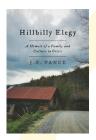


Book Club Selections: January to June 2020



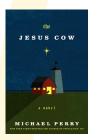
January: Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

When Eleanor and her coworker, Raymond, save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kinds of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each been living. And it is Raymond's big heart that will ultimately help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one.



February: Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance

From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a powerful account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class.



March: Jesus Cow by Michael Perry

Life is suddenly full of drama for low-key Harley Jackson: A woman in a big red pickup has stolen his bachelor's heart, a Hummer-driving predatory developer is threatening to pave the last vestiges of his family farm, and inside his barn is a calf bearing the image of Jesus Christ. Readers are encouraged to join us on a trip to Augusta to hear the author speak, April 7th! Watch for Details.



April: As Bright as Heaven by Susan Meissner

In 1918, Philadelphia was a city teeming with promise. Pauline Bright and her husband come to the city, filled with hope that they could now give their three daughters a chance at a better life. Their dreams are short-lived. Just months after they arrive, the Spanish Flu reaches the shores of America.



May: The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan

The dust storms that terrorized the High Plains in the darkest years of the Depression were like nothing ever seen before or since. Following a dozen families and their communities through the rise and fall of the region, Egan tells of their desperate attempts to carry on through blinding black dust blizzards, crop failure, and the death of loved ones.



June: Dear Evan Hansen by Val Emmich and Stephen Levenson

When a letter that was never meant to be seen draws high school senior Evan Hansen into a family's grief over the loss of their son, he is given the chance of a lifetime: to belong. He just has to stick to a lie he never meant to tell, that the notoriously troubled Connor Murphy was his secret best friend....