

Bixby Book Club Titles 2024

Date	Title	Author	Brief Description
Jan 9 2024	The Souls of Black Folk	WEB Du Bois	One of the most influential books ever published in America, an eloquent collection of 14 essays that describe the life, ambitions, struggles, and passions of African Americans at the transition from the 19th to the 20th century.
Feb 13 2024	Under the Whispering Door	TJ Klune	"A Man Called Ove meets The Good Place, a delightful queer love story from the author of the New York Times and USA Today bestseller The House in the Cerulean Sea. When a reaper comes to collect Wallace from his own funeral, Wallace begins to suspect he might be dead. And when Hugo, the owner of a peculiar tea shop, promised to help him cross over, Wallace decides he's definitely dead. But even in death, he's not ready to abandon the life he barely lived, so when Wallace is given one week to cross over, he sets about living a lifetime in 7 days. Hilarious, haunting and kind, Under the Whispering Door is an uplifting story about a life spent at the office and a death spent building a home - Provided by publisher.
March 12 2024	The BeeKeeper's Apprentice	Laurie R King	What would happen if Sherlock Holmes, a perfect man of the

			Victorian age-pompous, smug, and misogynistic- were to come face to face with a 20th century female? If she grew to be a partner worthy of his great talents? In 1914, a young woman named Mary Russell meets a retired beekeeper on the Sussex Downs. His name is Sherlock Holmes. And although he may have all the Victorian “flaws” listed above, the Great Detective is no fool, and can spot a fellow intellect even in a 15 year old woman. So, at first informally, then consciously, he takes Mary as his apprentice. All the time, Mary is developing as a detective in her own right. They find themselves the targets of a slippery, murderous adversary. Together they devise a plan to trap their enemy- a plan that may save their lives but may also kill off their relationship.
April 9 2024	To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with rich humor and unswerving honesty the irrationality of adult attitudes toward race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s. The conscience of a town steeped in prejudice, violence, and hypocrisy is pricked by the stamina and quiet heroism of one man’s struggle for justice- but the weight of history will only tolerate so much. One of the

			best-loved classics of all time, <i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i> has earned many distinctions since its original publication in 1960. It has won the Pulitzer Prize, been translated into more than 40 languages, sold more than 30 million copies worldwide, and been made into an enormously popular movie. Most recently, librarians across the country gave the book the highest of honors by voting it the best novel of the century (Library Journal)
May 14 2024	<i>The Light Pirate</i>	Lily Brooks-Dalton	Born during a powerful hurricane, Wanda, an unusual woman in a rapidly changing world, loses family, gains community and ultimately seeks adventure, love and purpose in a place abandoned by civilization and remade by nature. ("An easy to read book about hurricanes in Florida. Good food for thought on climate change.")
June 11 2024	<i>West with Giraffes</i>	Lynda Rutledge	1938: The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in 2 giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a 12-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy

			Woodrow Wilson Nickel. Present day: At 105, Woody feels his life ebbing away. When he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling an experience he cannot take to his grave. In retelling his story, he explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, and the passing of time.
July 9 2024	The Book Thief	Markus Zusak	Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel, a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.
Aug 13 2024	The Lost Vintage	Ann Mah	Sweetbitter meets The Nightingale in this page-turner about a woman who returns to her family's ancestral vineyard in Burgundy to study for her Master of Wine test, and uncovers a lost diary, a forgotten relative, and a secret her family has been keeping since WWII. "If you enjoy mysteries, historical fiction, wine, French culture with a love story mixed in, you'll love this one."

Sept 10 2024	Demon Copperhead	Barbara Kingsolver	Oprah's Book Club 2022- From jacket: Southern Appalachia. He was born to a teen-aged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. Damon braves the perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses.
Oct 8 2024	The Plot	Jean Hanff Korelitz	NY Times Bestseller Hailed as "breathtakingly suspenseful," a propulsive read about a story too good not to steal, and the writer who steals it.
Nov 12 2024	Far from the Tree	Robin Benway	Being the middle child has its ups and downs. But for Grace, an only child who was adopted at birth, discovering that she is a middle child is a different ride altogether. After putting her own baby up for adoption, she goes looking for her biological family, including Maya, her loudmouthed younger bio sister, who has a lot to say about their newfound family ties. Having grown up the snarky brunette in a house full of chipper redheads, she's quick to search for traces of herself among these not-quite-strangers. And when her adopted family's long-buried problems begin to explode to the surface, Maya can't help but wonder where exactly it is that

			she belongs. And Joaquin, their stoic older bio brother, who has no interest in bonding over their shared biological mother. After seventeen years in the foster care system, he's learned that there are no heroes, and secrets and fears are best kept close to the vest, where they can't hurt anyone but him.
Dec 10 2024	From the Mixed- Up Files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler	E L Konigsburg	Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 12 year old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.