**The Book Club Insider**

**Monthly Newsletter**

### New Titles for Book Club in a Bag

Readers’ Services has added the following books to our Book Club in a Bag collection:

**Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter** –
The acclaimed, award-winning author of the national bestseller *The Financial Lives of the Poets* returns with his funniest, most romantic and most purely enjoyable novel yet: the story of an almost-love affair that begins on the Italian coast in 1962 . . . and is rekindled in Hollywood fifty years later.

**Me Before You by JoJo Moyes** –
Taking a job as an assistant to extreme sports enthusiast Will, who is wheelchair bound after a motorcycle accident, Louisa struggles with her employer's acerbic moods and learns of his shocking plans before demonstrating to him that life is still worth living.

**The Silent Wife by A.S.A. Harrison** –
Told in alternating voices, this novel follows the events leading up to the violent dissolution of Jodi and Todd's marriage, a union steeped in lies, infidelity, jealousy, and denial.

Let us provide everything you need for a successful book discussion. We can supply you with 10 copies of the book and a discussion binder. The binder contains discussion questions, biographical information and critical material. Please contact Readers’ Services, 921-7161, ext 239 to reserve a book for your Book Club.

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### Bestsellers In International Markets For February 2014

Here’s a listing of the top three bestselling fiction books for February 2014 by country:

**France**
*Finishing Off Eddy Bellegueule* by Édouard Louis (not available in U.S. markets), *Repair the Living* by Maylis de Kerangal (not available in U.S. markets) and *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt.

**Germany**
*The Girl who Saved the King of Sweden* by Jonas Jonasson (available April 2014 in U.S., *Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and his Years of Pilgrimage* by Haruki Murakami (available August 2014 in U.S.) and *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion.

**Spain**
*Ripper* by Isabel Allende, *The Truth About the Harry Quebert Affair* by Joel Dicker (available May 2014 in U.S.) and *Crazy Peach* by Megan Maxwell (not available in U.S. markets).

**United Kingdom**
*The Fault in our Stars* by John Green, *The Shock of the Fall* by Nathan Filer and *Life after Life* by Kate Atkinson

Sources: Publishers Weekly Magazine; Amazon.com.uk

- Lisa Jones, Readers’ Services Librarian
March 2014 Releases I Can’t Wait to Read …

Spring is coming and we can finally breathe a sigh of relief that the snow will soon be a distant memory. I can’t wait to grab my books and get back outside in the sunshine. I can already picture my backyard in full bloom, a nice cup of tea in my hands, my cat at my feet, birds singing in the trees and a fantastic new book release waiting to be read. Below are the March 2014 releases I can’t wait to read …

All Our Names by Dinaw Mengestu (release date: 03/04/14)
“Coming of age during an African revolution, a brilliant university student-turned-fighter eventually flees the escalating violence of his country to resettle in the United States, where he is haunted by his past.”

A Circle of Wives by Alice LaPlante (release date: 03/04/14)
“Small-town detective Samantha Adams investigates the murder of a well-known and well-liked plastic surgeon who turns out to have been a closeted polygamist when his three wives show up at his funeral.”

Boy, Snow, Bird by Helen Oyeyemi (release date: 03/06/14)
“A modern reimagining of the Snow White fairy tale follows the experiences of a woman who marries a mid-20th-century Massachusetts single father and succumbs to vanity when the birth of her baby reveals her husband to be a light-skinned African American.”

Above by Isla Morley (release date: 03/04/14)
“Abducted and locked in an abandoned missile silo by a mad survivalist, a Kansas teen endures loneliness and despair while struggling to raise a baby in isolation before escaping into a world more changed than she anticipated.”

The Weight of Blood by Laura McHugh (release date: 03/11/14)
“Treated like an outsider by Ozark Mountain neighbors who regard her mother's disappearance years earlier with suspicion, sixteen-year-old Lucy is further haunted by a friend's murder, which compels her to investigate family secrets and sacrifices.”

And my guilty pleasure (not a Book Club Book): Missing You by Harlan Coben (release date: 03/18/14)
“It's a profile, like all the others on the online dating site. But as NYPD Detective Kat Donovan focuses on the accompanying picture, she feels her whole world explode, as emotions she's ignored for decades come crashing down on her.

All descriptions provided by the publishers.

“I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading!
How much sooner one tires of anything than of a book!”
—Jane Austen

- Jackie Ranaldo, Head of Readers’ Services