

A is for Alibi – Sue Grafton

The wife of a hated divorce lawyer becomes the main suspect in his murder and hires private detective, Kinsey Millhone, to find the real killer. (Aug 2007)

And Then There Were None – Agatha Christie

When ten people arrive on private Indian Island off England's southwest coast, lured to a mansion by invitations from a mysterious host, terror mounts as one guest after another is murdered. (Jul 2007)

The Beekeeper's Apprentice – Laurie R. King*

When Mary Russell meets famous detective Sherlock Holmes, she discovers that he is also a beekeeper. Soon she finds herself on the trail of kidnappers and discovers a plot to kill both Holmes and herself. (Sep 2007)

The Book Thief – Markus Zusak

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors. (Dec 2009)

Catch Me if You Can – Frank W. Abagnale, Jr.

{364.I ABAGNALE}*

A former confidence man and master impostor recounts his crimes, captures, escapes, and imprisonment, in a firsthand account of his international exploits. (Aug 2009)

Tell No One – Harlan Coben*

It's been eight years since Dr. David Beck's wife, Elizabeth, was murdered by a serial killer. When Beck receives a message containing a phrase only Elizabeth should know, he falls apart. Either someone is playing a sick joke, or his wife is still alive. After being warned to tell no one, Beck sets out in a desperate search which leads him toward a deadly secret. (Oct 2007)

The Shadow of the Wind – Carlos Ruiz Zafon*

A boy named Daniel selects a novel from a library of rare books, enjoying it so much that he searches for the rest of the author's works, only to discover that someone is destroying every book the author has ever written. (May 2009)

The Road – Cormac McCarthy*

In a novel set in an indefinite, futuristic, post-apocalyptic world, a father and his young son make their way through the ruins of a devastated American landscape, struggling to survive and preserve the last remnants of their own humanity. (Jan 2008)

Reading Lolita in Tehran – Azar Nafisi

{821 NAFISI}

The author describes growing up in the Islamic Republic of Iran and the group of young women who came together at her home in secret every Thursday to read and discuss great books of Western literature. (Nov 2008)

The Maltese Falcon – Dashiell Hammett*

A murder involves Sam Spade in a dangerous search for a valuable statue. (Mar 2009)

Two-Minute Rule – Robert Crais

Devastated by the murder of his estranged police officer son on the day of his own release from prison, former bank robber Max Holman launches a renegade investigation and discovers that the chief suspect is being wrongfully targeted by the LAPD. (Nov 2007)



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TFPL Book Club

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Since its inception in July of 2007, the TFPL Book Club has read a diverse range of books, including mysteries, westerns, science-fiction, and classics. Listed here are the titles we have chosen during this time.

* Titles are available in our BOOK CLUB KITS for check out for your Book Club.

Annotations are courtesy of NoveList Plus. Check out NoveList Plus, part of the TFPL databases, for more book information.

The Eight – Katherine Neville

A young novice during the French Revolution risks her life to keep a jeweled chess set that Moors gave Charlemagne, and in the 20th century, a computer expert and a chess master try to solve its mystery. (Jul 2008)

The Faith Club – Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver,

Priscilla Warner {201.5 IDLIBY}*

Traces how three American women of different faiths worked together to understand one another while identifying the connections between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, during which they openly discussed the issues that divided them. (Feb 2009)

The Giver – Lois Lowry

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. (Dec 2008)

Heart-Shaped Box – Joe Hill

A collector of obscure and macabre artifacts, unscrupulous metal band musician Judas Coyne is unable to resist purchasing a ghost over the Internet, which turns out to be the vengeful spirit of his late girlfriend's stepfather. (Oct 2008)

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Douglas Adams

Chronicles the off-beat and occasionally extraterrestrial journeys, notions, and acquaintances of galactic traveler Arthur Dent. (Jun 2008)

Into Thin Air – Jon Krakauer

{796.522 KRAKAUER}

The author describes his spring 1996 trek to Mt. Everest, a disastrous expedition that claimed the lives of eight climbers, and explains why he survived. (Feb 2008)

The Joy Luck Club – Amy Tan*

Encompassing two generations and a rich blend of Chinese and American history, the story of four struggling, strong women also reveals their daughter's memories and feelings. (Jun 2009)

Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded

Simon Winchester {959.8022 WINCHESTER}*

Considers the global impact of the 1883 eruption of the Krakatoa volcano, documenting its cause of an immense tsunami that killed 40,000 people, its impact on the weather for several years, and its role in anti-Western Islamic fundamentalism. (Nov 2009)

The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid

Bill Bryson {921 BRYSON}*

The author describes his all-American childhood growing up as a member of the baby boom generation in the heart of Iowa, detailing his rich fantasy life as a superhero known as the Thunderbolt Kid and his remarkably normal 1950s family life. (Aug 2008)

The Lincoln Lawyer – Michael Connelly

Representing some unsavory characters in his work as a defense lawyer, Mickey Haller takes on his first high-paying and possibly innocent client in years, but finds the case complicated by events that suggest a particularly evil perpetrator. (Oct 2009)

The Lost Madonna – Kelly Jones*

Returning to Florence, Suzanne Cunningham is determined to find out what happened to a priceless painting from her past, and to the man who forever changed her destiny. (Jul 2009)

My Antonia – Willa Cather

Antonia works as a servant for her neighbors after her father's death, elopes, and then returns to marry a Bohemian farmer. (Mar 2008)

The Moon in Our Hands – Thomas Dyja*

Recruited in 1918 to work for the NAACP, Walter White--a lightskinned African-American man who can pass for white--is sent undercover to investigate a lynching, all the while confronted with personal issues of identity. (Sep 2008)

My Sister's Keeper – Jodi Picoult*

Conceived to provide a bone marrow match for her leukemia-stricken sister, teenage Anna begins to question her moral obligations in light of countless medical procedures and decides to fight for the right to make decisions about her own body. (May 2008)

Olive Kitteridge – Elizabeth Strout

At the edge of the continent, in the small town of Crosby, Maine, lives Olive Kitteridge, a retired schoolteacher who deplores the changes in her town and in the world at large but doesn't always recognize the changes in those around her. (Sep 2009)

Open Range – Luran Paine*

Since the citizens of Harmonville dislike open range cattlemen, they look the other way when their marshal is involved with the killings of two of Boss Spearman's cattlemen, and Spearman has to achieve justice for himself. (Jan 2009)

PS, I Love You – Cecilia Ahern

Holly has always depended on her husband's practical advice to keep her going and despairs when she loses him to brain cancer, until a package arrives filled with advice for carrying on with her life without her beloved husband. (Apr 2008)

Daisy Fay and the Miracle Man – Fannie Flagg*

Daisy Fay Harper turns 17 during the 1950s, and her experiences evoke the time in the deep South of strapless net evening gowns and Red Ryder. (Apr 2009)