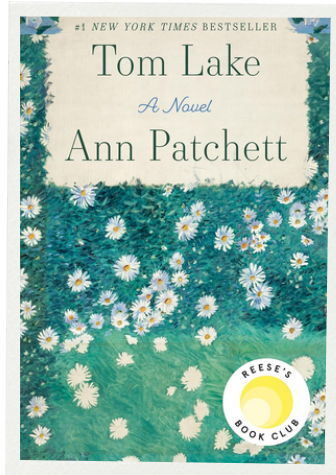




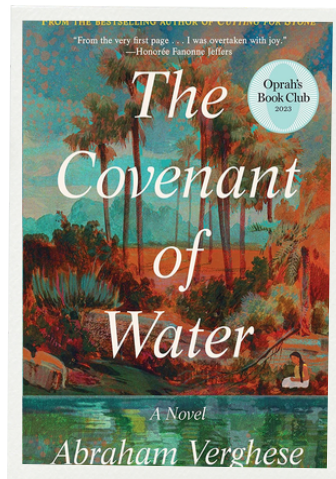
It's time to think about our 2024 book selections for the Tuesday Night Book Group. Here are some ideas to start us out. . but please send your ideas to me via email or at our next meeting.

New Books Trending with Groups



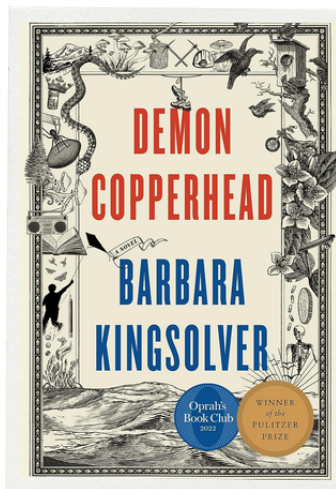
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett (2023)

In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at the local theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew. Movie Pairing Idea: Our Town based on the play by Thornton Wilder.



The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese (2023)

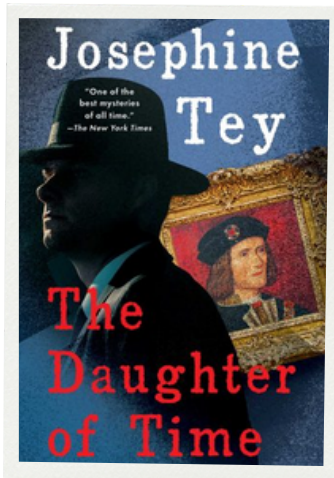
Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, The Covenant of Water is set in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast. It follows three generations of a family with a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning—and in Kerala, water is everywhere. At the turn of the century, a twelve-year-old girl from Kerala's long-existing Christian community is sent by boat to her wedding, where she will meet her forty-year-old husband for the first time. From this unforgettable new beginning, she will witness unthinkable changes over the span of her extraordinary life, full of joy and triumph as well as hardship and loss. Her faith and love are the only constants.



Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver (2022)

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. Relayed in his own unsparing voice, Demon braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Through all of it, he reckons with his own invisibility in a popular culture where even the superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of cities. Movie/Book pairing: David Copperfield.

Off the Beaten Path



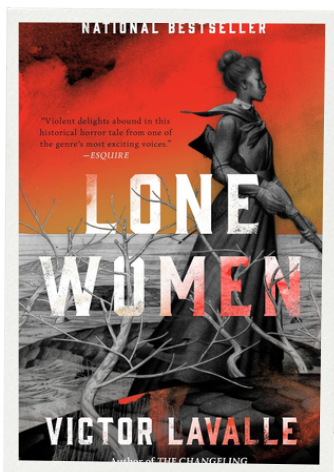
The Daughter of Time by Josephine Tey (1951)

Inspector Alan Grant of Scotland Yard, recuperating from a broken leg, becomes fascinated with a contemporary portrait of Richard III that bears no resemblance to the Wicked Uncle of history. Could such a sensitive, noble face actually belong to one of the world's most heinous villains—a venomous hunchback who may have killed his brother's children to make his crown secure? Or could Richard have been the victim, turned into a monster by the usurpers of England's throne? Grant determines to find out once and for all, with the help of the British Museum and an American scholar, what kind of man Richard Plantagenet really was and who killed the Little Princes in the Tower. Movie: Shakespeare's Richard III



Once and Future Witches (2020)

Estranged for years, the sisters are brought back together by a seemingly unnatural force. Could it have been witchcraft? No, for there has been no magic (and therefore no witches) since the Purge. When one of the sisters unknowingly calls forth a mythic tower known only from fairy tales, it's proof that magic lives once more. As women of the town march for their right to vote, the Eastwood sisters are witching to regain even more rights for women. But every fairy tale has a villain, and this one will do whatever it takes to end witching once and for all. Using magic as a metaphor for women's rights, this novel cleverly connects the dots between the suffragist movement of the past to the Me Too movement of today.



Lone Women by Victor Lavalle (2023)

The year is 1915, and Adelaide is in trouble. Her secret sin killed her parents, forcing her to flee California in a hellfire rush and make her way to Montana as a homesteader. Dragging the trunk with her at every stop, she will become one of the "lone women" taking advantage of the government's offer of free land for those who can tame it—except that Adelaide isn't alone. And the secret she's tried so desperately to lock away might be the only thing that will help her survive the harsh territory.

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