


Selections: January 2020



Clickquot Book Club

January 2020 Selections

BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
Genesis	Robin Cook	Linda	Mystery
Let It Snow	Nancy Thayer	Linda	Romance
Life Undercover: Coming of Age in the CIA	Amaryllis Fox	Linda	Nonfiction
Reputation	Sarah Shepard	Sandra	Mystery
The Accomplice	Joseph Kanon	Linda	Historical Fiction
The Bookshop of Yesterdays	Amy Meyerson	Sandra	Fiction
The Bromance Book Club	Lyssa Kay Adams	Sandra	Romance
The Deserter	Nelson DeMille, Alex DeMille	Linda	Mystery
The Secret Orphan	Glynis Peters	Sandra	Historical Fiction
The Siberian Dilemma	Martin Cruz Smith	Linda	Mystery
Trophy Life	Lea Geller	Sandra	Fiction
True Places	Sonja Yoerg	Sandra	Fiction
From Scratch: A Memoir of Love, Sicily and Finding Home	Tembi Locke	Sandra	Nonfiction

True Places by Sonja Yoerg

A cross between *Educated* and *Where the Crawdads Sing*, except the girl gets saved.
Interesting perspective.

Reputation by Sarah Shepard

Campy fun mystery.


The Bromance Book Club by Lyssa Kay Adams

Loved it. Original concept--romance from the guy's point of view. Great start to a new series:
looking forward to book two!

From Scratch by Tembi Locke

Wonderful story-- a beautiful memoir about how love unites a family. Must read!

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BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre		
Deep State	Chris Hauty	Linda	Mystery		
Hunter Killer	Brad Tyler	Linda	Mystery		
Into the Jungle	Erica Ferencik	Sandra	Fiction		
Lady Clementine	Marie Benedict	Sandra/Linda	Historical Fiction		
Such a Fun Age	Kiley Reid	Sandra	Fiction		
The Country Guesthouse	Robyn Carr	Sandra	Romance		
The Ghosts of Eden Park: The Bootleg King, the Women Who Pursued Him, and the Murder That Shocked Jazz-Age America	Karen Abbott	Sandra	Nonfiction		
The Glittering Hour	Iona Grey	Linda	Historical Fiction		
The Network	L.C. Shaw	Linda	Mystery		
The Rise of the Magicks	Nora Roberts	Linda	Fantasy		
Under Occupation	Alan Furst	Linda	Historical Fiction		
Your House Will Pay	Steph Cha	Sandra	Fiction		
Dear Edward	Ann Napolitano	Sandra	Fiction		

Into the Jungle by Erica Ferencik

Ferencik's sophomore novel. What would you do to survive in the jungle? This mystery pits its protagonist against all odds--heart-pounding til the end.

Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

This Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick is a delightful debut novel by Reid that explores class and race in America.

The Ghosts of Eden Park by Karen Abbot

The unbelievable historical narration of the bootleg king. Truth is REALLY stranger than fiction--you'll learn a lot about corruption, prohibition, and the abstinence movement in the 1920s.


Your House Will Pay by Steph Cha

Intriguing whodunit entwined within the power of race in L.A.

Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano

The Jenna Bush book club pick. Story of survival and the meaning of life.

Selections: March 2020



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BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
A Bookshop in Berlin	Françoise Frenkel	Linda	Nonfiction
A Long Petal of the Sea	Isabel Allende	Sandra	Historical Fiction
All The Ways We Said Goodbye	Beatrice Williams, Lauren Willig & Kay	Linda	Historical Fiction
Almost Just Friends	Lori Foster	Sandra	Romance
American Dirt	Jeanine Cummins	Sandra	Fiction
Into the Fire	Gregg Hurwitz	Sandra	Mystery
Long Bright River	Liz Moore	Sandra	Mystery
The Mercies	Kiran Millwood Hargrave	Linda	Historical Fiction
The Rabbit Hunter	Lars Kepler	Linda	Mystery
The Secret Guests	Benjamin Black	Linda	Historical Fiction
Treason	Stuart Woods	Linda	Mystery
Waisted	Randy Susan Meyers	Sandra	Fiction
The Authenticity Project	Clare Pooley	Sandra	Fiction

A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende

Brilliant! An interesting take on immigration and freeing persecution.

