

CLEARWATER PANHELLENIC BOOK CLUB LIST

2019-2020

PLACE: Clearwater Main Library, corner of Drew St. and Osceola Ave.

DATE & TIME: 2ND Tuesday of the month at 10 AM, except December & March

DATES AND BOOKS:

October 8: Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan

Bonus: Downloading ebooks - Susan Luce

November 12: The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

December 10: The Gown by Jennifer Robson Lunch Out at Belleair Country Club - 11:30

January 14: The Jersey Brothers by Sally Mott Freeman

February 11: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

March 10: Lunch Out at Belleair Country Club, 11:30 Author TBA

April 14: Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton

May 12: Girl in Disguise by Greer Macalister

OTHER SUGGESTED BOOKS:

Berg, Elizabeth The Art of Mending

Cannon, Joanna Three Things About Elsie

George, Elizabeth A Great Deliverance: Inspector Lynley

Hunter, Georgia We Were the Lucky Ones

Izard, Kathy The Hundred Story Home

Jenoff, Pam The Lost Girls of Paris

Orlean, Susan The Library Book

White, Neil In the Sanctuary of Outcasts

Winspear, Jacqueline The American Agent

Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan “Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, *this* is the triumphant epic tale of one young man’s incredible courage and resilience during one of history’s darkest hours. When his family home in Milan is destroyed, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps, and falls for Anna, a beautiful widow six years his senior. In an attempt to protect him, Pino’s parents force him to enlist as a German soldier—a move they think will keep him out of combat. But after Pino is injured, he is recruited at the tender age of eighteen to become the personal driver for Adolf Hitler’s left hand in Italy. Now, with the opportunity to spy for the Allies inside the German High Command, Pino endures the horrors of the war and the Nazi occupation by fighting in secret, his courage bolstered by his love for Anna and for the life he dreams they will one day share.”

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah “Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam war a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America’s last true frontier. Thirteen-year-old Leni, a girl coming of age in a tumultuous time, caught in the riptide of her parents’ passionate, stormy relationship, dares to hope that a new land will lead to a better future for her family. Hannah reveals the indomitable character of the modern American pioneer and the spirit of a vanishing Alaska—a place of incomparable beauty and danger.”

The Gown by Jennifer Robson “From the internationally bestselling author of *Somewhere in France* comes an enthralling historical novel about one of the most famous wedding dresses of the twentieth century—Queen Elizabeth’s wedding gown—and the fascinating women who made it. A moving story about the power of female friendship and renewal in the face of adversity.”

The Jersey Brothers by Sally Mott Freeman “The extraordinary, real-life adventure of three brothers at the center of the most dramatic turning points of World War II and their mad race to change history—and save one of their own. Based on ten years of research drawn from archives around the world, *The Jersey Brothers* is a remarkable story of agony and triumph—from the home front to Roosevelt’s White House, and Pearl Harbor to Midway and Bataan. It is the story, written with intimate, novelistic detail.”

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens “This wonderful novel has a bit of everything—mystery, romance, and fascinating characters, all told in a story that takes place in North Carolina that is at once a murder mystery, a coming-of-age narrative and a celebration of nature. A survey of the desolate marshlands of the North Carolina coast seen through the eyes of an abandoned child. And in her isolation that child makes us open our own eyes to the secret wonders—and dangers—of her private world.”

Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton “This Cuban-set historical novel is a sweeping love story and tale of courage and familial and patriotic legacy that spans generations. After the death of her beloved grandmother, a Cuban-American woman travels to Havana, where she discovers the roots of her identity and unearths a family secret hidden since the revolution.”

Girl in Disguise by Greer Macalister “Inspired by the real story of investigator Kate Warne, this spirited novel follows the detective’s rise during one of the nation’s times of crisis, bringing to life a fiercely independent woman whose forgotten triumphs helped sway the fate of the country. The streets of 1856 Chicago offer a desperate widow mostly trouble and ruin—unless that widow has a knack for manipulation and an unusually quick mind. In a bold move that no other woman has tried, Kate convinces the legendary Allan Pinkerton to hire her as a detective.”