

Open Book Group (OBG) BOOKLIST FOR 2019-2020

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

TITLE	AUTHOR	DATE	FACILITATOR	NOTES
<i>Tiny Beautiful Things: Advice on Love and Life from Dear Sugar</i>		15-Aug	Bridget O'Brien	A fascinating blend of memoir and self-help. Using the pen name Sugar, Strayed replies to letters from readers. Parts memoir, self-help and essay collection, Strayed gathers together stunningly written pieces on everything from sex to love to the agonies of bereavement.
<i>The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World</i>	Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu	19-Sep	Pastor Laurie Brubaker	During an intense week together, the Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu reflect on their lives & hardships to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering?
<i>When Breath Becomes Air</i>	Paul Kalanithi	17-Oct	Patty Brink	A moving memoir by a young neurosurgeon faced with fighting late-stage lung cancer who attempts to answer the question "What makes a life worth living?" Written in 2 parts: his background & training; then his cancer fight and how a doctor learns to be a patient.
<i>Because God Loves Stories</i>	Steve Zeitlin	21-Nov	Laura Nelke	"Why were human beings created?" goes a traditional Jewish saying. "Because God loves stories." Folklorist Zeitlin assembles the work of 36 Jewish storytellers, each of whom spins tales that express his or her own distinctive visions of Jewish culture.
<i>Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church, and the Bible (2nd Ed.)</i>	M. Daniel Carroll R. (Rodas)	19-Dec	Janet Wolfe	An internationally recognized immigration expert helps readers think biblically about this divisive issue. As both a Guatemalan & an American, Carroll is able to empathize with both sides of the struggle & argues that each side has much to learn.
<i>News of the World</i>	Paulette Jiles	16-Jan	Sarah Hanson	Historical fiction: An elderly widower who has lived through 3 wars & fought in 2 of them agrees to transport a 10-year-old girl, captive for 4 years among the Kiowa, back to her people, 400 miles through unsettled Southwest territory, and the bond of trust that develops.
<i>Almost Everything: Notes on Hope</i>	Anne Lamott	20-Feb	Bridget O'Brien	As Lamott veers from the intensely personal to the philosophical, highlighting some of the ways joy and pain are close companions in life, she candidly discusses her journey to finding hope.
<i>Educated: A Memoir</i>	Tara Westover	19-Mar	Karen Mitchell	How a young woman grew up living off-the-grid, with no education, in a world where violence is part of every-day life, and the potent power of education to haul oneself out.
<i>Love: What Life Is All About</i>	Leo F. Buscaglia	16-Apr	Marilyn Graham	A treasured archive of collected experiences and well-thought-out, readable chapters about love. It's about you--& about everybody who has ever reached out to touch the heart of another.
<i>A Place for Us: A Novel</i>	Fatima Farheen Mirza	21-May	Theone Neumann	The family is Muslim, with immigrant parents and American-born children. Follows their struggles adjusting to life in the U.S., some of the children chafing under the strictures of custom and religion; often the family problems are very relateable, as universal.
<i>Choosing next year's books</i>	Both Fiction & Non-Fiction	4-Jun	Everyone	Attend and bring up to 3 books to review and choose from; or send Janet your recommendation of a book you'd be interested in reading & leading