American Dirt by Lori Foster

The harrowing journey of a mother fleeing Mexico with her son. So much controversy for such a well written book with a poignant subject.

Into the Fire by Gregg Hurwitz

I LOVE this series! I am so thrilled that Joey is back! And the ending—oh my!

Long Bright River by Liz Moore

Gritty tale of two sisters—one who suffered with addiction and the other who wants to be accepted as a cop. Good plot!

Waisted by Randy Susan Meyers

A gripping story about body image, acceptance, and reality television. Poignant and funny, this book is a great read!

The Authority Project by Clare Pooley

This is a beautiful story on what it means to be authentic—the ending made me cry. I loved it!

Selections: April/May 2020



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April/May 2020 Selections

BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
Bring on the Blessings	Beverly Jenkins	Sandra	Fiction
Grace Is Gone	Emily Elgar	Sandra	Mystery
Living In Color	Tommy Davidson	Sandra	Nonfiction
Recipe for a Perfect Wife	Karma Brown	Sandra	Fiction
The Camera Never Lies	David Rawlings	Sandra	Fiction
The Grace Kelly Dress	Brenda Janowitz	Sandra	Historical Fiction
This Won't End Well	Camille Pagán	Sandra	Fiction
Undercover Bromance	Lyssa Kay Adams	Sandra	Romance
You Were There Too	Colleen Oakley	Sandra	Romance
Oona Out of Order	Margarita Montimore	Sandra	Fiction

Oona Out of Order by Margarita Montimore

There's so much to say about this novel that you want to say that you can't say because of spoilers! A fun out-of- (chronological) order book about Oona and her life.

Bring on the Blessings by Beverly Jenkins

First book in an amazing series, this book will put a smile on your face. A comfortable, afternoon read when you're feeling down.

Recipe for a Perfect Wife by Karma Brown

Interesting story of a modern day woman who finds notes from the 50s detailing what women had to go through to become 'the perfect wife'.

The Camera Never Lies by David Rawlings

A moral tale of what we see in front of the camera and what lies behind it.

The Grace Kelly Dress by Brenda Janowitz

Loved it! A wedding dress told in three generations and how it ties to Grace Kelly. Perfect Mother-Daughter story.

This Won't End Well by Camille Pagan

A smart story on the risk of making new friends and leaving your comfort zone.

Undercover Bromance by Lyssa Kay Adams

Second in the series, a fun romp with guys that read romance novels to become better and run to the rescue.

You Were There Too by Colleen Oakley

What happens when you meet the man face-to-face that you've been dreaming about your entire life when you're engaged to be married to someone else? This and other questions answered within!

Selections: June 2020



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June 2020 Selections

BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
Above the Bay of Angels	Rhys Bowen	Sandra	Historical Fiction
Love Lettering	Kate Clayborn	Sandra	Romance
No Bad Deed	Heather Chavez	Sandra	Mystery
Sisters by Choice	Susan Mallory	Sandra	Fiction
The Collector's Apprentice	B.A. Shapiro	Sandra	Historical Fiction
The Girl in the White Gloves	Kerri Maher	Sandra	Historical Fiction
These Ghosts Are Family	Miasy Card	Sandra	Fiction
We Are All Good People Here	Susan Rebecca White	Sandra	Fiction
When We Believed in Mermaids	Barbara O'Neal	Sandra	Fiction
The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse	Charlie Mackesy	Sandra	Fiction

Above the Bay of Angels by Rhys Bowen

Interesting historical fiction in the time of Queen Victoria and how a young girl's fate is determined by chance.

No Bad Deed by Heather Chavez

Great twisty novel; what would you do to save your family?

