

## Book Club #1 2024

January 25 **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles

Deemed unrepentant by a Bolshevik tribunal in 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is sentenced to house arrest in a hotel across the street from the Kremlin, where he lives in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history unfold. Russian History

February 22 **West with Giraffes** by Lynda Rutledge

Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, recalls his journey to deliver South California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo in 1938. Animal Rescue, Historical Fiction

March 28 **Prodigal Summer** by Barbara Kingsolver

A reclusive wildlife biologist, a young farmer's wife marooned far from home, and a pair of elderly, feuding neighbors face disparate predicaments. Fiction, Classic

April 25 **The Paris Apartment** by Lucy Foley

Arriving in Paris to stay with her brother Ben, Jess learns that he has gone missing, and to find him, starts digging into his life, realizing even though she has come to the City of Lights to escape her past, it's his future hanging in the balance. Detective and Mystery and Fiction

May 23 **Band of Sisters** by Lauren Willig

A group of young women from Smith College risk their lives in France at the height of World War I in this sweeping novel based on a true story. WWI

June 27 **Five Star Weekend** by Elin Hildebrand

Inviting her best friend from each phase of her life, a woman hosts an unforgettable weekend during which things don't go as planned as each woman deals with heartbreak, infidelity, scandal and secrets, but things turn around due to new friendships, unexpected romance and self-discovery. Family Life

July 25 **The Paris Daughter** by Kristen Harmel

As WWII ends, Elise returns to Paris to reunite with her daughter only to find her friend Juliette, the woman she entrusted her daughter with, has seemingly vanished without a trace, which leads Elise on a desperate search. WWII

August 22 **The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post** by Allison Pataki

New-money heiress Marjorie Post isn't content to remain a society bride as she remakes herself into a savvy entrepreneur, a visionary philanthropist, a presidential hostess, and much more. Biographical Fiction

September 26 **Someone Else's Shoes** by Jojo Moyes

When she accidentally takes the wrong gym bag, Sam Kemp tries on a pair of six-inch high Christian Louboutin red crocodile shoes that give her the confidence to change her life, while the shoes' owner tries to cling to her glamorous life after her husband cuts her off. Contemporary Romance

October 24 **American Dreamer : the Life and Times of Henry A. Wallace** by John C. Culver

Examines the life of politically controversial Henry A. Wallace, who was FDR's wartime vice president and also a renowned agriculturist, author, economist, and businessman. Birthday: October 7, 1888 Biography

November 21 **The Good Sister** by Sally Hepworth

Twin sisters who are polar opposites but who are harboring a deep, dark secret about their sociopathic mother must face the consequences of both her actions and their own when one tries to start a family. Sisters, Suspense, Contemporary

December 19 **The Christmas Bookshop** by Jenny Colgan

When she is out of a job just in time for the holidays, Carmen, with little cash and few options, is forced to move in with her perfect sister where she takes a job at a charming, ancient book store that desperately needs her help. Sisters, Scotland

*1st Alternate: Memory Keepers Daughter by Edwards; 2nd Alternate: All the Little Hopes by Weiss*