



Book choices for August/September 2021

We are delighted to introduce you to our next round of recommendations for our Book Club - thanks to everyone who has contributed your thoughts and ideas.

Don't forget, you can access these books in paper or hardback copy, on Kindle or other electronic device or via Audible if you prefer. We've tried to go for ones that are easily accessible but please remember you don't have to read or review all three.

The first suggestion is our non-fiction choice:

The Splendid and the Vile – Erik Larsen

A Saga of Churchill, Family and Defiance During the Blitz

Every time Churchill took to the airwaves it was as if he were injecting adrenaline-soaked courage directly into the British people ... Larson tells the story of how that feat was accomplished ... Fresh, fast and deeply moving.'
New York Times

Our first novel is a funny and sad book with good reviews:

In the Dark by Deborah Moggach

From the bestselling author of *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*

1916. Pretty Eithne Clay runs a ramshackle South London boarding house with the help of her teenage son, Ralph, and their maid, Winnie. Struggling to keep herself, her lodgers, and her son going as everyday life vanishes in the face of war, Eithne's world is transformed by the arrival of Mr Turk, the virile, carnal, carnivorous local butcher who falls passionately in love with her. As the house bursts to life with the electricity – metaphorical and real – he brings, dark secrets come to light

Our last suggestion also with more mixed reviews is:

Meeting the English by Kate Clanchy

In response to an advertisement, Struan Robertson, orphan, genius, and just seventeen, leaves his dour native town in Scotland, and arrives in London in the of summer of 1989. His job is to care for playwright and one-time literary star Phillip Prys, dumbfounded and paralyzed by a massive stroke, because, though Phillip's two teenage children, two wives, and a literary agent all rattle 'round his large house, they are each too busy with their peculiar obsessions to do it themselves. As the city bakes, Struan finds himself tangled in a midsummer's dream of mistaken identity, giddy property prices, wild swimming, and overwhelming passions. For everyone, it is to be a life-changing summer.

If you are not already a member of the book club, you can join by registering your interest with:-

Sherry sherry.smith2@nhs.net or Debbie debbie.arnold4@nhs.net in Central Office or by calling them on 01305 361317.

We look forward to receiving your comments back by 24th September and we will publish them soon afterwards.

Happy reading!!

Sherry, Debbie and Lucia