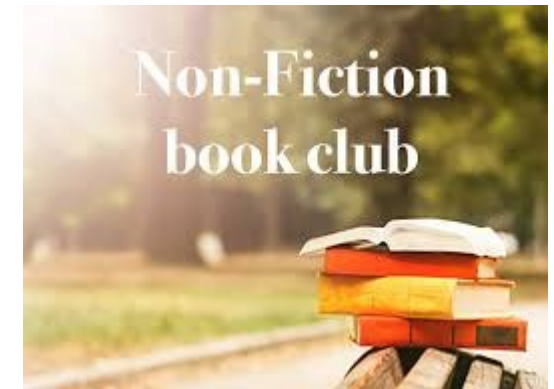
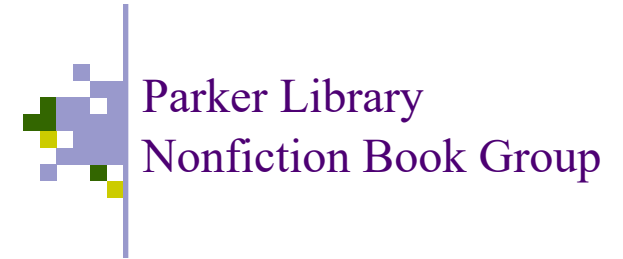


engrossing novel, and yet it is a work of non-fiction. Berendt skillfully interweaves a hugely entertaining first-person account of life in this isolated remnant of the Old South with the unpredictable twists and turns of a landmark murder case.

For more information about this book group or any of our other book groups, please call the library at 978-454-5474.



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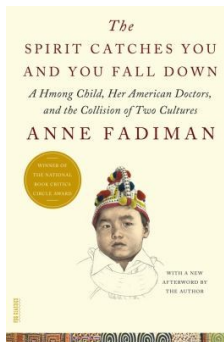
Join us for our newest book group! Our first meeting will be December 1, 2018. We will meet every other month, on the 1st Saturday of the month, from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Fireplace Room. New members are always welcome.

Copies of each title will be available at the Circulation Desk for checkout approximately 4 weeks prior to the discussion.

***The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*, by Ann Fadiman December 1, 2018**

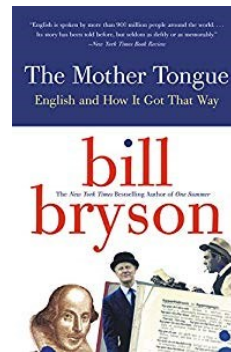
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Down explores the clash between a small county hospital in California and a refugee family from Laos over the care of Lia Lee, a Hmong child diagnosed with severe epilepsy. Lia's parents and her doctors both wanted what was best for Lia, but the lack of understanding between them led to tragedy. Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction, the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Current Interest, and the Salon Book Award, Anne Fadiman's compassionate account of this cultural impasse is literary journalism at its finest.



***The Mother Tongue: English and How It Got That Way* by Bill Bryson February 2, 2019**

With dazzling wit and astonishing insight, Bill Bryson—the acclaimed author of *The Lost Continent*—brilliantly explores the remarkable history, eccentricities, resilience and sheer fun of the English language. From the first descent of the larynx into the throat (why you can talk but your dog can't), to the fine lost art of swearing, Bryson tells the fascinating, often uproarious story of an inadequate, second-rate tongue of peasants that developed into one of the world's largest growth industries.



***Under the Tuscan Sun* by Frances Mayes April 6, 2019**

Frances Mayes entered a wondrous new world when she began restoring an abandoned villa in the spectacular Tuscan countryside. There were unexpected treasures at every turn: faded frescos beneath the whitewash in her dining room, a vineyard under wildly overgrown brambles in the garden, and, in the nearby hill towns, vibrant markets and delightful people. In *Under the Tuscan Sun*, she brings the lyrical voice of a poet, the eye of a seasoned traveler, and the discerning palate of a cook and



food writer to invite readers to explore the pleasures of Italian life and to feast at her table.

The Books of Malcolm Gladwell September 7, 2019

This month, we will explore the works of Malcolm Gladwell. Participants should read a Gladwell book of their choosing and come prepared to discuss it with the group. Gladwell's books include *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*, *Blink: the Power of Thinking without Thinking*, *Outliers: the Story of Success*, *What the Dog Saw and Other Adventures*, *The Big New Yorker Book of Dogs*, and *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants*.



***Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt November 2, 2019**

Shots rang out in Savannah's grandest mansion in the misty, early morning hours of May 2, 1981. Was it murder or self-defense? For nearly a decade, the shooting and its aftermath reverberated throughout this hauntingly beautiful city of moss-hung oaks and shaded squares. John Berendt's sharply observed, suspenseful, and witty narrative reads like a thoroughly

