

ARRT Book Chat
June 4, 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Due to COVID-19 and the change to everyone's work schedules and ability to meet in person, we are suspending the Narrative Nonfiction Genre Study and will relaunch it in the future when appropriate.

For now, ARRT wants to focus on stress relief, community, and readers advisory. We are hosting a BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) program. Participants can bring any title they would like to share with the group (any genre, fiction/nonfiction, media, etc.). Each participant will have 90 seconds to booktalk the appeal of the book.

What we read:

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman (fiction)

The Body Lies by Jo Baker (literary fiction/thriller, excellent audio)

Patsy by Nicole Dennis-Benn (literary fiction, LGBTQ, good for book discussion)

Devolution by Max Brooks (fiction, Bigfoot, evils of nature, horror lite)

The Fire is Upon Us: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the Debate Over Race in America by Nicholas Buccola (nonfiction, race, excellent audio)

America is Not the Heart by Elaine Castillo (fiction, Phillipino community, LGBTQ, good for book discussion)

A Great Deliverance by Elizabeth George (classic mystery, Inspector Lynley series)

The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires by Grady Hendrix (horror lite, good for book discussion)

Faithful by Alice Hoffman (fiction, magical element)

Lab Girl by Hope Jahren (nonfiction, science)

The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where to Go From Here by Hope Jahren (nonfiction, climate change but not depressing)

The Known World by Edward Jones (historical fiction)

On Writing by Steven King (nonfiction)

Mine Till Midnight by Lisa Kleypas (romance)

Sister Outsider by Audre Lorde (NF essays, AOC, LGBTQ, Feminism, Racism, readalike for *Eloquent Rage* by Brittney Cooper)

Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History by Keith O'Brien (historical nonfiction)

Welcome to Lagos by Chibundu Onuzo (fiction, Nigerian, social commentary)

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds (YA version of Adult NF)

Normal People by Sally Rooney (fiction, relationships, families, class, Austen readalike)

The Last Emperox by John Scalzi (Sci Fi)

Fruits Basket series by Natsuki Takaya (manga series)

Here For It: Or, How to Save Your Soul in America by R. Eric Thomas (nonfiction essays, LGBTQ, race)

The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton (fiction, mystery, dark, weird, twists)

The Cooking Gene: A Journey Through African American Culinary History in the Old South by Michael Twitty (nonfiction, cooking)

The Age of Miracles by Karen Thompson Walker (fiction, apocalyptic, coming of age)

How Much of These Hills Is Gold by C. Pam Zhang (historical fiction, U.S. West, immigrant, mining; for fans of *Pachinko*)