

Over Twenty Years of Biography and Memiors Book Group Reads

| Title | Author | Year Discused |
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| Column1 | Column2 | Column3 |
| Happy Bottom Riding Club: The Life and Times of Pancho Barnes | Lauren Kessler | 2001 |
| Seabiscuit: An American Legend | Laura Hillenbrand | 2002 |
| Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin | Ben Franklin | 2002 |
| Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress | Sijie Dai | 2002 |
| John Adams | Davis McCullough | 2002 |
| Theodore Rex | Edmund Morris | 2002 |
| Devil at my Heels: The Story of Louis Zamperini | Louis Zamperini | 2002 |
| I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings | Maya Angelou | 2002 |
| Personal History | Katharine Graham | 2002 |
| All Souls | Michael Patrick MacDonald | 2002 |
| Tuesdays with Morrie | Mitch Albom | 2002 |
| Falling Leaves: The Memoir of an Unwanted Chinese Daughter | Adeline Yen Mah | 2002 |
| Peter the Great: His Life and World | Robert K Massie | 2002 |
| Kitchen Confidential : Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly | Anthony Bourdain | 2003 |
| Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life | Nur, Queen of Jordan | 2003 |

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| First Great Triumph: How Five Americans Made their Country a World Power | Warren Zimmermann | 2003 |
| Condi: The Condoleezza Rice Story | Antonia Felix | 2003 |
| Johann Sebastian Bach: The Learned Musician | Christoph Wolff | 2003 |
| Privileged Son: Otis Chandler and the Rise and Fall of the L.A.Times Dynasty | Dennis McDougal | 2003 |
| Cochrane: The Life and Exploits of a Fighting Captain | Robert Harvey | 2003 |
| The Diary of Samuel Pepys | Samuel Pepys | 2003 |
| Lives of the Muses: Nine Women and the Artist they Inspired | Francine Prose | 2003 |
| Mary Shelley | Miranda Seymour | 2003 |
| Oscar Wilde: A Certain Genius | Barbara Belford | 2004 |
| Cicero: The Life and Times of Rome's Greatest Politician | Anthony Evritt | 2004 |
| Hirohito and the Making of Modern Japan | Herbert P. Bix | 2004 |
| Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell, Adventurer, Adviser to Kings, Ally of Lawrence of Arabia | Janet Wallach | 2004 |
| Dark Side of Fortune: Triumph and Scandal in the Life of Oil Tycoon Edward L. Doheny | Margret L. Davis | 2004 |
| Marie Antoinette: The Journey | Antonia Fraser | 2004 |
| Talleyrand | Duff Cooper | 2004 |
| Benjamin Franklin | Edmund S. Morgan | 2004 |

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| Infidel | Ayaan Hirsi Ali | 2004 |
| Cook: The Extraordinary Voyages of Captian James Cook | Nicholas Thomas | 2005 |
| My Wars are Laid Away in Books: The Life of Emily Dickinson | Alfred Habegger | 2005 |
| Alexander Hamilton | Ron Chernow | 2005 |
| Orlando: A Biography | Virginia Wolf | 2005 |
| To the Heart of the Nile: Lady Florence Baker and the Exploration of Central Africa | Pat Shipman | 2005 |
| Unsettling the West: Eliza Farnham and Georgiana Bruce Kirby in Frontier California | Jo Ann Levy | 2005 |
| Niccolo's Smile: A Biography of Machiavelli | Maurizio Viroli | 2005 |
| His Excellency: George Washington | Joseph J. Ellis | 2005 |
| Pontius Pilate | Ann Wroe | 2005 |
| Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens | Lincoln Steffens | 2005 |
| Clarence Darrow for the Defense | Irving Stone | 2006 |
| Patrick O'Brian: A Life Revealed | Dean King | 2006 |
| Secrets of the Flesh: A Life of Colette | Judith Thurman | 2006 |
| The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary | Simon Winchester | 2006 |
| The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother | James McBride | 2006 |

