

## Selections: July 2023



### Clacquot Book Club

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BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
<b>All the Dangerous Things</b>	Stacy Willingham	Sandra	Mystery
<b>Big Gay Wedding</b>	Byron Lane	Sandra	Fiction
<b>Black Candle Women</b> <sup>RWJ</sup>	Diane Marie Brown	Sandra	Fiction
<b>Drowning</b>	T.J. Newman	Sandra	Mystery
<b>Famous in a Small Town</b> <sup>GMA</sup>	Viola Shipman	Sandra	Fiction
<b>Ms. Demeanor</b>	Elinor Lipman	Sandra	Fiction
<b>The Celebrants</b> <sup>RWJ</sup>	Steven Rowley	Sandra	Fiction
<b>The Golden Spoon</b>	Jessa Maxwell	Sandra	Mystery
<b>The House Is on Fire</b> <sup>GMA</sup>	Rachel Beanland	Sandra	Historical Fiction
<b>The Last Russian Doll</b>	Kristin Loesch	Sandra	Historical Fiction
<b>The Senator's Wife</b>	Liv Constantine	Sandra	Mystery
<b>The Spectacular</b>	Fiona Davis	Sandra	Historical Fiction
<b>The Wind Knows My Name</b>	Isabel Allende	Sandra	Historical Fiction
<b>Yellowface</b>	R.F. Kuang	Sandra	Fiction
<b>You Were Always Mine</b>	Christine Pride & Jo Piazza	Sandra	Fiction

**NOTES:**

**GMA:** Good Morning America Book Club or Book Buzz Pick

**RBC:** Reese's Book Club

**RWJ:** Read With Jenna

#### **All the Dangerous Things** by Stacey Willingham

Twisty novel about a son's disappearance in the night. It kept me guessing on what really happened and who was really telling the truth.

#### **Big Gay Wedding** by Byron Lane

I loved this book so much! Laugh-out-loud book of what happens when a man returns home to his small town to get married to his husband while his mom pretends everything is "normal". She was so stuck on "what will people think?!" It made the scenes extra fun!

#### **Drowning** by T.J. Newman

I love T.J. Newman. The countdown on this plane crash had me skipping a beat and wanting to know who was actually going to survive. I loved it.

#### **Famous in a Small Town** by Viola Shipman

Heartwarming and laugh-out-loud funny, it gave a whole new meaning for the love of cherries.  
Sweet summertime read.

**Ms. Demeanor** by Elinor Lipman

Funny recounting of a woman who gets caught doing something naughty on the roof of her building and has to wear an ankle monitor because of it. What she learns about the rest of the people in the apartment and herself is delightful and delicious.

**The Celebrants** by Steven Rowley

Beautiful story of friendship, love, loss, and how we hold it all together.

**The Golden Spoon** by Jessa Maxwell

I'm surprised no one's thought of this before. This is like a British Bake-off murder mystery - six bakers come together, and not everybody leaves.

**The House is on Fire** by Rachel Beanland

Wonderful historical fiction based on the 1811 theater fire in Richmond, Virginia. The story focuses on four different characters and how they lived before and after the fire.

**The Senator's Wife** by Liv Constantine

Great domestic thriller that had me at the edge of my seat - I loved it.

**The Spectacular** by Fiona Davis

Fiona Davis does it again - I love her historical fiction! This centers on the famed Rockettes of Radio city music hall and the bombings that were taking place at the time. She's kicked off another spectacular read.

**The Wind Knows my Name** by Isabel Allende

Beautiful story about the sacrifices parents make for their children. Dual timelines of 1938 Vienna before the war and Arizona, 2019 at the US border crossing. This story reminded me that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

**Yellowface** by R.F.Kuang

This book made me so angry because I could see it happening in real life.

**You Were Always Mine** by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza

Beautiful and heart-wrenching story of two women, one in her late teens who's white, and the other in her 30s who's black. When the pregnant teen delivers and leaves her baby with her newly-made Black friend, questions arise about what constitutes a family and who can be called a mother.