

ATTENTION BOOK CLUBBERS

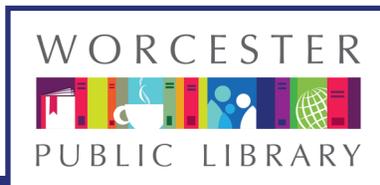
Check Out “Book Club in a Bag”

from Worcester Public Library Main Branch

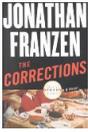


The book club bag contains everything you need:

- 8 copies of a selected title
(Email wplref@mywpl.org to suggest other titles)
- Discussion questions to help you get the conversation started
 - A handy sign-in list for keeping track of books



Book Club in a Bag Collections



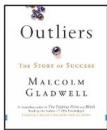
***The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen**

Enid Lambert begins to worry about her husband when he begins to withdraw and lose himself in negativity and depression as he faces Parkinson's disease.



***Still Alice* by Lisa Genova**

Alice Howland, happily married with three grown children and a house on the Cape, is a celebrated Harvard professor at the height of her career when she notices a forgetfulness creeping into her life. As confusion starts to cloud her thinking and her memory begins to fail her, she receives a devastating diagnosis: early onset Alzheimer's disease.



***Outliers: the story of success* by Malcolm Gladwell**

The best-selling author of *Blink* identifies the qualities of successful people, posing theories about the cultural, family, and idiosyncratic factors that shape high achievers, in a resource that covers such topics as the secrets of software billionaires, why certain cultures are associated with better academic performance, and why the Beatles earned their fame.



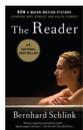
***The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak**

Death tells the story of a young German girl, Liesel, whose book-stealing and story-telling talents during World War II help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.



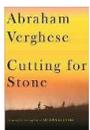
***Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See**

A story of friendship set in nineteenth-century China follows an elderly woman and her companion as they communicate their hopes, dreams, joys, and tragedies through a unique secret language.



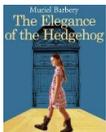
***The Reader* by Bernhard Schlink**

At the age of fifteen, Michael Berg falls in love with a woman named Hanna who disappears, and while observing a trial as a law student years later, he is shocked to discover the same woman as the defendant in a horrible crime.



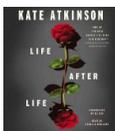
***Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese**

The twin sons of a secret love affair between an Indian nun and a British surgeon in Addis Ababa, Marion and Shiva Stone are orphaned by their mother's death in childbirth and father's disappearance, coming of age in an Ethiopia on the brink of revolution, bound together by a shared interest in medicine and forever divided by their love for the same woman.



***The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery**

The lives of fifty-four-year-old concierge Rene Michel and extremely bright, suicidal twelve-year-old Paloma Josse are transformed by the arrival of a new tenant.



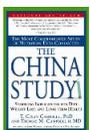
***Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson**

What if you could live again and again, until you got it right? On a cold and snowy night in 1910, Ursula Todd is born to an English banker and his wife. She dies before she can draw her first breath. On that same cold and snowy night, Ursula Todd is born, lets out a lusty wail, and embarks upon a life that will be, to say the least, unusual.



***The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt**

A young boy in New York City, Theo Decker, miraculously survives an accident that takes the life of his mother. Alone and abandoned by his father, Theo is taken in by a friend's family and struggles to make sense of his new life. In the years that follow, he becomes entranced by one of the few things that reminds him of his mother: a small, mysteriously captivating painting that ultimately draws Theo into the art underworld.



***The China study : the most comprehensive study of nutrition ever conducted and the startling implications for diet, weight loss and long-term health* by T. Colin Campbell with Thomas M. Campbell II**

The link between nutrition and heart disease, diabetes, and cancer is presented in an authoritative text--based on a survey of thousands of adults throughout China and Taiwan--that reveals how proper nutrition can have a dramatic effect on reducing and reversing these ailments.

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