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| The Sea Captain's Wife: A True Story of Love, Race and War in the 19th Century | Martha Elizabeth Hodes | 2007 |
| The Year of Magical Thinking | Joan Didion | 2007 |
| Dreamtime Alice: A Memoir | Mandy Sayer | 2007 |
| The Most Famous Man in America: The Biography of Henry Ward Beecher | Debby Applegate | 2007 |
| Climbing the Mango Tree: A Memoir of a Childhood in India | Madhur Jaffrey | 2007 |
| Teta, Mother and Me: Three Generations of Arab Women | Jean Said Makdisi | 2007 |
| Wedgwood: The First Tycoon | Brian Dolan | 2007 |
| Trouble with Tom: The Strange Afterlife and Times of Thomas Paine | Paul Collins | 2007 |
| Disraeli: A Biography | Stanley Weintraub | 2007 |
| My Life in France | Julia Child | 2007 |
| The Life of Samuel Johnson | James Boswell | 2007 |
| Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog | John Grogan | 2007 |
| Trickster Travels: A 16th Century Muslim Between Worlds | Natalie Zemon Davis | 2007 |
| Diamond Jim Brady: Prince of the Gilded Age | H. Paul Jeffers | 2007 |
| Groucho and Me | Groucho Marx | 2008 |
| True Grace: The Life and Death of an American Princess | Wendy Leigh | 2008 |

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| Josephine: Napoleon's Incomparable Empress | Eleanor P. DeLorne | 2008 |
| Free For All: Oddballs, Geeks, and Gangstas in the Public Library | Don Borchert | 2008 |
| Inside the Third Reich: Memoirs | Albert Speer | 2008 |
| The Father and the Son: My Father's Journey into the Monastic Life | Matt Murray | 2008 |
| 700 Sundays | Billy Crystal | 2008 |
| Ralph Ellison: A Biography | Arnold Rampersad | 2008 |
| God: A Biography | Jack Miles | 2008 |
| The Sex Lives of Cannibals: Adrift in the Equatorial Pacific | J. Maarten Troost | 2008 |
| Samuel Adams: Father of the American Revolution | Mark Puls | 2009 |
| Love in a Torn Land: Joanna of Kurdistan | Jean P. Sasson | 2009 |
| Grand Avenues: The Story of the French Visionary Who Designed Washington D.C. | Scott W. Berg | 2009 |
| On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft | Stephen King | 2009 |
| Lives of A Bengal Lancer | Francis Yeats-Brown | 2009 |
| Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart | Piero Melograni | 2010 |
| Seven Pillars of Wisdom: A Triumph | T.E. Lawrence | 2010 |
| The Rothschilds: A Family Portrait | Frederic Morton | 2010 |
| Hacienda: A Memoir | Lisa St Aubin de Teran | 2010 |
| Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China | Jung Chang | 2010 |

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| A Princess Remembers: The Memoirs of the Maharani of Jaipur | Devi Gayatrini | 2010 |
| George III: Americas Last King | Jeremy Black | 2010 |
| Saladin | Andrew S. Ehrenkreutz | 2010 |
| Conquistador: Hernan Cortes, King Montezuma, and the Last Stand of the Aztecs | Buddy Levy | 2010 |
| Don't Shoot, It's Only Me: Bob Hope's Comedy History of the United States | Bob Hope | 2010 |
| Genghis Khan: Death and Resurrection | John Man | 2011 |
| Under the Loving Care of the Fatherly Leader: North Korea and the Kim Dynasty | Bradley K. Martin | 2011 |
| The Sound of Freedom: Maeian Anderson, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Concert that Awakened America | Raymond Arsenault | 2011 |
| Sovereign Ladies: The Six Reigning Queens of England | Maureen Waller | 2011 |
| The Wagner Clan: Saga of Germany's Most Illustrious and Infamous Family | Jonathan Carr | 2011 |
| Sade: A Biography | Maurice Lever | 2011 |
| A Ticket to the Circus: A Memoir | Norris Church Mailer | 2011 |
| Magnifico: The Billiant Life andViolent Times of Lorenzo de' Medici | Miles Unger | 2011 |
| Great Marlborough and His Duchess | Virginia Cowles | 2011 |

