

## Open Book Group (OBG) BOOKLIST FOR 2018-2019

Meets 9:00am Third Thursdays at First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, with coffee, tea & goodies; discussion begins at 9:30 am. ALL WELCOME (Book read or not!)

TITLE	AUTHOR	DATE	FACILITATOR	FOOD	NOTES
Ragman and other Cries of Faith	Walter Wangerin	20-Sep	Georgeanne Cusic	Sandy Borman	Interweaves vivid stories, deep meditations, and provocative allegories that together explore the power and meaning of love within an often inhumane urban landscape.
Abide with Me	Elizabeth Strout	18-Oct	Patty Brink	Karen Mitchell	A novel set in a small town in Maine--a minister struggles to regain his calling, his family, and his happiness in the wake of profound loss, while the community he has served must come to terms with its own strengths and failings.
Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life	Barbara Kingsolver	15-Nov	Bridget O'Brien	Need someone	The author and her family vow that, for one year, they'd only buy food raised in their own neighborhood, grow it themselves, or learn to live without it. Part memoir, part journalistic investigation--engaging & funny narrative.
How to Read the Bible and Still Be a Christian	John Crossan	20-Dec	Janet Wolfe	Bridget O'Brien	New Testament scholar grapples with Scripture's two conflicting visions of Jesus & God--one of a loving God, & one of a vengeful God--& explains how Christians can better understand these passages in a way that enriches their faith.
Pachinko	Min Jin Lee	17-Jan	Karen Mitchell	Sarah Hanson	Family saga - 4 generations of a poor Korean family, set in Korea and Japan & spanning 70 years, who survive & thrive, dealing with war, racism, immigration, hard work, chance, family struggles, identity, community & faith.
Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood	Trevor Noah	21-Feb	Laura Nelke	Lyn Zais	Memoir of growing up as the mixed race child of a single mother, living in poverty in deeply racist South Africa.
Born For Love: Why Empathy is Essential--and Endangered	Bruce D Perry & Maia Szalavitz	21-Mar	Sandy Borman	Need someone	Authors explore empathy's startling importance in human evolution & its significance for our children & our society.
Lincoln in the Bardo: A Novel	George Saunders	18-Apr	Sarah Hanson	Laura Nelke	Novel: Lincoln's beloved 11-year-old son Willie dies after an illness. Story unfolds in a graveyard over the course of a single night, narrated by a dazzling chorus of voices,
The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World	Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu	16-May	Pastor Laurie Brubaker Davis	Patty Brink	During an intense week together, they reflect on their lives & hardships to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering?