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Book Discussion Kits

FICTION



***Dream Count* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

Chiamaka is a Nigerian travel writer living in America. Alone in the midst of the pandemic, she recalls her past lovers and grapples with her choices and regrets alongside the women in her life.



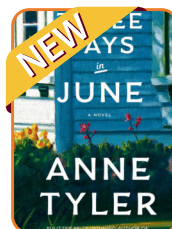
***The Queens of Crime* by Marie Benedict**

In 1930s London, five of the greatest women crime writers form a secret society. Sick of being treated as secondary to their male counterparts, they set out to solve an actual murder.



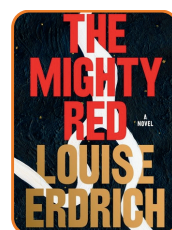
***The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali**

In 1950s Tehran, young Ellie lives in comfort until the untimely death of her father. On the first day of school, she meets Homa, a brave girl who shares her ambition of becoming a "lion woman."



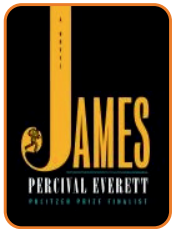
***Three Days in June* by Anne Tyler**

Gail is having a bad day. Her daughter Debbie is getting married, her ex-husband arrived unannounced, and she lost her job. Crisis comes when Debbie shares a secret about her fiancé.



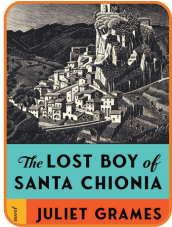
***The Mighty Red* by Louise Erdrich**

Gary is desperate to marry Kismet, but Hugo is in love with her and determined to steal her away. Visions of guardian angels haunt the group as they reckon with life in rural North Dakota.



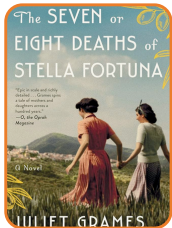
James by Percival Everett

When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold and separated from his family, he hides on Jackson Island. Meanwhile, Huck Finn fakes his own death to escape his violent father.



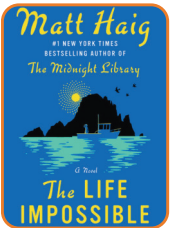
The Lost Boy of Santa Chionia by Juliet Grames

An isolated mountain village has no running water. And thanks to a recent flood, there's no mail, either. Most troubling, though, is the human skeleton that surfaced after the flood. Who is it?



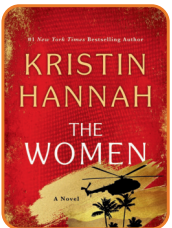
The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna by Juliet Grames

A young woman tells the story behind two elderly sisters' estrangement, unraveling family secrets stretching back a century and across the Atlantic.



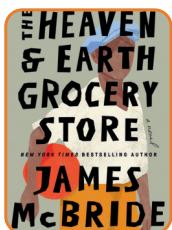
The Life Impossible by Matt Haig

Retired teacher Grace arrives at a house on the golden beaches of Ibiza, but this is no vacation. The run-down house has been left to her by an estranged friend.



The Women by Kristin Hannah

Nursing student Frankie McGrath joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows her brother to Vietnam where she is overwhelmed by the destruction of war and the unexpected trauma of coming home.



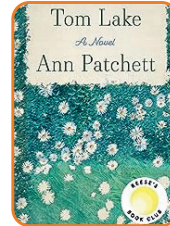
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

Workers find a skeleton at the bottom of a well, but how it got there is a secret of Chicken Hill, where Jews and African Americans live side by side.



The Bee Sting by Paul Murray

Dickie's business is going under. While he prepares for the end of the world, his wife Imelda sells her jewelry and daughter Cass seems determined to drink her way through the fiasco.



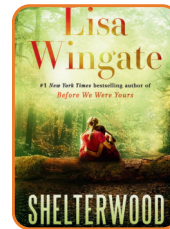
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan and hear the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor that their mother once dated.



By Any Other Name by Jodi Picoult

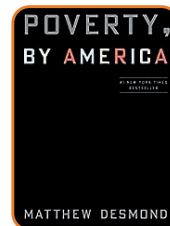
Emilia is forced to publish her stage works under a man's name. When modern playwright Melina discovers Emilia is one of her ancestors, she writes a work inspired by her life.



Shelterwood by Lisa Wingate

Olive knows that her stepfather doesn't have good intentions toward the two Choctaw girls boarded in their home. When the older girl disappears, Ollie flees to the woods.

NON-FICTION



Poverty, by America by Matthew Desmond

Why does the US, the richest country on earth, have more poverty than any other advanced democracy. Acclaimed sociologist Desmond discusses this question.



The Demon of Unrest by Erik Larson

Covers the months between Lincoln's election and the Confederacy's shelling of Sumter--a period marked by tragic errors and miscommunications, enflamed egos, personal tragedies, and betrayals.