

MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB (Book Club - first meeting held on 21/10/2004)

Books read and discussed in 2016

The Key to Rebecca – Ken Follet
Mrs Dalloway – Virginia Woolf
Enigma – Robert Harris
A God in Ruins – Kate Atkinson
The Poison Wood Bible – Barbara Kingsolver
An Officer and a Spy – Robert Harris
Moab is my Washpot – Stephen Fry autobiography
Mr Pip – Lloyd Jones
Absolutely – Joanna Lumley's autobiography
I do not sleep – Judy Finnigan
The Fry Chronicles – Stephen Fry autobiography

Books read and discussed in 2015

The Apple Tree Yard – Louise Doughty
Constance – Rosie Thomas
The Invention of Wings – Sue Monk Kidd
The Village Green Affair – Rebecca Shaw
Silas Marner – George Elliott
Far from the Madding Crowd – Thomas Hardy
A Blaze of Autumn Sunshine – Tony Benn's diaries
Eye of the Needle – Ken Follett
Italian Shoes – Henning Mankell
The Light Between the Oceans – M L Stedman

Books read and discussed in 2014

The Ghost – Robert Harris
Beethoven Was One-Sixteenth Black - Nadine Gordimer
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry - Rachel Joyce
The Light behind the Window – Lucinda Riley
Life After Life – Kate Atkinson
The Secret Keeper – Kate Morton
The Husband's Secret – Lianne Moriarty
Mill on the Floss – George Elliott
Little Women – Louisa M Alcott
The Colour of Magic – Terry Pratchett
A Street Cat Named Bob – James Bowen

Books read and discussed in 2013

Price of Honour; Muslim Women Lift the Veil of Silence on the Islamic World' - Jan Goodwin
The Decision - Penny Vincenzi
Home; A Memoir of My Early Years - Julia Andrews autobiography
The Thread - Victoria Hislop
The Rise and Fall of a Yummy Mummy – Polly Williams
One Good Turn – Kate Atkinson
Before I go to Sleep – S J Watson
The Lady and the Unicorn - Tracy Chevalier
The Hundred-year-old man who climbed out the window – Jonas Jonasson

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Catching the Sun - Tony Parsons
Life of Pi – Yann Martel
A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens
And Thereby Hangs a Tale – Jeffrey Archer
The Help – Kathryn Stockett
The Ravenscar Dynasty – Barbara Taylor Bradford

Books read and discussed in 2012

Tara Road – Maeve Binchey
Q & A – Vikas Swarup
House Rules – Jodi Picoult
The Room – Emma Donoghue
Major Pettigrew's Last Stand – Helen Simonson
Memoirs of a not so Dutiful Daughter – Jennie Murray
Great Expectations – Charles Dickens
Also watched David Lean's film version on DVD
The Immortal Life of Henrieta Lacks – Rebecca Sklott
The Worst Journey in the World – Apsley Cherry-Garrard

Books read and discussed in 2011

Dear Fatty – Dawn French
Look Back in Hunger – Jo Brand
Also went to see Ingatestone & Fryerning Dramatic Club stage production
The Woman in White – Wilkie Collins
Jamaica Inn – Daphne Du Maurier
The Victorians – Jeremy Paxman
Life on Air – David Attenborough
The Outcast – Sadie Jones
Satanic Verses – Salman Rushdie
Water for Elephants – Sara Gruen
Rebecca – Daphne Du Maurier
Consequences – Penelope Lively
The Northern Clemency – Philip Hensher
Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen

Books read and discussed in 2010

The Waves – Virginia Woolf
Full Tilt – Ireland to India with a Bicycle – Dervla Murphy
Little Stranger – Sarah Waters
Salem Falls – Jodi Picoult
The Backward Shadow – Lynne Reid Banks
The Night Watch – Sarah Waters
Kafka Metamorphosis and Other Stories – Franz Kafka
Case Histories – Kate Atkinson
Cadfael; A Morbid Taste for Bones AND St Peter's Fair – Ellis Peter
The Authorised Biography of Ronnie Barker – Bob McCabe
A Picture of Dorian Gray – Oscar Wilde
The Time Traveler's Wife – Audrey Niffenegger

Books read and discussed in 2009

The Catcher in the Rye – DJ Salinger
Meet me Under the Ombu Tree – Santa Montefopre
The Ballard of Peckham Rye – Muriel Spark
To the Lighthouse – Virginia Woolf
My Family and Other Animals – Gerald Durrell
A Thousand Splendid Swans – Khaled Hosseini
The Darkest Evening of the Year – Dean Koontz
In the Name of Honour – Mukhtar Mai
My Sister's Keeper – Jodi Picoult
A spot of Bother – Mark Haddon
Seek my Face – John Updike
Oryx and Cake – Margaret Attwood
The Germanicus Mosaic – Rosemary Towe
Swallows and Amazons – Arthur Ransome