Sisters by Choice by Susan Mallory

Another Mallory winner. Won't disappoint with Mallory's latest Blackberry Island series that can be read as a standalone. Frenemies realizing that they have to depend on each other.

The Collector's Apprentice by B. A. Shapiro

Wonderful historical fiction novel about an art intrigue cat-and-mouse game.

The Girl in the White Gloves by Kerri Maher

Historical fiction about the life and times of Grace Kelly, well researched and reimagined.

These Ghosts are Family by Missy Card

Intriguing debut novel about a Jamician family whose father recreates himself and the hold it has on generations past, present, and future.

When we Believed in Mermaids by Barbara O'Neal

The story of two sisters, one perceived as good and one perceived as not, and the truth that rests somewhere in between.

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy

A motivational tour de force. A book for our times in the right now. This poignant tale will get you through the hardest moments.

Selections: July 2020



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BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
28 Summers	Elin Hilderbrand	Sandra	Fiction
A Bad Day for Sunshine	Darynda Jones	Sandra	Mystery
In Five Years	Rebecca Serle	Sandra	Fiction
Real Men Knit	Kwana Jackson	Sandra	Romance
Saint X	Alexis Schaitkin	Sandra	Fiction
The Gift of Forgiveness	Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt	Sandra	Nonfiction
The Orphan Sisters	Shirley Dickson	Sandra	Historical Fiction
The Word is Murder	Anthony Horowitz	Sandra	Mystery
You Are Not Alone	Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkar	Sandra	Mystery
The Vanishing Half	Brit Bennett	Sandra	Fiction

28 Summers by Elin Hilderbrand

Wonderful, gut wrenching. An intriguing tale of what happens when you look back over 28 years.

A Bad Day for Sunshine by Darynda Jones

Quirky, irreverent Jones at her best. Taking all the charm and snark of the Charlie Davison novels she sets up a new world without the backdrop of the paranormal.

In Five Years by Rebecca Serle

A 'where do you see yourself in five years?' novel. It's never as we expect.

Real Men Knit by Kwana Jackson

Wonderful new romance, first in a series about four brothers. This book poses the question about whether real men **do** knit.

The Gift of Forgiveness by Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt

Poignant stories on forgiving others, even in the most impossible situations.

The Orphan Sisters by Shirley Dickson

Wonderful World War II story centering around two sisters abandoned at an orphanage in 1929 and how they latch onto each other to help each other survive.

The Word is Murder by Anthony Horowitz

Campy take of when an author inserts himself into a murder mystery and thinks he's smarter than the detective.


You are not Alone by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkar

Twisty mystery-- be careful what you wish for.

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennet

Everything. An extraordinary work of art-- there's so much to unpack with this novel you could fuel discussions for decades. A must-read!

Selections: August 2020



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BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
A Good Marriage	Kimberly McCreight	Sandra	Mystery
A Good Neighborhood	Therese Anne Fowler	Sandra	Fiction
Frankly in Love	David Yoon	Sandra	Fiction
Little Family	Ishmael Beah	Sandra	Fiction
Party of Two	Jasmine Guillory	Sandra	Romance
The Beauty in Breaking	Michele Harper	Sandra	Nonfiction
The Book of Lost Friends	Lisa Wingate	Sandra	Historical Fiction
The Summer Deal	Jill Shalvis	Sandra	Fiction
We Came Here to Shine	Susie Orman Schnall	Sandra	Historical Fiction
Have You Seen Luis Velez?	Catherine Ryan Hyde	Sandra	Fiction

A Good Marriage by Kimberly McCreight

Fun mystery, but the end left me with questions.

Party of Two by Jasmine Guillory

Love Jasmine Guillory's stories— her meet-cutes are always fun and original!

The Beauty in Breaking by Michele Harper

Stunning memoir of a Black emergency room female physician. Loved it!

The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate

Beautiful historical fiction revolving around a little known fact that happened after the abolishment of slavery. Loved reading the lost letters. Great book for discussion.


