

Adult Nonfiction Book Discussion Kits

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TITLE	AUTHOR	SUBJECTS
13th Gift	Joanne Huist Smith	Christmas/miracles/kindness/families
84 Charing Cross Road	Helene Hanff	booksellers/correspondence
1491	Charles Mann	Native American/history/archaeology
American Heiress	Jeffrey Toobin	biography/Patty Hearst/heiresses/kidnapping/bank robbery
Animal Vegetable Miracle	Barbara Kingsolver	memoir/farming/agriculture
Ava's Man	Rick Bragg	biography/Charles Bundrum/depression/South
Bettyville	George Hodgman	memoir/gay men/aging parents/Paris, Missouri
Between the World and Me	Ta-Nehisi Coates	memoir/African American/race relations
Bitter Brew	William Knoedelseder	biography/Busch family/history/Anheuser Busch/St. Louis
Black Man in a White Coat	Damon Tweedy	memoir/African American/physicians/discrimination
Bookseller of Kabul	Asne Seierstad	biography/Sultan Khan/Afghanistan/bookselling
Boys in the Boat	Daniel James Brown	biography/rowing/Olympic Games/1936 Berlin
Catherine the Great	Robert Massie	biography/Catherine II/Russia/history/royalty
Color of Water	James McBride	biography/Ruth McBride Jordan/African American/interracial families
Dead Wake	Erik Larson	history/WWI/Lusitania/shipwrecks
Death of a King	Tavis Smiley	biography/MLK Jr./civil rights/African American/history
Destiny of the Republic	Candice Millard	biography/James Garfield/medicine/history
Eighty-Dollar Champion	Elizabeth Letts	biography/animals/horses/horse trainers/sports
Empire of the Summer Moon	S.C. Gwynne	history/Comanche Indians
Empty Mansions	Bill Dedman/Paul Clark Newell Jr.	biography/Huguette Clark/recluses/homes
Evidence of Murder	Bill McClellan	St. Louis/history/true crime
Extraordinary Ordinary People	Condoleezza Rice	autobiography/African American/Alabama
Five Days at Memorial	Sheri Fink	Hurricane Katrina/disasters/Memorial Medical Center/history
For the Sake of All	Wash. U/Missouri Foundation for Health	African American/race/medical care/poverty
Founding Mothers	Cokie Roberts	history/women
Friday Night Lights	H.G. Bissinger	football/Odessa, TX/movie
Galileo's Daughter	Dava Sobel	biography/Galileo/astronomy
George Washington's Secret Six	Brian Kilmeade & Don Yaeger	history/spies/military intelligence
Ghost Boy	Martin Pistorius	memoir/science/locked-in syndrome
Girl in the Dark	Anna Lyndsey	memoir/science/photosensitivity disorder
Girls from Ames	Jeffrey Zaslow	biography/women/friendship
Glass Castle	Jeannette Walls	memoir/alcoholism/West Virginia
Grandma Gatewood's Walk	Ben Montgomery	biography/Emma Rowena Caldwell Gatewood/Appalachian Trail/hikers/women conservationists/history
Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure	Matthew Algeo	biography/Harry Truman/travel
Hero of the Empire	Candice Millard	biography/Winston Churchill/South African War/prisoners of war
Hidden Figures	Margot Lee Shetterly	biography/African American mathematicians/women mathematicians/NASA

Hillbilly Elegy	J.D. Vance	memoir/sociological/Appalachia/poverty/working class whites
I Am Malala	Malala Yousafzai	autobiography/young women/education/children's rights/Pakistan
Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Rebecca Skloot	biography/Henrietta Lacks/cancer/African American/science
In Cold Blood	Truman Capote	murder/true crime/movie
In Order to Live	Yeonmi Park	memoir/North Korea/refugees
In the Garden of Beasts	Erik Larson	biography/William Edward Dodd/history/Germany
In the Kingdom of Ice	Hampton Sides	history/shipwrecks/Arctic Ocean/survival
In the President's Secret Service	Ronald Kessler	history/Secret Service
Into Thin Air	Jon Krakauer	autobiography/Mt. Everest/movie
Invisible Thread	Laura Schroff	biography/Maurice Mazyck/friendship/African American
It Takes a Village Idiot	Jim Mullen	memoir/country life/New York/humor
It's What I Do: a Photographer's Life of Love & War	Lynsey Addario	memoir/photojournalism/Afghanistan
Life & Times of the Thunderbolt Kid	Bill Bryson	memoir/Bill Bryson/humor
Lost City of Z	David Grann	travel/Amazon/exploration
Messages from My Father	Calvin Trillin	biography/Abe Trillin/Kansas City/Russian Americans
Mississippi Solo	Eddy L. Harris	biography/Eddy L. Harris/Mississippi River/canoeing/African Americans
Monuments Men	Robert M. Edsel	history/WWII/Germany/art/movie
My Life in France	Julia Child	memoir/cooking/France
Nothing to Envy	Barbara Demick	Korea/socio-economic factors
Olivia's Story	Jeffrey S. Copeland	Shelley vs. Kraemer/Missouri/civil rights/African Americans
Oregon Trail	Rinker Buck	Oregon National Historic Trail/pioneer life/travel writing/West
Pearl Buck in China	Hilary Spurling	biography/Pearl S. Buck/China/women's rights
Rainbow Comes and Goes	Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt	biography/Anderson Cooper/Gloria Vanderbilt/correspondence/mothers and sons
River of Doubt	Candice Millard	biography/Teddy Roosevelt/Amazon/exploration
Rosemary: the Hidden Kennedy Daughter	Kate Clifford Larson	biography/Rosemary Kennedy/disabilities/lobotomies
Secret History of Wonder Woman	Jill Lepore	comic book characters/superheroines/feminism/American history
Short & Tragic Life of Robert Peace	Jeff Hobbs	biography/Robert Peace/violence/drugs/African American
Stan Musial: an American Life	George Vecsey	biography/Stan Musial/baseball/St. Louis Cardinals
Stitches	David Small	memoir/graphic novel/cancer survivors/family relationships
Things I Should Have Told My Daughter	Pearl Cleage	memoir/love/African American/women
This Time Together	Carol Burnett	memoir/humor/comediennes
Thousand Days in Venice	Marlena De Blasi	biography/Italy/travel
Thunderstruck	Erik Larson	true crime/history/murder/telegraph
Travels with Charley	John Steinbeck	autobiography/travel/race relations/dogs
Two Old Women	Velma Wallis	folklore/Alaska/Native Americans
Unbroken	Laura Hillenbrand	biography/Louis Zamperini/WWII/prisoners of war/Olympic running/movie
Underground Girls of Kabul	Jenny Nordberg	Afghanistan/gender roles/women
Waiting for Snow in Havana	Carlos Eire	memoir/Cuba/Cuban revolution/refugees
Walk in the Woods	Bill Bryson	memoir/travel writing/humor/Appalachian Trail/narrative/movie
When Books Went to War	Molly Guptill Manning	history/WWII/books/literature in war
When Breath Becomes Air	Paul Kalanithi	biography/lung cancer/neurosurgeons/terminal illness
Wild	Cheryl Strayed	memoir/travel/Pacific Crest Trail/grief/movie
Witches: Salem, 1692	Stacy Schiff	history/witchcraft/Salem, Massachusetts
Worst Hard Time	Timothy Egan	depression/farmers/history/Great Plains
Wright Brothers	David McCullough	biography/Orville Wright/Wilbur Wright/history/aeronautics
Zookeeper's Wife	Diane Ackerman	history/WWII/Poland/Holocaust/movie