

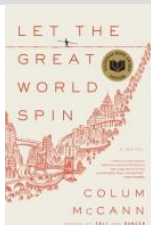
# RT Library BookChat 2012

The second Tuesday of each month, from 12:45pm-1pm.

Bring your lunch and enjoy great conversation at our monthly meetings! Pick up each month's selection at the library. To register or for more information, call the library at 973-627-2344. Or check our website [www.rtlibrary.org/](http://www.rtlibrary.org/)

**JANUARY 10** *Party and Book Selection meeting for 201*

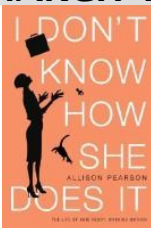
**FEBRUARY 14** *Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann*



(2009, 349 pages, fiction)

In the dawning light of a late-summer morning, the people of lower Manhattan stare up in disbelief as a mysterious tightrope walker runs, dances, leaps between the Twin Towers, suspended a quarter mile above the ground. In the streets below, a slew of ordinary lives become extraordinary in this stunningly intricate portrait of a city and its people.

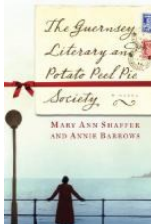
**MARCH 13** *I Don't Know How She Does It by Allison Pearson*



(2002, 340 pages, fiction)

Meet Kate Reddy, hedge-fund manager and mother of two. She can juggle nine different currencies in five different time zones and get herself and two children washed, dressed and out of the house in half an hour. With fierce, unsentimental irony, this novel brilliantly dramatizes the dilemma of working motherhood at the start of the 21st century.

**APRIL 10** *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

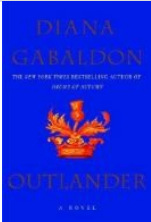


by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

(2008, 277 pages, fiction)

London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War. Writer Juliet Ashton begins a remarkable correspondence with the people of the island of Guernsey, their taste in books, and the impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives.

**MAY 8** *Outlander by Diana Gabaldon*



(1991, 627 pages, fiction)

In 1945, Claire Randall, a former combat nurse, is back from the war and reunited with her husband on a second honeymoon--when she innocently touches a boulder in one of the ancient stone circles that dot the British Isles. Suddenly she is a Sassenach--an "outlander"--in a Scotland torn by war and raiding border clans in the year 1743.

**JUNE 12** *A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini*



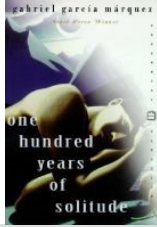
(2007, 372 pages, fiction)

Born a generation apart and with different ideas about love and family, Mariam and Laila are two women brought jarringly together by war, loss and fate. As they endure the ever-escalating dangers in their home and in the streets of Kabul, they come to form a bond that will ultimately alter the course not just of their own lives but of the next generation.

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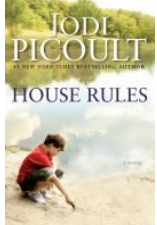
## JULY 10 *100 Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez



(1967, 383 pages, fiction)

In the fictional village of Macondo (the “city of mirrors”), reality, spirituality, fantasy and brutality ebb and flow across multiple generations. Perhaps the greatest work of magical realism and the most important novel in twentieth-century Latin American literature, this tale is haunting, beautiful and utterly unforgettable.

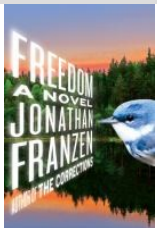
## AUGUST 14 *House Rules* by Jodi Picoult



(2010, 532 pages, fiction)

Jacob Hunt is a teenage boy with Asperger’s Syndrome and a special focus on one subject: forensic analysis. House Rules looks at what it means to be different in our society, how autism affects a family, and how our legal system works well for people who communicate a certain way--and fails those who don’t.

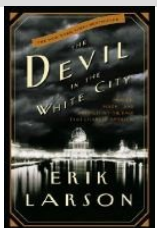
## SEPT 11 *Freedom* by Jonatan Franzen



(2010, 532 pages, fiction)

Patty and Walter Berglund were the new pioneers of old St. Paul. But now, in the new millennium, the Berglunds have become a mystery. In charting the mistakes and joys of Freedom's characters as they struggle to learn how to live in an ever more confusing world, Franzen has produced an indelible and deeply moving portrait of our time.

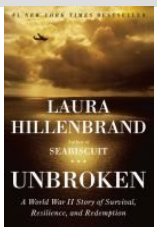
## OCT 9 *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson



(2003, 447 pages, nonfiction)

While vast fortunes are dedicated to the success of the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair, a murderer haunts the streets. The smoke, romance, and mystery of the Gilded Age come alive as never before in this rich narrative of a master builder, a killer, and the great fair that obsessed them both.

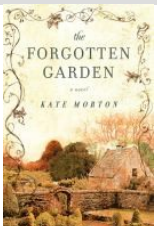
## NOV 13 *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand



(2010, 473 pages, nonfiction)

On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane’s bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard, beginning one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War.

## DECEMBER 11 *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton



(2010, 552 pages, fiction)

A tiny girl is abandoned on a ship headed for Australia in 1913. On her twenty-first birthday, with her sense of self shattered and very little to go on, "Nell" sets out to trace her real identity. But it is not until her granddaughter, Cassandra, takes up the search after Nell’s death that all the pieces of the puzzle are assembled.