Books read and discussed in 2008

One of PG Woodhouse novels (no record)
Every Light in the House is Burnin – Andrea Levy
Driving Force – Dick Francis
The Memoirs of a Survivor – Doris Lessing
Talking Heads – Alan Bennett
The No 1 Ladies Detective Agency – Alexander McCall Smith
The Uncommon Reader – Alan Bennett
The Copper Peacock – Ruth Rendell
Seal Morning – Rowena Farre
Over Here – Raymond Seitz
Catherine De Medici: A Biography – Leonie Frieda
Vanishing Act – Jodi Picoult
A Wedding in December – Anita Shreve
To the Hermitage – Malcom Bradbury
The Art of Mending – Elizabeth Berg

Books read and discussed in 2007

Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck
Vienna Blood – Frank Tallis
Frenadillo Box – Janet Gleeson
Loving Spirit – Daphne Du Maurier
Keeping the World Away – Margaret Forster
Rebecca – Daphne Du Maurier
Fateless – Imre Kertesz
American Pastoral – Philip Roth
Babes in the Wood – Ruth Rendell
The Conjuror's Bird – Martin Davies
Cecil Beaton's Diaries – Beaton in the Sixties
Halfpenny Field – Iris Gower
The Painter of Signs – RK Narayam
The God of Small Things – Arundhati Roy
The Lighthouse – PD James

Books read and discussed in 2006

A Country Rebel – Jeffrey Hill (playreading group)
Life goes on – Adrian Hodges (playreading group)
The Architecture of Happiness – Alain de Botton
A Short History of Tractors in the Ukrainian – Marian Lewycka
Untold Stories – Alan Bennett
The Testament – John Grisham
Small Island – Andrea Levy
Wild Swans – Three Daughters of China – Jung Chang
Mister God this is Anna – Fynn
Nobody's Child – Kate Adie
Thirteen Steps Down – Ruth Rendell

Books read and discussed in 2005

A Suitable Boy – Vikram Seth
Seize the Day – Saul Bellow
Driving Over Lemons – Chris Stewart
Kindness of Strangers – Kate Adie
Brick Lane – Monica Ali
An Equal Music – Vikram Seth
Ronnie Corbett's autobiography
Snowleg – Nicholas Shakespeare
The Distant Echo – Val McDermid
The Photograph – Penelope Lively
The Two of Us – Sheila Hancock
Mrs Jordan's Profession – Claire Tomalin
Chocolat – Joanne Harris

Books read and discussed in 2004

Betty Boothroyd's Autobiography

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List of Non Fiction Books:

Kate Adie - Nobody's Child
Kate Adie - The Kindness of Strangers
Julie Andrews – Home; A Memoir of My Early Years
David Attenborough - Life On Air
Beaton in the Sixties – More Unexpurgated Diaries
Ronnie Barker – Biography (Bob McCabe)
Alan Bennett - Untold Stories
Tony Benn - A Blaze of Autumn Sunshine (diaries)
Betty Boothroyd's Autobiography
Alain de Botton - The Architecture of Happiness
James Bowen – A Street Cat Named Bob
Jo Brand – Look Back in Hunger
Jung Chang - Wild Swans (Three Daughters of China)
Apsley Cherry-Garrard – The Worst Journey in the World
Tommy Cooper - Biography
Ronnie Corbet's Autobiography
Gerald Durrell - My Family and Other Animals
Rowena Farre - Seal Morning
Dawn French – Dear Fatty
Catherine De Medici: A Biography by Leonie Frieda
Stephen Fry autobiography - Moab is my Washpot
Stephen Fry autobiography - The Fry Chronicles
Fynn - Mister God this is Anna
Jan Goodwin – Price of Honour; Muslim Women Lift the Veil of Silent on the Islamic World
Sheila Hancock - The Two of Us - My Life with John Thaw
Edna Healey – Part of the Pattern
Imre Kertesz - Fateless
Joanna Lumley's autobiography - Absolutely
Dervla Murphy - Full Tilt, Ireland to India with a bicycle
Jenni Murray – Memoirs of a Dutiful Daughter
Jeremy Paxman – The Victorians
Raymond Seitz - Over Here
Rebecca Sklott – The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lack
Chris Stewart - Driving over Lemons
Claire Tomalin - Mrs Jordan's Profession

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List of Fiction Books:

