



Briarcliff Manor Public Library
with the Westchester Great Books Council
Contemporary Fiction
by Award-Winning Authors

Book Discussion Series #39
Fall 2020

Attention all readers! Are you looking for a book discussion of thought-provoking and well written books? Then, join us on Wednesday evenings for our Contemporary Fiction by Award-Winning Authors discussion series. Skilled leaders will help participants explore and interpret novels by today's award-winning authors. Gain new insights into these books through lively conversations with other inquisitive readers.

Our Fall 2020 selections are described below. Library copies are available to pick up one month in advance of each discussion -- or you may purchase your own book. These titles can also be downloaded from one of the library's free eBook services. It is recommended to have a copy of the book with you during the discussion. Mark your calendars and tell a friend. New members are always welcome!

Wednesday, September 16: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

***The Nickel Boys* by Colin Whitehead (2020 Pulitzer Prize Winner in Fiction)**

As the Civil Rights movement begins to reach the black enclave of Frenchtown in segregated Tallahassee, Elwood Curtis takes the words of Dr. Martin Luther King to heart: He is "as good as anyone." Abandoned by his parents, but kept on the straight and narrow by his grandmother, Elwood is about to enroll in the local black college. But for a black boy in the Jim Crow South of the early 1960s, one innocent mistake is enough to destroy the future.

Wednesday, October 14: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

***Forest Dark* by Nicole Krauss (Best Book of 2017 Times Literary Supplement)**

Giving away all of his personal possessions after retiring, a once-ambitious man embarks on a journey to honor his parents in Israel, where a blocked writer is drawn into a mystery that alters her life in unimaginable ways.

Wednesday, November 18: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

***A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende (National Book Foundation 2018 Lifetime Achievement)**

In the late 1930s, civil war gripped Spain. When General Franco and his Fascists succeed in overthrowing the government, hundreds of thousands are forced to flee in a treacherous journey over the mountains to the French border. Among them is Roser, a pregnant young widow, who finds her life irreversibly intertwined with that of Victor Dalmau...Over the course of their lives, they will face test after test. But they will also find joy as they wait patiently for a day when they are exiles no more.

(Descriptions from WLS online catalog)

Discussions are expected to be virtual via Zoom but subject to change. We look forward to another series of lively and stimulating discussions!

Registration is required by email to Shelley Glick at sglick@wlsmail.org.

For more information, please call the library at 914-941-7072 or visit our website.