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-The Orphan Master’s Son by Adam Johnson on Tues Dec 13, 2016 at 7:30 PM

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Dec 20, 2016 at 2 PM

If your Book Club would like to recommend a book to our readers, please send us an email at
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The Book Club Insider
Monthly Newsletter

In Memoriam 2016
The literary world lost some luminary greats in 2016. Each perfected the written word and gained a huge fan base in their respective genres. Most enjoyed long and prosperous careers as writers and playwrights. Here are a few authors that left us in 2016:

Edward Albee (Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, Seascape)
Pat Conroy (Beach Music, The Great Santini, The Prince of Tides)
Umberto Eco (Foucault’s Pendulum, The Name of the Rose, The Prague Cemetery)
Jim Harrison (The English Major, Legends of the Fall)
Harper Lee (To Kill a Mockingbird, Go Set a Watchman)
William Trevor (Death in Summer, Felicia’s Journey, The Story of Lucy Gault)
Elie Wiesel (Dawn, Day, The Fifth Son, Night)

These authors are gone but truly not forgotten as their memorable characters, well-crafted narratives and inner thoughts will remain with us forever. Did you have a favorite book from the above list of authors? If so, we would love to hear from you. Please send us an email at Readersservices@syossetlibrary.org.

Best wishes for a very happy, healthy New Year filled with great books!

-Lisa Jones, Readers’ Services Librarian

Top 10 Book Club Picks for December
By Bookmovement.com

♦ A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman
♦ Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J. D. Vance
♦ All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
♦ The Nest by Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney
♦ Commonwealth by Ann Patchett
♦ The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware
♦ Circling the Sun by Paula McLain
♦ Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger
♦ The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
♦ Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff

-Sonia Grgas, Reference Librarian
Fall Titles You May Have Missed

What a great season for reading. With so many new books coming out, we should have no shortage of titles for our upcoming book discussions. While you are waiting for the latest bestseller or new release, why not try a fall title that you may have missed. Here are six titles, your book group may want to consider:

**The Boat Rocker** by Ha Jin
Famous for his explosive anti-Communist expose, a fiercely principled Chinese expatriate reporter endures an excruciating assignment investigating his own ex-wife, an unscrupulous novelist who has become a pawn of the Chinese government.

**The Fortunes** by Peter Ho Davies
Explores a century of American history through the lives of Chinese Americans, using the lives of four individuals to depict how an immigrant community survives and ultimately becomes American in the process.

**The Gustav Sonata** by Rose Tremain
A tale of betrayal, survival, and enduring friendship shadowed by the Second World War.

**Judas** by Amos Oz
A biblical scholar finds himself falling for the daughter of a deceased Zionist leader after accepting a job as a caregiver for an irritable old man in 1959 Jerusalem.

**Nicotine** by Nell Zink
Inheriting her hippie father’s childhood home in New Jersey, a young woman who has rebelled against her family her entire life arrives at the house and encounters a group of charming anarchist squatters who share her political beliefs and fervent approach to life.

**The Story of a Brief Marriage** by Anuk Arudpragasam
Set on a single day towards the end of the Sri Lankan Civil War, a newlywed couple tries to balance love and intimacy in an evacuee camp which is constantly being bombarded by enemy shells.

Favorite Books Of 2016

The New York Times has published their 100 Notable Books of 2016 online. Here are some of my favorite books from this year that are on this Notable List:

**Behold the Dreamers** by Imbolo Mbue was my favorite book this year. This will make an excellent book discussion.
“For fans of Americanah and The Lowland comes a debut novel about an immigrant couple striving to get ahead as the Great Recession hits home. With profound empathy, keen insight, and sly wit, Imbolo Mbue has written a compulsively readable story about marriage, class, race, and the trapdoors in the American Dream.”

**The Nix** by Nathan Hill was also an exceptional debut novel.
“Astonished to see the mother who abandoned him in childhood throwing rocks at a presidential candidate, a bored college professor struggles to reconcile the radical media depictions of his mother with his small-town memories and decides to draw her out by penning a tell-all biography. A first novel.”

From the Non-Fiction list my favorite book was **When Breath Becomes Air** by Paul Kalanithi.
An Ivy League-trained, award-winning young neurosurgeon describes his how after receiving a terminal diagnosis with lung cancer he explored the dynamics of his roles as a patient and care provider, the philosophical conundrums about a meaningful life and how he wanted to spend his final days.


The list of notable books can be found at the link below:

-Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian