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Women's National Book Association Announces Great Group Reads 2019 Selections

Works of fiction and memoir thoughtfully address important personal and public issues

New York, NY September 26, 2019 -- The Women's National Book Association, now celebrating 101 years of promoting and connecting the book community in all its aspects, from those in book-related industries to those who love and support reading and literacy, has announced its Great Group Reads 2019 Selections. This year's selection features a range of genres representing diverse cultures and perspectives on relevant and timely topics.

"[The selections] add dimension to the national discourse on major issues as well as open up a window into the impact of these larger issues on private lives," said Kristen Knox, Great Group Reads Selection Committee Manager. "They are fiction; they are memoir. They are historical; they are current. Book clubs will not only read outside of themselves and their experiences but they will also see themselves reflected in these works."

Knox went on. "I am incredibly proud of this list and look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful, in depth discussions these titles inspire, not only in my own book clubs, but in everyone's."

Following is the list of the 2019 Great Group Reads 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)

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About Great Group Reads

Great Group Reads 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.

About the Women's National Book Association

The Women's National Book Association is a national organization of women and men who work with and value books. A non-profit 501(c)3 organization, WNBA exists to promote reading and to support the role of women in the community of the book.

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