

# Voices and Choices Book Club Selections

1. ***The Handmaid's Tale***, by Margaret Atwood is a dystopian novel about a theocratic state where fertile women become the "handmaids" of an elite group of men, and whose only purpose is to bear children.
2. ***Oryx and Crake***, also by Margaret Atwood is another dystopian novel, set in a future society during the aftermath of biological engineering gone horribly wrong.
3. ***Crow Lake***, by Mary Lawson is a story of love, sacrifice, relationships and the survival of a family after the deaths of the parents.
4. ***The Bean Trees***, by Barbara Kingsolver. Follow the adventures of Taylor Greer as she leaves her small town to make a life for herself.
5. ***The Glass Castle***, Jeanette Walls. Memoir. Jeanette's story of growing up in a family dealing with poverty and mental illness.
6. ***The Other Side of the Bridge***, Mary Lawson. This novel tells the connected stories of individuals coping with life decisions and relationships in a small town in northern Ontario
7. ***Keeper'n' Me***, by Richard Wagamese tells the story of Garnet Raven, an indigenous boy raised by numerous foster families who is contacted by his native family after years of attempting to cope with life in the city.
8. ***Happiness***, by Will Ferguson provides a satirical look at what would happen if someone published a self help book that actually worked for all of us.
9. ***Obasan***, By Joy Kogawa centres on the internment of Japanese Canadians during WW II and the impact of these events on the life of one girl and her family.
10. ***Into the Wild***, by Jon Krakauer. Nonfiction. Krakauer unravels the mystery of Christopher McCandless, a young man who left his family to try to live on his own in the wilderness of Alaska
11. ***The Great Gatsby***, by F. Scott Fitzgerald is the story of Jay Gatsby who goes to great lengths to win back the love of his life.
12. ***When the Moon is Low***, Nadia Hashmi. This recent novel follows the journey of a refugee family as they flee Afghanistan.
13. ***The Sun also Rises***, by Ernest Hemingway focuses on a group of young adults in the years just following World War One.
14. ***The Kite Runner***, by Khaled Hosseini. Two boys' lives are changed by events during the war in Afghanistan leaving one betrayed and the other repenting his choices.
15. ***The Joy Luck Club***, by Amy Tan in a multi-generational immigration story about the challenge of maintaining one's heritage while adapting and adopting new cultural practices.
16. ***Secret Daughter***, By Shilpi Somaya Gowda tells the story of an American family that adopts a baby from India.
17. ***The Cellist of Sarajevo***, by Steven Galloway explores life of both ordinary citizens and snipers during the siege of Sarajevo and the courage of a lone musician who chooses to make a statement about the war through his music.
18. ***The Break*** by Katherina Vermette sheds light on the issues faced by the indigenous community in Winnipeg's north end through the voices of a family affected by one traumatic event as they walk their own path towards truth and reconciliation.