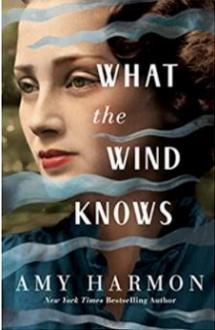


St. Mikes Book Club

Reading List Descriptions for 2020-21

Email marylruh@gmail.com for information and to be included in the Zoom discussion.

December 3, 2020



What the Wind Knows by Amy Harmon, a Novel

In an unforgettable love story, a woman's impossible journey through the ages could change everything... Anne Gallagher grew up enchanted by her grandfather's stories of Ireland. Heartbroken at his death, she travels to his childhood home to spread his ashes. There, overcome with memories of the man she adored and consumed by a history she never knew, she is pulled into another time.

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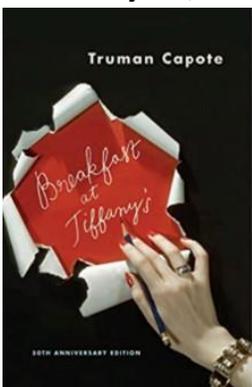
January 21, 2021

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett, a Mystery

The book is a multi-generational family saga set between 1940 and 1990 and centers on identical twin sisters Desiree and Stella Vignes. Looking well beyond the issues of race, it considers the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's decisions, desires and expectations. It spans nearly a half a century

https://smile.amazon.com/Evil-Geniuses-Unmaking-America-History/dp/1984801341/ref=sr_1_1?crd=1F3TD7WY1BQ03&dchild=1&keywords=evil+geniuses+kurt+anderson&qid=1604157921&s=books&sprefix=Evil+geniu%2Caps%2C171&sr=1-1

February 25, 2021

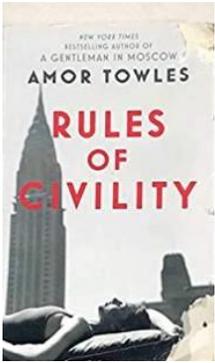


Breakfast at Tiffany's by Truman Capote, a Classic

In this seductive, wistful masterpiece, Truman Capote created a woman whose name has entered the American idiom and whose style is a part of the literary landscape. Holly Golightly knows that nothing bad can ever happen to you at Tiffany's; her poignancy, wit, and naïveté continue to charm.

<https://smile.amazon.com/Breakfast-at-Tiffanys-Three-Stories/dp/0679745653>

March 25, 2021

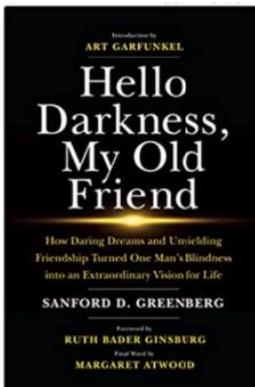


Rules of Civility by Amor Towles, a Novel

The story of a watershed year in the life of an uncompromising 25 year old woman in New York City in 1938. She embarks on a journey from a Wall St. secretarial pool through the upper echelons of NY society in search of a brighter future. It's the debut novel by Amor Towles author of A Gentleman in Moscow. A love letter to a great city at the end of the Depression.

<https://www.amazon.com/Rules-Civility-Amor-Towles/dp/1473688841>

April 22, 2021

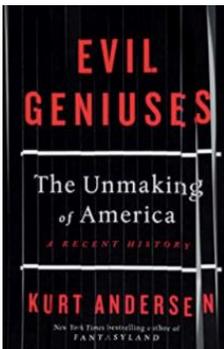


Hello Darkness, My Old Friend: How Daring Dreams and Unyielding Friendship Turned One Man's Blindness into an Extraordinary Vision for Life. By Sanford D. Greenberg, a Biography

The remarkable and inspiring story of a Columbia undergrad from a poor Jewish family who, after losing his eyesight to disease during his junior year, finds the power to break through the darkness and fulfill his vision for a life of great professional success and distinguished public service. - Amazon * Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote the Foreword * Art Garfunkel wrote the Introduction.

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May 27, 2021



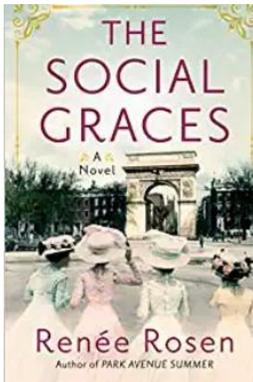
Evil Geniuses: The Unmaking of America: A recent History

By Kurt Andersen

Tells the epic history of how America decided that big business gets whatever it wants, only the rich get richer, and nothing should ever change—and charts a way back to the future. Amazon summary

<https://www.amazon.com/Evil-Geniuses-Unmaking-AmericaHistory/dp/1984801341>

June 24, 2021



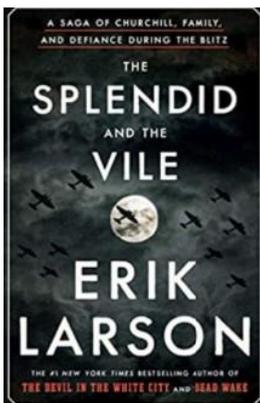
Social Graces by Renee Rosen, a Novel

Throws back the curtain on one of the most remarkable feuds in history- Mrs. Vanderbilt's and Mrs. Astor's notorious battle for control of New York Society during the Gilded Age, by Chicago author Renee Rosen.

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September 23, 2021

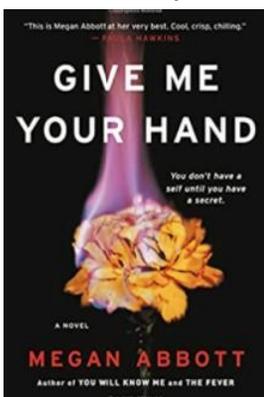


The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson, a Biography

A chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz - an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis. NY Times

https://www.amazon.com/Splendid-Vile-Churchill-Family-Defiance/dp/0385348711/ref=tmm_hrd_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=

October 28, 2021



Give Me Your Hand by Megan Abbott, a Mystery

Chilling tale of two 17m year old girls who fall out, then encounter each other a dozen years later as fellow researchers. The woman of mystery, Diane, exerts scary control over Kit, the self-doubting narrator. From Chicago Tribune Summer Reading Guide

<https://www.amazon.com/Give-Your-Hand-Megan-Abbott/dp/0316547182>