

Goshen Public Library Book Club

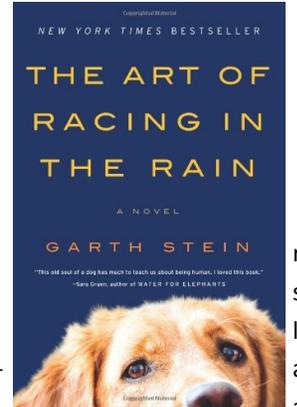
New Participants are always welcome, so please consider joining us. We are a self-led group that meets the first Saturday of the month at 10:00am. Please call or stop the Reference Desk for more information.

Upcoming Book Club Book Discussions

March 7th: The Art of Racing in the Rain

by Garth Stein

If you've ever wondered what your dog is thinking, Stein's third novel offers an answer. Enzo is a lab terrier mix plucked from a farm outside Seattle to ride shotgun with race car driver Denny Swift as he pursues success on the track and off. Denny meets and marries Eve, has a daughter, Zoë, and risks his savings and his life to make it on the professional racing circuit. Enzo, frustrated by his inability to speak and his lack of opposable thumbs, watches Denny's old racing videos, coins koanlike aphorisms that apply to both driving and life, and hopes for the day when his life as a dog will be over and he can be reborn a man. When Denny hits an extended rough patch, Enzo remains his most steadfast if silent supporter. Enzo is a reliable companion and a likable enough narrator, though the string of Denny's bad luck stories strains believability. Much like Denny, however, Stein is able to salvage some dignity from the over-the-top drama. (May) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

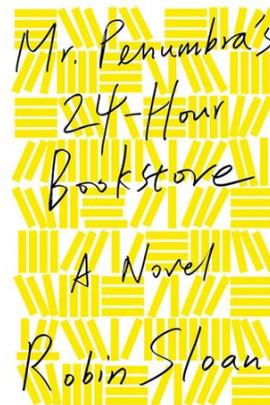


April 4th: Mr. Penumbra's 24-hour Bookstore

by Robin Sloan

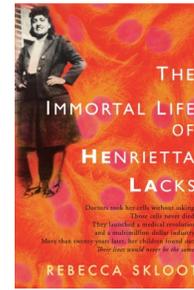
A Winner of the Alex Award, a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize for First Book of the Year by NPR, *Los Angeles Times*, and *San Francisco Chronicle*

The Great Recession has shuffled Clay Jannon away from life as a San Francisco web-design drone and into the aisles of Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore. But after a few days on the job, Clay discovers that the store is more curious than either its name or its gnomish owner might suggest. The customers are few, and they never seem to buy anything—instead, they “check out” large, obscure volumes from strange corners and help from his variously talented friends. But when they bring their findings to Mr. Penumbra, they discover the bookstore's secrets extend far beyond its walls. Rendered with irresistible brio and dazzling intelligence, Robin Sloan's *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* is exactly what it sounds like: an establishment you have to enter and will never want to leave. (Amazon review)



May 2nd: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks By Rebecca Skloot

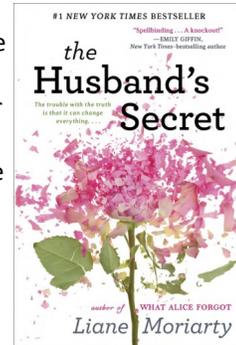
Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco taker without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold remains virtually unknown, and her family can't afford health insurance. This phenomenal tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine; of scientific discovery daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew. (Amazon review)



farmer whose cells— vital for developing the by the billions, yet she New York Times bestseller and faith healing; and of a

June 6th: The Husband's Secret By Liane Moriarty

Australian author Moriarty, in her fifth novel (after *The Hypnotist's Love Story*), puts three women in an impossible situation and doesn't cut them any slack. Cecilia Fitzpatrick lives to be perfect: a perfect marriage, three perfect daughters. She opens it anyway, and everything she believed is thrown into doubt. Meanwhile, Tess band, Will, and her cousin and best friend, Felicity, confess they've fallen in love, so Tess takes her and goes to Sydney to live with her mother. There she meets up with an old boyfriend, Connor enrolling Liam in St. Angela's Primary School, where Cecilia is the star mother. Rachel Crowley, the believes that Connor, St. Angela's PE teacher, is the man who, nearly three decades before, got dering her daughter—a daughter for whom she is still grieving. Simultaneously a page-turner and put down occasionally to think about and absorb, Moriarty's novel challenges the reader as well but in the best possible way. (Publisher's Weekly)

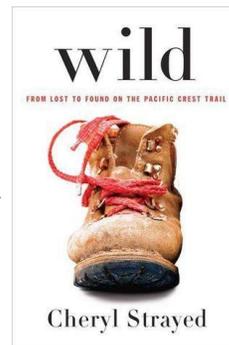


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July 11th: Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail By Cheryl

Strayed

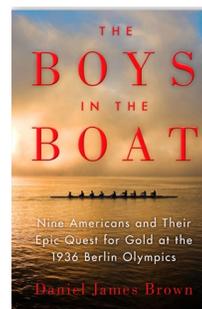
At age 26, following the death of her mother, divorce, and a run of reck- alone near the foot of the Pacific Crest Trail—inexperienced, over- life. *Wild* tracks Strayed's personal journey on the PCT through California devastating loss and her unpredictable reactions to it. While readers look- tive may be distracted by the emotional odyssey at the core of the story, the long-distance hiker, the ubiquitous perils of the PCT, and its peculiar her unsympathetic—just one victim of her own questionable choices. But confident prose stands on its own, deftly pulling both threads into a story between wilderness tale and personal-redemption memoir. --[Jon Foro](#) (Amazon.com review)



less behavior, Cheryl Strayed found herself equipped, and desperate to reclaim her and Oregon, as she comes to terms with ing for adventure or a naturalist's perspec- *Wild* vividly describes the grueling life of community of wanderers. Others may find Strayed doesn't want sympathy, and her that inhabits a unique riparian zone be-

August 1st: Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics By Daniel James Brown

Daniel James Brown's *The Boys in the Boat* is the kind of nonfiction book that reads like a novel. Centered around the life of Joe Rantz—a farmboy from the Pacific Northwest who was literally abandoned as a child—and set during the Great Depression, *The Boys in the Boat* is a character-driven story with a natural crescendo that will have you racing to the ington's eight-oar crew team raced its way to the Berlin Olympics for an oppor- world. How this team, largely composed of rowers from “foggy coastal villages, towns all over the state,” managed to work together and sacrifice toward their is half the story. The other half is equally fascinating, as Brown seamlessly is fast-paced and emotional nonfiction about determination, bonds built by glory. —[Chris Schlupe](#) (Amazon.com review)



finish. In 1936, the University of Wash- ton to challenge the greatest in the damp dairy farms, and smoky lumber goal of defeating Hitler's feared racers weaves in the story of crew itself. This teamwork, and what it takes to achieve