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For a more extensive list of books that will be made into movies go to:

-Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian

Upcoming Events
For Readers

Evening Book Discussion
- The Man in the High Castle by Philip K. Dick on Tues, Sept 12, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Afternoon Book Discussion
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald on Tues, Sept 26, 2017 at 1:30 PM

Let us provide you with everything you need for your book club. The library owns sets of books exclusively for local book clubs to check out for their discussions. Discussion questions are included in the set, along with biographical and critical material.

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Mystery Writer Sue Grafton is Running Out of Letters

On August 22nd, author Sue Grafton’s Y is for Yesterday was released. Eager fans are asking the obvious, what will Grafton do when she reaches the end of the alphabet? Her response? “No Clue”. Grafton stated in a recent interview, “I want to see what kind of shape I’m in mentally and physically. I don’t want to keep writing if the juice is gone; I may write a Kinsey Millhone stand alone or two but if I feel I’ve lost my touch, I’ll retire”.

A is for Alibi was first published in 1982 and featured heroine Kinsey Millhone, a private investigator who resided in the fictional town of Santa Teresa, California. Over the next 35 years, Grafton’s books have been published in 28 countries, translated into 26 languages and have reached millions of readers. Grafton got the idea for her series while reading an Edward Gorey cartoon book that went “A is for Amy, who fell down the stairs”, “B is for Basil, assaulted by bears” and thought it would be a great way to link titles. She then wrote down alphabetically, as many crime related titles as she could. When the idea was sold to a publisher, Grafton thought “uh-oh, now I’m in trouble” having not finished the first book yet.

Grafton was named a Grand Master by the Mystery Writers of America in 2009. She also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Private Eye Writers of America and the Cartier Diamond Dagger Award from Britain’s Crime Writers’ Association. Grafton has been married for more than 30 years and divides her time between Montecito, California and Louisville, Kentucky, where she was born and raised.

Grafton’s final entry in the Kinsey Millhone series, Z is for Zero is slated for release in the fall of 2019. I’m sure countless fans like myself will be left wanting more.

-Lisa Jones, Readers’ Services Librarian
Books Being Released Late Summer/Fall 2017

I have listed some new books that your book group might want to preview for upcoming discussions. Here are five titles that your book club may find worthwhile:

**Smile** by Roddy Doyle

Approached by a man he does not remember who claims they attended secondary school together, Victor Forde reluctantly reflects on unhappy memories from the past, including those of a brutal teacher who left him traumatized and struggling to hold fast to his sanity.

**Home Fire** by Kamila Shamsie

Given a chance to resume a deferred dream years after raising her troubled siblings, Isma worries about the influence of a powerful politician’s son who drives the family to choose between love and loyalty, with devastating consequences. LONGLISTED FOR THE 2017 MAN BOOKER PRIZE

**Origin** by Dan Brown

Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon navigates a dangerous intersection of humanity’s two most enduring questions, interweaving codes, science, religion and other disciplines before making a paradigm-shifting discovery.

**Go, Went, Gone** by Jenny Erpenbeck

This novel is a scathing indictment of Western policy toward the European refugee crisis, but also a touching portrait of a man who finds he has more in common with the Africans than he realizes. “Erpenbeck will get under your skin” (Washington Post Book World).

**The Red-Haired Woman** by Orhan Pamuk

Hired to find water on a barren plain during the hot summer, a master well digger and his young apprentice develop a filial bond neither has known until the boy becomes fatefully attracted to a red-haired actress from a traveling theatre company. By the Nobel Prize-winning author of *Snow*.

All Summaries from Publishers.

This Year’s Top Book Club Picks So Far

Ever wonder what other book clubs are reading? The website Bookmovement.com publishes lists of books that are popular with the more than 35,000 book clubs that are registered with the site. The following titles are the ones most discussed by those groups so far for this year:

- *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
- *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman
- *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett
- *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate
- *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman
- *The Handmaid’s Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware
- *The Glass Castle: a Memoir* by Jeannette Walls
- *Hillbilly Elegy: a Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance
- *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George
- *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan
- *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult

- Sonia Grgas, Reference Librarian