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| American on Purpose: The Improbable Adventures of an Unlikely Patriot | Craig Furguson | 2011 |
| Edith Wharton: An Extraordinary Life | Eleanor Dwight | 2012 |
| Pops: A Life of Louis Armstrong | Terry Teachour | 2012 |
| Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare | Stephen Greenblatt | 2012 |
| Unbroken | Laura Hillenbrand | 2012 |
| The Last Tsar: The Life and Death of Nicholas II | Edward Radzinskii | 2012 |
| Ayn Rand and the World she Made | Anne Conover Heller | 2012 |
| Steve Jobs | Walter Isaacson | 2012 |
| Black Elk Speaks | Black Elk | 2012 |
| Ansel Adams: An Autobiography | Ansel Adams | 2012 |
| Madam Secretary | Madeleine Albright | 2012 |
| Son of the Revolution | Heng Liang | 2012 |
| It's Good to be the King: the Seriously Funny Life of Mel Brooks | Robert Parish | 2012 |
| Irrepressible Reformer: A Biography of Melvil Dewey | Wayne Wiegand | 2013 |
| The Brothers Grimm: From the Forests to the Modern World | Jack Zipes | 2013 |
| Alice: Alice Roosevelt Longworth, from White House to Washington Power Brocker | Stacy A. Cordery | 2013 |

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| Radioactive: Marie & Pierre Curie, a Tale of Love & Fallout | Lauren Redniss | 2013 |
| John Steinbeck | Jay Parini | 2013 |
| Behind Enemy Lines: The True Story of French Jewish Spy in Nazi Germany | Marthe Cohn | 2013 |
| Will Rogers | Ben Yagoda | 2013 |
| Female Caligula: Ranavalona, The Mad Queen of Madagascar | Keith Laidler | 2013 |
| Don Benito Wilson: From Mountain Man to Mayor Los Angeles 1841 to 1878 | Nat B. Read | 2013 |
| Dandelion Wine | Ray Bradbury | 2014 |
| Girls Like Us: Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon--and the Journey of a Generation | Sheila Weller | 2014 |
| Daughter of a Gun | Kaori Tanegashima | 2014 |
| Reminiscences of a Ranger: Early times in Southern California | Horace Bell | 2014 |
| Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy | Eric Metaxas | 2014 |
| Persepolis | Marjane Strapi | 2014 |
| Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela | Nelson Mandela | 2014 |
| Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail | Cheryl Strayed | 2014 |
| Eden's Outcasts: The Story of Louisa May Alcott and her Father | John Matteson | 2014 |

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| Noah Webster: The Life and Times of an American Patriot | Harlow G. Unger | 2014 |
| Walt Disney: The Triumph of the American Imagination | Neal Gabler | 2015 |
| Neil Patrick Harris: Choose your Own Autobiography | Neil Patrick Harris | 2015 |
| Einstein: His Life and Universe | Walter Isaacson | 2015 |
| Mr. Clemens and Mark Twain: A Biography | Justin Kaplan | 2015 |
| Truman | David McCullough | 2015 |
| The Peabody Sisters: Three Women who Ignited American Romanticism | Megan Marshall | 2015 |
| Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, and Love | Dave Sobel | 2015 |
| Edison: A Biography | Matthew Josephson | 2015 |
| #Girlboss | Sophia Amoruso | 2015 |
| Biography: A Brief History | Nigel Hamilton | 2015 |
| Nehru: The Invention of India | Shashi Tharoor | 2016 |
| Dante | R.W.B. Lewis | 2016 |
| Destiny of the Republic | Candice Millard | 2016 |
| Napoleon III | Fenton S. Bresler ² | 2016 |
| Jean-Jacques Rousseau | Leo Damrosch | 2016 |
| Eleanor of Aquitaine | Alison Weir | 2016 |
| Cromwell | Rodger Howell | 2016 |
| London Fog: The Biography | Christine Corton | 2016 |