We Came here to Shine by Susie Orman Schnall

Wow! The World's Fair, Hollywood and swimming wrapped up in a delightful story. Enjoyed it immensely!

Have You Seen Luis Velez? by Catherine Ryan Hyde

A feel-good novel— just the sort of thing to remind you how good the world can be!

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BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
One Perfect Summer	Brenda Novak	Sandra	Fiction
Pretty Things	Janelle Brown	Sandra	Mystery
The Book Charmer	Karen Hawkins	Sandra	Fiction
The Book of V	Anna Solomon	Sandra	Fiction
The Imperfects	Amy Meyerson	Sandra	Fiction
The Lions of Fifth Avenue	Fiona Davis	Sandra	Historical Fiction
The Secret Women	Sheila Williams	Sandra	Fiction
The Worst Best Man	Mia Sosa	Sandra	Romance
You Had Me at Hola	Alexis Daria	Sandra	Romance
Fifty Words for Rain	Asha Lemmie	Sandra	Historical Fiction

Fifty Words for Rain by Asha Lemmie

This book was PHENOMENAL! I read it in one sitting—Lemmie’s prose was beautiful and I was hooked from the very first page. One of my favorite lines in the book: “You can’t hear sunshine, but you can hear rain.” This story will stay in my head for a lifetime. A must read!

The Secret Women by Sheila Williams

I loved this book— it really touched my heart. A powerful story of mourning the loss of your mother and how it shapes who and what you are. The story also reflected the power of sister-friends. I will say I am partially biased because Williams’ “Dancing on the Edge of the Roof” is one of my all time favorites. ‘The Secret Women’ is a fantastic read!


You Had Me at Hola by Alexis Daria

It had me at ‘Hola’! The characters spoke to me— fun, fun, fun! If you love novellas, soap operas and romance, this book is for you!

Pretty Things by Janelle Brown

Twisty good, really clever look at ‘the grass is always greener’.

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October 2020 Selections

BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
Dear Wife	Kimberly Belle	Sandra	Mystery
He Started It	Samantha Dowling	Sandra	Mystery
Mexican Gothic	Silvia Moreno-Garcia	Sandra	Mystery
My Way to You	Catherine Bybee	Sandra	Fiction
The First to Lie	Hank Phillippi Ryan	Sandra	Mystery
The Last Flight	Julie Clark	Sandra	Mystery
The Last Train to Key West	Chanel Cleeton	Sandra	Historical Fiction
Verity	Coleen Hoover	Sandra	Mystery
What You Wish For	Katherine Center	Sandra	Fiction
Your Hidden Superpower	Adrienne Bankert	Sandra	Nonfiction
Beach Read	Emily Henry	Sandra	Romance

Dear Wife by Kimberly Belle

Great cat-and-mouse mystery/suspense thriller. Loved the twist at the end!

He Started It by Samantha Dowling

Samantha Downing is a devious, genius writer with a twisted mind! I loved this book because I hated everyone in it. Diabolical thriller in the best way!

Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

I love this book! It's an old-timey Gothic book, reminiscent of Wuthering Heights and the Daphne Du Maurier classic Rebecca. Excellent twist at the end!

The Last Flight by Julie Clark

Two women switch places and subsequently their lives in this suspenseful tale. Excellent read!


The Last Train to Key West by Chanel Cleeton

Historical fiction of the hurricane in Key West. I have to admit I was reading this with a modern lens and wondering 'how could they', but for the time period and the information they had it made sense. Loved it!

Verity by Coleen Hoover

Eerie. Suspenseful. I was on the edge of my seat!

