

RT Library Lunchtime Book Group 2011



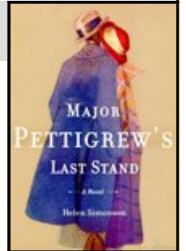
We meet one Tuesday each month from 11:45am-1:00pm.

Bring your lunch and RT Library provides the beverages. No registration needed: join us for any discussion. RT Library obtains copies of each month's selection which are borrowed by book club members. For more info, call 973-627-2344 or rockawaytwplibrary@rtlibrary.org
<http://www.rtlibrary.org/lunchtimebookclub.html>

JANUARY 11 *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson

(2010, 358 pages, fiction)

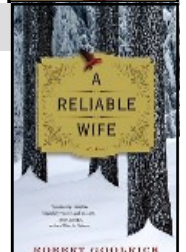
Change is threatening the English village of Edgecombe St. Mary. Lord Dagenham is selling off his ancestral estate to developers and Pakistanis have taken over the village shop. Major Pettigrew is old school but very lonely. He forms a bond with shopkeeper Mrs. Ali nourished by their mutual love of literature.



FEBRUARY 8 *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick

(2009, 291 pages, gothic romance)

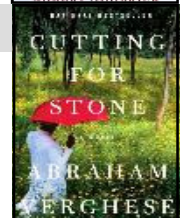
In rural Wisconsin, 1907, Ralph Truitt, a rich businessman, waits for the woman who answered his ad for "a reliable wife." But when Catherine Land steps off the train from Chicago, she's not the "simple, honest woman" that Ralph is expecting.



MARCH 15 *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

(2009, 552 pages, international fiction)

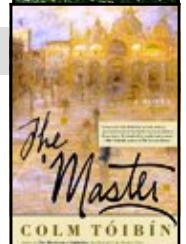
A sweeping, emotionally riveting first novel—an enthralling family saga of Africa and America, doctors and patients, exile and home. Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon at a mission hospital in Addis Ababa.



APRIL 12 *The Master* by Colm Toibin

(2004, 338 pages, literary fiction)

Like Michael Cunningham in *The Hours*, Toibin captures the extraordinary mind and heart of a great writer. Brilliant and profoundly moving, *The Master* tells the story of author Henry James, a man born into one of America's first intellectual families two decades before the Civil War.



MAY 10 *The Heretic's Daughter* by Kathleen Kent

(2008, 332 pages, historical fiction) WITH AUTHOR PHONE CALL IN

Kent, a descendant of Martha Carrier (hanged as a witch in Salem in 1692), personalizes the witchcraft trials in this fictional account by Martha's daughter. Sarah Carrier was just nine years old when she and her three older brothers also were arrested for witchcraft, spending months imprisoned under horrific conditions.

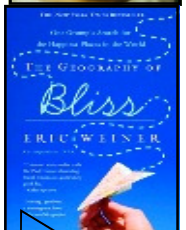


JUNE 14 *The Geography of Bliss* by Eric Weiner

(2008, 329 pages, non-fiction)

Group shares photos/mementos from their favorite places

Part foreign affairs discourse, part humor, and part twisted self-help guide, it takes the reader from America to Iceland to India in search of happiness, or, in the crabby author's case, moments of "un-happiness." The book uses travel, psychology, science and humor to investigate where happiness can be found.



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JULY 12 *Small Island* by Andrea Levy

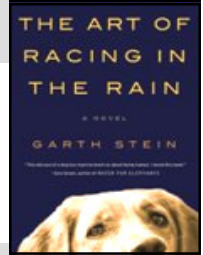
(2004, 441 pgs, award-winner, fiction) *Small Island* PBS film —Date TBD
Told in four distinct voices, the winner of the Orange Prize for Fiction is a courageous novel of tender emotion and sparkling wit, encapsulating the most American of experiences: the immigrant's life.



AUGUST 9 *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

(2008, 321 pages, fiction)

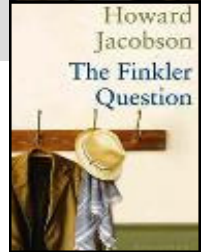
If you ever wondered what your dog is thinking, meet Enzo, a lab terrier mix, philosopher, steadfast companion, and narrator of the tumultuous life of race car driver Denny Swift. A deeply funny and uplifting story of family, love and hope.



SEPTEMBER 13 *The Finkler Question* by Howard Jacobson

(2010, 307 pages, award-winner, fiction)

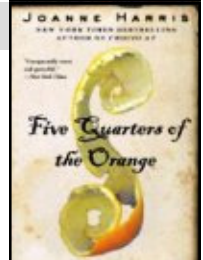
Winner of the 2010 Man Booker Prize, Jacobson's wry, devastating novel examines the complexities of identity and belonging, love, and grief through the lens of contemporary Judaism.



OCTOBER 11 *Five Quarters of the Orange* by Joanne Harris

(2001, 307 pages, fiction)

Tragedy, revenge, suspicion, and love are the ingredients for the latest offering from the author of the acclaimed *Chocolat*. Framboise Dartigen recounts what happened in her tiny village of Les Laveuses during the German occupation and why after carrying the secret for more than 55 years she hid her identity upon returning.



NOVEMBER 8 *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff

(2010, 368 pages, biography)

The Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer brings to life the most intriguing woman in the history of the world: Cleopatra, the last queen of Egypt Her palace shimmered with onyx, garnets, and gold, but was richer still in political and sexual intrigue. Above all else, Cleopatra was a shrewd strategist and an ingenious negotiator



DEC 13 *Holiday party and Book selection meeting for 2012*

See you January 10, 2012

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