

Main Library Book Discussion Group Schedule 2020
Everett Public Library



Main Library, 2702 Hoyt Avenue, Everett, WA 98201

All are welcome—no registration needed!

We meet the Third Monday of each month.

(Fourth Mondays in January and February. This group does not meet in December.)

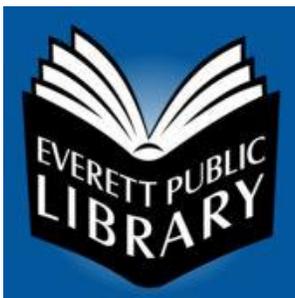
11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.—Main Library Training Room, 2nd Floor



- Jan 27, 2020** **AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE** | Tayari Jones | fiction, 308pp. Newlyweds Celestial and Roy, the living embodiment of the New South, are settling into the routine of their life together when Roy is sent to prison for a crime he didn't commit. When her husband's sentence is suddenly overturned, Celestial encounters unexpected challenges in resuming her life. An insightful look into the lives of people who are bound and separated by forces beyond their control. **Join Jones as she talks about the book Feb 15 at the Everett Performing Arts Center for Everett Reads!**
- Feb 24, 2020** **HOW TO CHANGE YOUR MIND: WHAT THE NEW SCIENCE OF PSYCHEDELICS TEACHES US ABOUT CONSCIOUSNESS, DYING, ADDICTION, DEPRESSION, AND TRANSCENDENCE** | Michael Pollan | non-fiction, 465pp. A trip well worth taking, eye-opening and even mind-blowing. Noted culinary writer Pollan (*Cooked: A Natural History of Transformation*, 2013, etc.) makes the transition from feeding your body to feeding your head.
- Mar 16, 2020** **LIFE AND OTHER INCONVENIENCES** | Kristan Higgins | fiction, 428pp. As her teenage daughter endures bullying from her former best friends, Emma gets a call from her rich grandmother—who threw her out when she became pregnant and hasn't spoken to her since—asking them to spend time with her before she dies. Funny, heart-wrenching, insightful, and lovely.
- Apr 20, 2020** **QUEEN VICTORIA: TWENTY-FOUR DAYS THAT CHANGED HER LIFE** | Lucy Worsley | non-fiction, 421pp. An utterly enjoyable account of the queen who defied convention and defined an era. The Chief Curator of Historic Royal Palaces in England shares her unique access to treat us to a delightful story from the inside.
- May 18, 2020** **INLAND** | Téa Obreht | fiction, 374pp. A frontier tale dazzles with camels and wolves and two characters who never quite meet. Obreht cuts her new story from a mythmaking swatch of the Arizona Territory in 1893. The final, luminous chapter is six pages that will take your breath away. A bracingly epic and imaginatively mythic journey across the American West.
- June 15, 2020** **THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK** | Kim Michele Richardson | fiction, 308pp. A unique story about Appalachia and the healing power of the written word. One of Kentucky's last living "Blue People" works as a traveling librarian in 1930s Appalachia. A hauntingly atmospheric love letter to the first mobile library in Kentucky and the fierce, brave packhorse librarians who wove their way from shack to shack dispensing literacy, hope, and — just as importantly — a compassionate human connection.

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- July 20, 2020 EDISON** | | Edmund Morris | non-fiction, 783pp. From Pulitzer Prize-winning author Edmund Morris comes a revelatory new biography of Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931), the most prolific genius in American history.
- Aug 17, 2020 DEAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS** | Julie Schumacher | fiction, 180pp. A disgruntled English professor pours out his hopes, affections and frustrations in an interconnected series of hilarious recommendation letters, each one of which is a small masterpiece of high dudgeon, low spirits, and passive-aggressive strategies. Truth is stranger than fiction in this acid satire of the academic doldrums. A Best Book of the Year: NPR and Boston Globe.
- Sept 21, 2020 THE LIBRARY BOOK** | Susan Orlean | non-fiction, 319pp. An engaging, casual history of librarians and libraries and a famous one that burned down. It's the story of the Los Angeles Public Library, poet Charles Bukowski's "wondrous place," and what happened to it on April 29, 1986: It burned down. This dazzling love letter to a beloved institution is also an investigation into one of its greatest mysteries.
- Oct 19, 2020 OLIVE, AGAIN** | Elizabeth Strout | fiction, 289pp. The thorny matriarch of Crosby, Maine, makes a welcome return. As in Strout's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Olive Kitteridge* (2008, etc.), the formidable title character is always a presence but not always onstage in these 13 interconnected tales of loneliness, loss, and love in its many flawed incarnations. Beautifully written and alive with compassion, at times almost unbearably poignant. A thrilling book in every way.
- Nov 16, 2020 THE STRANGER IN THE WOODS** | Michael Finkel | non-fiction, 203pp. This is a journalist's account of a Massachusetts man who lived alone in the woods of Maine for 27 years, not out of anger at the world, but simply because he preferred to live a life of solitude and self-sufficiency. A remarkable true story.
- Dec 2020** No meeting in December. See you in 2021!



NOTE: "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek," "Dear Committee Members," and "Olive, Again," are available for book group hold starting Mar 1, 2020. Go to KitKeeper on epls.org to request and schedule Book Group kits online.

For more information, please call 425-257-8000 ML Reference Desk or Librarian Joyce Hansen / JHansen@everettwa.gov / 425-257-7659 1/6/2020