Louisa M Alcott – Little Women
Monica Ali - Brick Lane
Jeffrey Archer - And Thereby Hangs a Tale
Kate Atkinson - Case Histories
Kate Atkinson - One Good Turn
Kate Atkinson – Life After Life
Kate Atkinson – A God in Ruins
Margaret Atwood - Oryx and Cake
Jane Austen - Pride and Prejudice
Lynne Reid Banks - The L Shaped Room
Lynne Reid Banks - The Backward Shadow
Saul Bellow - Seize the Day
Alan Bennett - Talking Heads
Alan Bennett - The Uncommon Reader
Elizabeth Berg - The Art of Mending
Maeve Binchey - Tara Road
Malcolm Bradbury - To the Hermitage
Barbara Taylor Bradford - The Rvenscar Dynasty
Tracy Chevalier - The Lady and the Unicorn
Wylkie Collins - The Woman in White
Martin Davies - The Conjuror's Bird
Charles Dickens - Great Expectations
Charles Dickens - A Christmas Carol
Emma Donoghue - The Room
Louise Doughty - The Apple Tree Yard
Daphne Du Maurier - Loving Spirit
Daphne Du Maurier - Rebecca (2)
Daphne Du Maurier - Jamaica Inn
George Elliott – Mill on the Floss
George Elliott – Silas Marner
Judy Finnigan - I do not Sleep
Ken Follett - Eye of the Needle
Ken Follet - The Key to Rebecca
Margaret Forster - Keeping the World Away
Kate Forsyth - Dragon Claw
Dick Francis - Driving Force
Janet Gleeson - Grenadillo Box
Jeffrey Grenfell-Hill - A Country Rebel – (play)
Nadine Gordimer – Beethoven was One-Sixteenth Black
Iris Gower - In Halfpenny Field
John Grisham - The Testament
Sara Gruen - Water for Elephants
Mark Haddon - A Spot of Bother
Thomas Hardy – Far from the Madding Crowd
Joanne Harris - Chocolat

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Robert Harris – The Ghost
Robert Harris - An Officer and a Spy
Robert Harris - Enigma
Philip Hensher - The Northern Clemency
Victoria Hislop – The Island
Victoria Hislop – The Thread
Adrian Hodges - Life Goes On – (play)
Khaled Hussein - A Thousand Splendid Suns
Khaled Hussein - The Kite Runner
P.D. James - The Lighthouse
Sadie Jones - The Outcast
Jonas Jonasson - The Hundred-year-old man who climbed out the window
Lloyd Jones - Mr Pip
Rachel Joyce – The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
Barbara Kingsolver - The Poison Wood Bible
Franz Kafka - Kafka Metamorphosis
Dean Koontz - The Darkest Evening of the Year
Doris Lessing - Memoirs of a Survivor
Andrea Levy - Small Island
Andrea Levy - Every Light in the House Burnin
Marina Lewycka - The Tractors in Ukrainian
Penelope Lively - The Photograph
Penelope Lively - Consequences
Mukhtar Mai - In the Name of Honour
Alexander McCall Smith - The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency
Frank McCourt - Teacher Man
Val McDermid - The Distant Echo
Henning Mankell - Italian Shoes
Yann Martel - Life of Pi
Santa Montefiore - The French Gardener
Santa Montefiore - Meet Me Under Umbu Tree
Lianne Moriarty – The Husband's Secret
Sue Monk Kidd - The Invention of Wings
Kate Morton – The Secret Keeper
R.K. Narayam - The Painter of Signs
Audrey Niffenegger - The Time Traveller's Wife
Tony Parsons - Catching the Sun
Ellis Peter - Cadfael; A Morbid Taste for Bones
Ellis Peter - Cadfael; St Peter's Fair
Jodi Picoult - Vanishing Act
Jodi Picoult - My Sister's Keeper
Jodi Picoult - Salem Falls
Jodi Picoult - House Rules
Terry Pratchett – The Colour of Magic
Arthur Ransome - Swallows and Amazons
Ruth Rendell - Babes in the Wood
Ruth Rendell - Thirteen Steps Down
Ruth Rendell - The Copper Peacock
Lucinda Riley – The Light Behind the Window

Philip Roth - American Pastoral
Rosemary Rowe - Germanicus Mosaic
Arundhati Roy - The God of Small Things
Salman Rushdie - The Satanic Verses
J D Salinger - Catcher in the Rye
Vikram Seth - An Equal Music
Vikram Seth - A Suitable Boy
Diane Setterfield - The Thirteenth Tale
Nicholas Shakespeare - Snowleg
Anita Schreve - A Wedding in December
Rebecca Shaw –The Village Green Affair
Helen Simonson - Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand
Muriel Spark - Ballard of Peckham Rye
M L Stedman - The Light Between the Oceans
John Steinbeck - Of Mice and Men
Kathryn Stockett - The Help
Vikas Swanrup - Q & A
Frank Tallis - Vienna Blood
Rosie Thomas - Constance
John Updike - Seek My Face
Sally Vickers - Miss Garnett’s Angels
Penny Vincenzi – The Decision
Sarah Waters - The Night Watch
Sarah Waters - Little Stranger
Jeanette Walls - The Glass Castle
S J Watson - Before I go to Sleep
Oscar Wilde - A Picture of Dorian Gray
Polly Williams - The Rise and Fall of a Yummy Mummy
PG Wodehouse- one of his novels
Virginia Woolf - To the Lighthouse
Virginia Woolf - The Waves
Virginia Woolf - Mrs Dalloway