JOIN US.

PPL’s Brown Bag Book Club meets monthly on the last Tuesday (except where noted *) from 12 - 1 pm in the Resident Lounge at One Regency Plaza directly behind the Library (during our renovation).

The member-chosen titles include classic and contemporary fiction, nonfiction and a group trip to Trinity Rep Theater in Providence (date TBA) to see their production of Sweat by Lynn Nottage (winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Drama).

Copies of each month’s selection will be made available for check-out by club members at PPL’s temporary Information Services desk in the Rhode Island Room before the meeting.

For more information, please call Book Club Coordinator Bonnie Lilienthal at 401-455-8025 or email blilienthal@provlib.org

We should read to give our souls a chance to luxuriate.
— Henry Miller

2019 - 2020 Selections

Meeting at Noon the last Tuesday of every month.
September 24, 2019  
**My Own Words** — by Ruth Bader Ginsburg
The *New York Times* bestselling book from Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a comprehensive look inside her brilliantly analytical, entertainingly wry mind, revealing the fascinating life of one of our generation’s most influential voices in both law and public opinion.

October 29, 2019  
**A Sight for Sore Eyes** — by Ruth Rendell
Connected by strands of chance, three peoples’ lives intersect in the strangest of ways as they are on a journey that will bring them to each other -- and to a beautiful ivy-covered home with at least one dead body in the basement....

November 26, 2019  
**God, War and Providence: the Epic Struggle of Roger Williams and the Narragansett Indians against the Puritans of New England** — by James Warren
The tragic and fascinating history of the first epic struggle between white settlers and Native Americans in the early seventeenth century: “a riveting historical validation of emancipatory impulses frustrated in their own time.” *(Booklist starred review)*

December 17, 2019  
**One with Others: a Little Book of Her Days** — by C.D. Wright
In this National Book Award finalist and National Book Critics Circle Award finalist, C.D. Wright returns to her native Arkansas and examines explosive incidents grounded in the Civil Rights Movement. Honored in “Best Books of the Year” listings from *The New Yorker*, National Public Radio, *Library Journal*, and *The Huffington Post*.

January 28, 2020  
**Map of the World** — by Jane Hamilton
From the author of the widely acclaimed *The Book of Ruth* comes a harrowing, heartbreaking drama about a rural American family and a disastrous event that forever changes their lives.

February 25, 2020  
**Rising! Dispatches from the New American Shore** — by Elizabeth Rush
A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in general nonfiction, *Rising!* is hailed as “deeply felt” (*New York Times*), “a revelation” (*Pacific Standard*), and “the book on climate change and sea levels that was missing” (*Chicago Tribune*). *Rising* is both a highly original work of lyric reportage and a haunting meditation on how to let go of the places we love.

March 31, 2020  
**Sweat** — by Lynn Nottage
*(Trinity Repertory Selection, winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Drama)*
This 2017 Pulitzer Prize winner for Drama examines the lives of working-class Americans in the early 2000s and shows how periods of economic downfall and poverty can affect the dynamics between friends, family, and community.

April 28, 2020  
**A Woman is No Man** — by Etaf Rum
Newlywed Isra thought life would be different when she immigrated to America from Palestine, but her dreams were quickly dashed. You’ll need to steel yourself the more you delve into this penetrating debut novel, which follows Isra’s journey and that of her daughter Deya.

May 26, 2020  
**Educated: a Memoir** — by Tara Westover
“Tara Westover is living proof that some people are flat-out, boots-always-laced-up indomitable. Her new book, *Educated,* is a heartbreaking, heartwarming, best-in-years memoir about striding beyond the limitations of birth and environment into a better life.” — *USA Today*

June 30, 2020  
**Gentleman in Moscow** — by Amor Towles
An utterly entertaining second novel from the author of *Rules of Civility*. Amor Towles skillfully transports us to The Metropol, the famed Moscow hotel where movie stars and Russian royalty hobnob, where Bolsheviks plot revolutions and intellectuals discuss the merits of contemporary Russian writers...