

Book List for July – December 2024

JULY 2024: “Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus

AUGUST 2024: Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson

Novel - family saga in 1960's Caribbean to present day Southern California. **382 pages**
Recommended by Jill Wien Badger

SEPTEMBER 2024: “Light on Snow” by Anita Shreve

What makes a family? That's what twelve year old Nicky Dillon wonders after she and her widowed father discover a wailing abandoned baby in the snow-filled woods near their New Hampshire home **337 pages** Recommended by Ruth Derisi

OCTOBER 2024: TWO NOVELLAS BY CLAIR KEEGAN

“Foster” 128 Pages

“Small things Like These” 133 pages

Recommended by Marilyn Bintz

NOVEMBER 2024: “THE ELEPHANT WHISPERER” by Lawrence Anthony

Non-fiction, Recounts Anthony's struggles and successes in acclimating a traumatized group of elephants to his 5,000-acre Thula Game Reserve in South Africa. **368 pages**
Recommended by fern Siegel

DECEMBER 2024: “THE LIONS OF FIFTH AVENUE” by Fiona Davis **368 pages recommended by Marilyn Bintz**

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Here are the other books that were include in the vote in case you want to read on your own or suggest for our bookclub in future.

Recommended by Jill Wien Badger

The Women by Kristin Hannah . 480 pages

Recommended by Connie Vickers

Giant by Edna Ferber - Novel - - (1952) basis of Movie Giant . Sweeping generational tale of power, love, cattle barons, and oi tycoons set in Texas during the first half of the twentieth century. 432 pages

The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See, historical novel , (Set on the Korean Island of Jeju, The book follows Mi-ja and Young-Sook, two girls from very different backgrounds, as they begin working in the sea with their village's all-female diving collective . See introduces the reader to the unique and unexplained culture of female diving. 365 pages

Recommended by Roxanne Kelley

1.Demon Copperhead by Barbarba Kingsolver, Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, Demon Copperhead is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. 548 pages

2. Eleanor by David Michaelis A stunning portrait of Eleanor Roosevelt, America's longest-serving First Lady, an avatar of democracy whose ever expanding agency as

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diplomat, activist, and humanitarian made her one of the world's most widely admired and influential women, (548 pages – 720 pages)

Recommended by Ruth Derisi

1. **The Bridge of San Luis Rey by Thornton Wilder**, Tells the story of five people who plunge to death when the Incan rope bridge they are walking on collapses

Recommended by Bill Derisi

“Elon Musk” an authorized biography of American business magnate and SpaceX/Tesla CEO 688 pages

“Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity”, by Peter Attia, MD Science non fiction 560 pages

Recommended by Maggie Drohan

Clash of Civilization Over an Elevator in Piazza Vittorio L A Novel by Amara Lakhous (Author) Ann Goldstein (Translator) 144 pages ?

The immigrant tenants of a building in Rome offer skewed accounts of a murder in this prize-winning satire by the Algerian-born Italian author (*Publishers Weekly*).

Recommended by Renee Drozdowski.

“Killers of A Certain Age” by Deanna Rayburn This book focuses on an elite group of women in their 50's who have been successful assassins for decades. Retirement isn't exactly in their blood. Now the tales have been turned on them and the organization that trained them to be expert killers wants each of the four of them dead. 368 pages

“The Jerusalem Assassin” by Joel C. Rosenberg, A Marcus Ryker Series Political and Military Action thriller; book 3. President Andrew Clarke is determined to announce his historic peace plan from the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. But when senior American

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officials who support the plan begin violently dying, Clarke orders Ryker and his team of CIA operatives to hunt down those responsible and bring the killing spree to an end.

484 pages

Recommended by Brian V.

1. "Alchemist" by Paul Coelho 208 pages

2. "10,000 leagues under the Sea" by Jules Verne 413 pages