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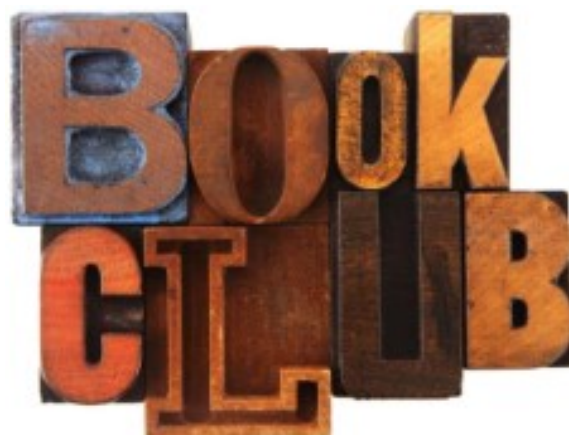
PPL's Brown Bag Book Club meets monthly on the last Tuesday from 12 - 1 pm. Meetings will be held at the Library in our new Workshop Classroom.

The member-chosen titles include classic and contemporary fiction and nonfiction.

This year, we have chosen a theme: **A Journey across America.**

Copies of each month's selection will be made available for check-out by club members at PPL's Info Services desk before the meeting.

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

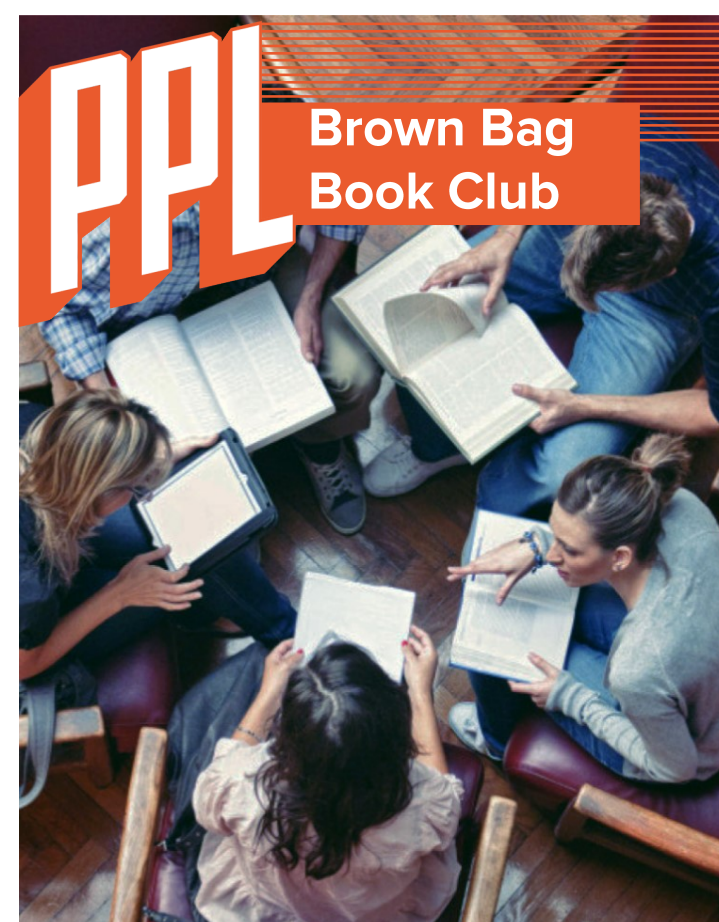


We should read to give our souls a chance to luxuriate.

— **Henry Miller**



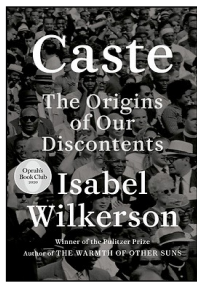
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**Brown Bag
Book Club**

**2021 - 2022
Selections**

**Meeting at Noon
the last Tuesday
of every month.**



September 28, 2021

***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* — by Isabel Wilkerson**

The Pulitzer Prize-winning, bestselling author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions.

October 26, 2021

***House Made of Dawn* — by N. Scott Momaday**

An American classic, *House Made of Dawn* is at once a tragic tale about the disabling effects of war and cultural separation, and a hopeful story of a stranger in his native land, finding his way back to all that is familiar and sacred.

November 30, 2021

***Bluest Eye* — by Toni Morrison**

In Morrison's bestselling first novel, Pecola Breedlove — an 11-year-old Black girl in an America whose love for its blond, blue-eyed children can devastate all others — prays for her eyes to turn blue: so that she will be beautiful, so that people will look at her, so that her world will be different. This is the story of the nightmare at the heart of her yearning, and the tragedy of its fulfillment.

December 28, 2021

***Kate Vaiden* — by Reynolds Price**

Reynolds Price's sixth novel focuses on the life of a white woman from the American South who, after a teenage pregnancy, abandons her son shortly after giving birth to him and who does not get in touch with him for four decades.

January 25, 2022

***Typical American* — by Gish Jen**

From the beloved author of *Mona in the Promised Land* and *The Love Wife* comes this comic masterpiece, an insightful novel of immigrants experiencing the triumphs and trials of American life.

February 22, 2022

***Nomadland: Surviving American in the Twenty-first century* — by Jessica Bruder**

From the beet fields of North Dakota to the National Forest campgrounds of California to Amazon's CamperForce program in Texas, employers have discovered a new, low-cost labor pool, made up largely of transient older Americans.

March 29, 2022

***Sea Wife* — by Amity Gaige**

Sea Wife is a transporting novel about marriage, family and love in a time of unprecedented turmoil. It is unforgettable in its power and astonishingly perceptive in its portrayal of optimism, disillusionment, and survival.

April 26, 2022

***Yiddish Policemen's Union* — by Michael Chabon**

For 60 years Jewish refugees and their descendants have prospered in the Federal District of Sitka, a "temporary" safe haven created in the wake of the Holocaust and the shocking 1948 collapse of the fledgling state of Israel. The Jews of the Sitka District have created their own little world in the Alaskan panhandle, a vibrant and complex frontier city that moves to the music of Yiddish. At once a gripping whodunit, a love story, and an exploration of the mysteries of exile and redemption.

May 31, 2022

***Of Women and Salt* — by Gabriela Garcia**

A sweeping, masterful debut about a daughter's fateful choice, a mother motivated by her own past, and a family legacy that begins in Cuba before either of them were born.

June 28, 2022

***Personal Librarian* — by Marie Benedict**

The remarkable story of J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation, from *New York Times* bestselling author Marie Benedict, and acclaimed author Victoria Christopher Murray.