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| The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century | Steve Coll | 2016 |
| Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg | Irin Carmon | 2016 |
| The Glass Castle: A Memoir | Jeannette Walls | 2017 |
| The Raven: A Biography of Sam Houston | James Marquis | 2017 |
| My Early Life, 1874-1904 | Sir Winston Churchil | 2017 |
| The Woman Who Ran for President: The Many Lives of Victoria Woodhull | Lois Beachy Underhill | 2017 |
| Mrs. Adams in Winter: A Journey in the Last Days of Napoleon | Michael O'Brien | 2017 |
| Tesla: Master of Lightning | Margret Cheney | 2017 |
| Edith Head: The Life and Times of Hollywood's Celebrated Costume Designer | David Chierichetti | 2017 |
| Ataturk : the biography of the founder of modern Turkey | Andrew Mango | 2017 |
| Queen Bess : daredevil aviator | Doris L. Rich | 2017 |
| J. R. R. Tolkien: A Biography | Humphrey Carpenter | 2017 |
| Marco Polo | Laurence Bergreen | 2018 |
| Captain Sir Richard Francis Burton: A Biography | Edward Rice | 2018 |
| Chanel: A Woman of her Own | Axel Madsen | 2018 |
| The Quartet: Orchestrating the Second American Revolution, 1783-1789 | Joseph J. Ellis | 2018 |

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| American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, the Woman Who Defied the Puritans | Eve LaPlante | 2018 |
| Prince of Darkness: The Untold Story of Jeremiah G. Hamilton, Wall Street's First Black Millionaire | Shane White | 2018 |
| Tecumseh :A Life | John Sugden | 2018 |
| Thomas Cook: The Holiday Maker | Jill Hamilton | 2018 |
| Love From Boy: Roald Dahl's Letters to His Mother | Donald Sturrock | 2018 |
| Hatchepsut :The Female Pharaoh | Joyce A. Tyldesley | 2018 |
| Over the Edge of the World: Magellan's Terrifying Circumnavigation of the Globe | Laurence Bergreen | 2018 |
| King George V | Kenneth Rose | 2019 |
| Dorothy Parker: What Fresh Hell Is This? | Marion Meade | 2019 |
| Autobiography of Benvenuto Cellini | Benvenuto Cellini | 2019 |
| Schulz and Peanuts: A Biography | David Michaelis | 2019 |
| Leonardo da Vinci | Walter Isaacson | 2019 |
| Audition: A Memoir | Barbara Walters | 2019 |
| Deadline: A Memoir | Deadline: A Memoir | 2019 |
| Empress Dowager Cixi: The Concubine who Launched Modern China | Jung Chang | 2019 |
| Autobiography of William Allen White | Sally Forman Griffith | 2019 |
| Son of the Wilderness: The Life of John Muir | Linnie Marsh Wolfe | 2019 |
| The Last King of Paradise: A Biography | Eugene Burns | 2020 |
| Churchill & Orwell: The Fight for Freedom | Thomas E. Ricks | 2020 |

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| The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II | Denise Kiernan | 2020 |
| Ernest's Way: An International Journey through Hemingway's Life | Cristen Hemingway Jaynes | 2020 |
| The Kelloggs: The Battling Brothers of Battle Creek | Howard Markel | 2020 |
| Educated: A Memoir | Tara Westover | 2020 |
| Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World | Jack Weatherford | 2020 |
| Appetite for America: Fred Harvey and the Business of Civilizing the Wild West--One Meal at a Time | Stephen Fried | 2021 |
| Kit Carson: A Portrait in Courage | M. Morgan Estergreen | 2021 |
| Frederick Douglas: Prophet of Freedom | David W. Wright | 2021 |
| They Call us Enemy | George Takie | 2021 |
| The Library Book | Susan Orlean | 2021 |
| Mozart: A Life | Peter Gay | 2021 |
| Empire: The Life, Legend, and Madness of Howard Hughes | Donald L. Barlett | 2021 |
| Fresh off the Boat | Eddie Huang | 2022 |
| Hildegard of Bingen: The Woman of Her Age | Fiona Maddocks | 2022 |
| Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill | Sonia Purnell | 2022 |
| Life in the 20th Century: Innocent Beginnings 1917 to 1950 | Arthur M. Schesinger Jr. | 2022 |
| The Strange Career of William Ellis: The Texas Slave Who Became a Mexican Millionaire | Karl Jacoby | 2022 |

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| Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World | Tracy Kidder | 2022 |
| Wind, Sand and Stars | Antoine de Saint-Exupéry | 2022 |
| Freedom in Exile: The Autobiography of The Dalai Lama | The Dalai Lama | 2022 |
| Norton I Emperor of the United States | William Drury | 2022 |

