."
<u>Inside the Johnson&amp;Johnson Dynasty</u>		
<u>What Matters in Jane Austen</u>	John Mullan	"I want to re-read all of Jane now!"
<u>Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants</u>	Christopher Kline	"Exciting to think about what can be attracted to one's yard with the right plants!"
<u>The moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World</u>	Melinda Gates	
<u>5 Ingredients: Quick &amp; Easy Food</u>	Jamie Oliver	"Recipes are easy to read & follow. Most sounded very good and healthy. Some ingredients used were not common (umami paste or Korma curry paste)"

**HISTORICAL FICTION:**

Lost Roses

Martha Hall Kelly

“Didn’t the backdrop as much as Lilac Girls”

Miss Kopp Just Won’t Quit

Amy Stewart

“An engaging story about 3 sisters in early 20<sup>th</sup> century N.J.”

Slaughterhouse Five

Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

All the Light We Cannot See

Anthony Doerr

“Excellent”

A River in the Sky

Elizabeth Peters

“Such a fun series! Love it!”

Mount Vernon Love Story: A Novel of George & Martha Washington

Mary Higgins Clark

“Shows the human side of our 1<sup>st</sup> president by adding dialogue and daily details to well-known historical events.”

Mrs. Lincoln’s Sisters

Jennifer Chiaverini

“Discusses Mary Todd Lincoln’s very large family and their reactions to her placement in an asylum.”  
“This is an easy to read kid’s book about the 1970s. Great for daughters and granddaughters”

A Brighter Tomorrow

**BIOGRAPHY:**

J.R.R. Tolkien: The Making of a Legend

Colin Duriez

“Interesting to see how he developed his other worlds”

Lady Clementine

Marie Benedict

“Truly Amazing!”

Life of the Party: the remarkable story of how Brownie Wise built, and lost, a Tupperware Party Empire

Bob Kealing

“I recommend it. Brownie is an unsung hero for women in the business world.”

**MYSTERY:**A Study in Scarlett Women

Sherry Thomas

A Minute to Midnight

David Baldacci

"Baldacci is always good if like murder mysteries"

14<sup>th</sup> Deadly Sin (Women's Murder Club)

James Patterson

"Excellent series of 20 books! Follows the lives of 4 women; their jobs with near death experiences, their romances &amp; friendships"

The Cat Who Went Bananas

Lilian Jackson Braun

"Light, easy mysteries"

**THRILLER:**A Reasonable Doubt

Phillip Margolin

"OK. Confusing number of Characters"

A Better Man

Louise Penny

"Excellent!"

**AUTOBIOGRAPHY:**Late Migrations

Margaret Renkl

"Highly recommended"

Never Have Your Dog Stuffed

Alan Alda

"I had no idea that the star of MASH had such an amazing childhood"

Man's Search for Meaning

Viktor Frankl

Becoming

Michelle Obama

"A down-to-earth memoir that transitioned from living with a disabled dad in a too-small house with not much \$ in a starting-to-fail neighborhood to becoming an admired First Lady of the USA." An inspiring well written book.

Funny You Don't Look Autistic

Michael McCreary

"Five stars for this book about a stand up comic"

**FANTASY:**Time's Convert

Deborah Harkness

"I preferred the All Souls Trilogy that precedes this better"

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**POETRY:**How to Fly in Ten Thousand Easy Lessons

Barbara Kingsolver

**COMEDY:**Wow, No Thank You

Samantha Irby

"Irby survived a childhood full of difficulties yet emerged able to laugh at herself &amp; her life"

**FAIRY TALE:**The Magician's Nephew

C. S. Lewis

"Loved it!"

**DYSTOPIAN:**Severance

Ling Ma

"Depressing"

The Testaments

Margaret Atwood

"I liked it better than it's prequel The Handmaid's Tale because it had a more precise ending."**FOLKLORE:**Short and Tall Tales

Lillian Jackson Braun

"Folklore of fictional Moose County in the Cat Who books"**FANTASY:**Friends on the Other Side

Vera Strange

"It has a creepy ending in a good way."