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BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
Coached to Death	Victory Laurie	Sandra	Mystery
Everything Beautiful in Its Time	Jenna Bush Hager	Sandra	Nonfiction
In Case of Emergency	E.G. Scott	Sandra	Mystery
Leave the World Behind	Rumaan Alam	Sandra	Fiction
One Year of Ugly	Caroline Mackenzie	Sandra	Fiction
Stranger in the Lake	Kimberly Belle	Sandra	Mystery
The Exiles	Christina Baker Kline	Sandra	Historical Fiction
The Friendship List	Susan Mallery	Sandra	Fiction
The Midnight Library	Matt Haig	Sandra	Fiction
Trancendent Kingdom	Yaa Gyasi	Sandra	Fiction
Well-Behaved Indian Women	Saumya Dave	Sandra	Fiction
The Last Story of Mina Lee	Nancy Jooyun Kim	Sandra	Fiction

Last Story of Mina Lee by Nancy Jooyun Kim

A beautiful story of a young woman who doesn't understand her mother, a Korean immigrant. When her mother is murdered, she goes searching for answers about her mother and her mother's life. Loved it!

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

This book reminded me of the poem "the Road not Taken" and the movie "It's a Wonderful Life". It focuses on a woman who is given the opportunity to examine all the paths she didn't take and all the options there were. Excellent book club book!

In Case of Emergency by E.G. Scott

Page turner with loads of suspense. Loved it!

Everything is Beautiful in its Own Time by Jenna Bush Hager

Beautiful tribute to her grandparents. Author captures the wonderful lessons she learned from them. Told with vignettes from her life, this book is filled with wisdom and joy.


One Year of Ugly by Carol

Wonderful family story set in Trinidad. Loved the angst and plight of immigrants fleeing Venezuela and landing in Trinidad. Timely novel I really enjoyed.

Well-Behaved Indian Women by Saumya Dave

Wonderful exploration of mother-daughter relationships, what we do to keep the peace, how we survive, and how we grow. Loved the 'immigration to America' experience!

Selections: December 2020



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BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
Crazy Stupid Bromance	Lyssa Kay Adams	Sandra	Romance
Deacon King Kong	James McBride	Sandra	Fiction
Eliza Starts a Rumor	Jane L. Rosen	Sandra	Fiction
Goodnight Beautiful	Aimee Molloy	Sandra	Mystery
Happily This Christmas	Susan Mallery	Sandra	Romance
The Lost and Found Bookshop	Susan Wiggs	Sandra	Fiction
The Shadow King	Maaza Mengiste	Sandra	Historical Fiction
Three Perfect Liars	Heidi Perks	Sandra	Mystery
Troubles in Paradise	Elin Hilderbrand	Sandra	Fiction
When We Were Young & Brave	Hazel Gaynor	Sandra	Historical Fiction
How the Penguins Saved Veronica	Hazel Prior	Sandra	Fiction

Deacon King Kong by James McBride

This is a book with a cast of characters—and you really have to pay attention. At times I felt like I was in the middle of a nursery rhyme when I was attending St. Ives. But the longer I read, the more twisted it became and the further I got sucked down the Rabbit Hole; loving every minute of it!

Eliza Starts a Rumor by Jane L. Rosen

The power of a “black” lie and the problems that occur when spreading a rumor. This book brings together friendship, women’s issues, and feeling relevant in the face of aging. Rosen’s gift of storytelling makes this a wonderful read!

Goodnight Beautiful by Aimee Molloy

Twisty good mystery—loved the ending so much I had to read it twice!

The Lost and Found Bookshop by Susan Wiggs

I love stories about books or book stories. Heartwarming story of a woman battling grief after the loss of her mother, while caring for her ailing grandfather, while managing their bookstore. The ending seemed a little rushed, but enjoyable overall.

Three Perfect Liars by Heidi Perks

Three women look on as a building burns to the ground. All of them have secrets—juicy suspense. I loved it!

When we Were Young and Brave by Hazel Gaynor

Beautiful story about Japanese occupation in China during World War II. Sad at times with a triumphant ending.

How the Penguins Saved Veronica by Hazel Prior

A curmudgeonly old lady decides to go to Antarctica to see the penguins. What could possibly happen? This remarkable book reminds me of ice melting—it starts off cold. At the beginning, I wasn't even sure I liked Veronica, but by the end she'd won my heart. Such a heartwarming story—I loved it!