

PGE Retiree Virtual Book Group Mar Apr May June for 2026

	March 5 th Discussion
Title	The Stories of Ray Bradbury (Includes club selections The Veldt and All Summer in a Day and The Sound of Thunder + 97 other short stories)
Author	Ray Bradbury
Publication date	1980
Number of pages	All 100 selections are over 900 pages (Note: Club Selections about 60 of those pages. Of course you are free to read more.)
Genre (if known)	Sci-fi
Comments	Kindle \$11.99/New \$24/Used \$20
Short summary	<p>The Veldt: 45 pages. A wealthy couple builds the ultimate virtual playroom for their spoiled children. This nursery comes complete with an African savanna and man-eating lions. It is so real, you can even smell the lions' last meal.</p> <p>All Summer in a Day: 8 pages. A Poignant story set on Venus, where children get to see the sun once every ten years.</p> <p>The Sound of Thunder: 8 pages. The thrilling title story, A Sound of Thunder, tells of a hunter sent on safari -- sixty million years in the past. But all it takes is one wrong step in the prehistoric jungle to stamp out the life of a delicate and harmless butterfly -- and possibly something else much closer to home</p>

Additional March Book	March 5 th Discussion
Title	Fahrenheit 451
Author	Ray Bradbury
Publication date	Jan 2012
Number of pages	451 (Just kidding -- about 250)
Genre (if known)	Sci-Fi
Comments	Used cost Approx. \$7
Short summary	Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, returning each day to his bland life and wife, Mildred, spends all day with her television "family." But --

	April 2 nd Discussion
Title	Miscalculated Risk
Author	Michael Cooper
Publication date	Oct 2025
Number of pages	302
Genre (if known)	Adventure,
Comments	New \$19, Kindle \$9.99
Short summary	Miscalculated Risks recounts how Cooper's increasingly dangerous ventures into wilderness landed him in dire situations: Mortally wounded in a Mexican jungle, twenty roadless miles from the nearest medical facility. Half-drowned and severely hypothermic on an isolated <u>Oregon</u> river, shooting 69 miles of rapids during a weeklong blizzard..

May 7th Discussion	
Title	Theo Of Golden
Author	Allen Levi
Publication date	Oct 2025
Number of pages	400
Genre (if known)	
Comments	New cost Approx. \$20
Short summary	<p>Theo visits the local coffeehouse, where ninety-two pencil portraits hang on the walls, portraits of the people of Golden done by a local artist. He begins purchasing them, one at a time, and putting them back in the hands of their "rightful owners." With each exchange, a story is told, a friendship born, and a life altered.</p> <p>A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, Theo of Golden is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another.</p>

June 4th Discussion	
Title	The Most Famous Man in America: The Biography of Henry Ward Beecher
Author	Debby Applegate
Publication date	2006
Number of pages	476
Genre (if known)	Biography
Comments	Debby won the Pulitzer Prize for Biography or Autobiography in 2007 for this book.
Short summary	<p>About the life of America's most celebrated and charismatic preacher of the 19th century. The book starts with a voyage from New York City to Fort Sumter where Beecher is to speak at the end of the Civil War. The celebration that follows ends when news of the assassination of the president arrives.</p> <p>Henry's life is full of struggles, successes, and failures that he experienced. At one point he is a famous leader and then he is the subject of a widely publicized sex scandal. Debby Applegate brings this true story to life with her skillful writing.</p>
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