

Book choices for January/February 2023

We are delighted to introduce you to our next round of recommendations for our Book Club.

We are recommending 2 fiction and 1 non fiction. If you only read one book we still want to hear from you.

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.

Our choices for this round are:

Non-Fiction

Taste (My Life Through Food) by Stanley Tucci

From award-winning actor and food obsessive Stanley Tucci comes an intimate and charming memoir of life in and out of the kitchen.

Before Stanley Tucci became a household name with *The Devil Wears Prada*, *The Hunger Games* and the perfect Negroni, he grew up in an Italian American family that spent every night around the table. He shared the magic of those meals with us in *The Tucci Cookbook* and *The Tucci Table*, and now he takes us beyond the recipes and into the stories behind them.

Taste is a reflection on the intersection of food and life, filled with anecdotes about growing up in Westchester, New York, preparing for and filming the foodie films *Big Night* and *Julie & Julia*, falling in love over dinner and teaming up with his wife to create conversation-starting meals for their children. Each morsel of this gastronomic journey through good times and bad, five-star meals and burnt dishes, is as heartfelt and delicious as the last.

Written with Stanley's signature wry humour and nostalgia, *Taste* is a heartwarming story that will be irresistible for anyone who knows the power of a home-cooked meal.

Fiction

The French House by Jacquie Bloese

Freedom worth fighting for. Love worth waiting for.

In Nazi-occupied Guernsey, the consequences of making the wrong decision can be deadly....

Left profoundly deaf after an accident, Émile is no stranger to isolation—or heartbreak. Now, as Nazi planes loom over Guernsey, he senses life is about to change forever.

A Terrible Kindness by Jo Browning Wroe

Nineteen-year-old William's decision to volunteer at the tragic scene of the 1966 Aberfan landslide transforms his life forever in this moving story about sacrifice and compassion.

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 2nd March and we will publish them soon afterwards.

Happy reading!!

Sherry, Debbie and Lucia