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# Great GROUP READS

Women's National Book Association

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## 2019 Selections

**THE AFFAIRS OF THE FALCÓNS** by Melissa Rivero  
(Ecco, HC 978-0062872357)

**ALL YOU CAN EVER KNOW: A MEMOIR** by Nicole Chung  
(Catapult, HC 978-1936787975)

**THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK** by Kim Michele Richardson  
(Sourcebooks Landmark, TP 978-1492671527)

**DEATH OF A RAINMAKER** by Laurie Loewenstein  
(Kaylie Jones Books/Akashic Books, TP 978-1617756658)

**THE GIRLS AT 17 SWANN STREET** by Yara Zgheib  
(St. Martin's Press, HC 978-1250202444)

**HABEN: THE DEAFBLIND WOMAN WHO  
CONQUERED HARVARD LAW** by Haben Girma  
(Twelve, HC 978-1538728727)

**THE HONEY BUS: A MEMOIR OF LOSS, COURAGE AND  
A GIRL SAVED BY BEES** by Meredith May  
(Park Row Books, HC 978-0778307785)

**THE LAST YEAR OF THE WAR** by Susan Meissner  
(Berkley, HC 978-0451492159)

**LAURENTIAN DIVIDE** by Sarah Stonich  
(University of Minnesota Press, TP 978-1517902490)

**THE LOST FLOWERS OF ALICE HART** by Holly Ringland  
(Anansi International, TP 978-1487005221)

**LOVE YOU HARD: A MEMOIR OF MARRIAGE,  
BRAIN INJURY, AND REINVENTING LOVE** by Abby Maslin  
(Dutton, HC 978-1524743314)

**MOON OF THE CRUSTED SNOW** by Waubgeshig Rice  
(ECW Press, TP 978-1770414006)

**MRS. EVERYTHING** by Jennifer Weiner  
(Atria Books, HC 978-1501133480)

**NO GOOD ASKING** by Fran Kimmel  
(ECW Press, TP 978-1770414389)

**RETABLOS: STORIES FROM A LIFE LIVED  
ALONG THE BORDER** by Octavio Solis  
(City Lights Publishers, TP 978-0872867864)

**SOUTHERNMOST** by Silas House  
(Algonquin Books, TP 978-1616209360)

**TOMORROW'S BREAD** by Anna Jean Mayhew  
(Kensington, TP 978-0758254108)

**TONIC AND BALM** by Stephanie Allen  
(Shade Mountain Press, TP 978-0998463438)

**THE TUBMAN COMMAND** by Elizabeth Cobbs  
(Arcade Publishing, HC 978-1948924344)

**UNFURLED** by Michelle Bailat-Jones  
(Ig Publishing, TP 978-1632460752)



[NationalReadingGroupMonth.org](http://NationalReadingGroupMonth.org)

## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL READING GROUP MONTH — CELEBRATING THE JOY OF SHARED READING

**National Reading Group Month** is an initiative of the **Women's National Book Association** — *Connecting, educating, advocating, & leading since 1917.*

National Reading Group Month complements the Women's National Book Association's mission to promote the value of books and reading. Through this initiative the Association aims to foster the values reading groups encourage like discovery, camaraderie, recreation, and appreciation of literature and reading as channels for transmitting culture and enriching civic engagement through its Great Group Reads Selections.

The mission of National Reading Group Month is to:

- Increase public awareness of the joy and value of shared reading
- Provide a time for reading groups to celebrate their accomplishments and plan for the future
- Provide opportunities for individuals to join an existing reading group or start a new one
- Encourage libraries, bookstores, and organizations to host special reading group events

### FIND OUT MORE: NATIONAL READING GROUP MONTH

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### ABOUT NATIONAL READING GROUP MONTH GREAT GROUP READS

**Great Group Reads 2019 Selections** (20 total) are chosen on the basis of their appeal to reading groups for whom they are bound to open up lively conversations about a host of timely and provocative topics, from the intimate dynamics of family and personal relationships to major cultural and world issues. The Selection Committee also makes a conscious decision to focus its attention on under-represented titles from independent and university presses and lesser-known mid-list releases from larger houses. All are books with strong narratives peopled by fully realized characters. While many books have been missed by reviewers and reading groups overwhelmed by the sheer number of new releases each year.

### ABOUT NATIONAL READING GROUP MONTH FRIENDS

The **Women's National Book Association** wishes to thank the **Friends of National Reading Group Month**, including American Booksellers Association and Reading Group Choices—Selections for Lively Discussions. (*2019 Official Friends as of August 15*)

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