

Shrub Oak Book Groups – 2012 Reading List

Kullberg – Mondays at 7 p.m. // Barresi – Wednesdays at Noon

<p>Tues, January 3, 7 PM <i>(holiday closing on Mon. 1/2)</i> Wed, January 4, Noon</p>	<p>Reliable Wife – Robert Goolrich When a wealthy man first meets his mail-order bride in 1907, he realizes this statuesque beauty is anything but a "simple missionary's daughter." But he doesn't know of her devious plan to leave Wisconsin as a rich widow. Nor does she know of the furious demons he longs to unleash during the lonely months of snowbound isolation.</p>
<p>Mon, February 6, 7 PM Wed, February 1, Noon</p>	<p>Thread of Grace – Mary Doria Russell Tracing the fascinating characters, Russell tells the true story of the Italian citizens who saved thousands of Jews during the war.</p>
<p>Mon, March 5, 7 PM Wed, March 7, Noon</p>	<p>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks – Rebecca Skloot A fascinating and moving story of medicine and family. Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, in vitro fertilization, and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can't afford health insurance.</p>
<p>Mon, April 2, 7 PM Wed, April 4, Noon</p>	<p>The Widower's Tale – Julia Glass In a quirky farmhouse outside Boston, seventy-year-old Percy Darling enjoys a vigorous but mostly solitary life until, in a complex scheme to help his oldest daughter through a crisis, he allows a progressive preschool to move into his barn. The abrupt transformation of Percy's rural refuge into a lively, youthful community compels him to reexamine the choices he's made since his wife's death, three decades ago, in a senseless accident that haunts him still. No longer can he remain aloof from his neighbors, his two grown daughters, or, to his shock, the precarious joy of falling in love.</p>
<p>Mon, May 7, 7 PM Wed, May 2, Noon</p>	<p>Look Again – Lisa Scottoline When reporter Ellen Gleeson gets a "Have You Seen This Child?" flyer in the mail, her heart stops--the child in the photo is identical to her adopted son, Will. She investigates the story behind the flyer, uncovering clues no one was meant to discover, and when she digs too deep, she risks losing her own life--and that of the son she loves.</p>
<p>Mon, June 4, 7 PM Wed, June 6, Noon</p>	<p>A Walk in the Woods – Bill Bryson A hilarious account of Bryson's 2,100-mile hike along the Appalachian Trail with his friend Stephen Katz.</p>

<p>Mon, July 2, 7 PM Wed, July 11, Noon <i>(holiday closing on Wed. 7/4)</i></p>	<p>Persuasion – Jane Austen Anne Elliot fell deeply in love with handsome young naval officer Frederick Wentworth at the age of nineteen. But with neither fortune nor rank to recommend him, Anne was persuaded to break off her engagement. Eight years later, Anne has lived to regret her decision. She never stopped loving Wentworth, and when he returns from sea with rank and fortune, she can only watch as every eligible young woman in the district falls at his feet. Can Frederick forgive Anne for listening to her family instead of her heart?</p>
<p>Mon, August 6, 7 PM Wed, August 1, Noon</p>	<p>The Paris Wife – Paula McLain A remarkable period of time and a love affair between two unforgettable people: Ernest Hemingway and his wife Hadley. Readers are treated to the incredibly exciting and volatile world of Jazz-age Paris and intimate glimpses of many of the literary giants of the era, including Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound, James Joyce, and F. Scott Fitzgerald.</p>
<p>Tues, Sept. 4, 7 PM Wed, Sept. 5, Noon</p>	<p>The Warmth of Other Suns – Isabel Wilkerson In this epic, beautifully written masterwork, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities in search of a better life.</p>
<p>Mon, October 1, 7 PM Wed, October 3, Noon</p>	<p>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet – Jamie Ford When artifacts from Japanese families sent to internment camps during World War II are uncovered during renovations at a Seattle hotel, a man embarks on a quest that leads to memories of growing up Chinese in a city rife with anti-Japanese sentiment.</p>
<p>Mon November 5, 7 PM Wed November 7, Noon</p>	<p>Please Look After Mom – Kyung-Sook Sin This is the stunning, deeply moving story of a family's search for their mother, who goes missing one afternoon amid the crowds of the Seoul Station subway, along with their sobering realizations when they recall memories that suggest she may not have been happy. Westchester author.</p>
<p>Mon, December 3, 7 PM Wed, December 5, Noon</p>	<p>Saving CeeCee Honeycutt – Beth Hoffman Relegated to the care of an eccentric great-aunt after her mentally unbalanced mother's accidental death, twelve-year-old CeeCee is quickly surrounded by the strong women and cultural elements of her new Savannah community.</p>