

## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:

From u3a Watford Park Book Group of the best books from each year

### 2010-11 Theme: Six Shots of Crime

The Oxford Murders	Guillermo Martínez
The Coroner's Lunch	Colin Cotterill
A Sea of Troubles	Donna Leon
Miss Smilla's Feeling For Snow	Peter Høeg

### 2011-12 Theme: Spy Novels

Our Kind of Traitor	John le Carré
Berlin Game	Len Deighton
The Dying Light	Henry Porter
Restless	William Boyd

### 2012-13 Theme: Historical Crime Fiction

The Silver Pigs (Falco 01)	Lindsey Davis
Dissolution (Shardlake)	C. J. Sansom
The Necropolis Railway (Jim Stringer)	Andrew Martin
If the Dead Rise Not	Philip Kerr

### 2013-14 Theme: Modern Fiction Novels Set In Different Countries

A Thousand Splendid Suns	Khaled Hosseini
Plain Truth	Jodi Picoult
The Cellist of Sarajevo	Steven Galloway
The Help	Kathryn Stockett

### 2014-15 Theme: A biography of & 2 novels by chosen authors

Rebecca	Daphne du Maurier
The Scapegoat	Daphne du Maurier
Biography: Daphne du Maurier	Margaret Forster

### 2015-16 Theme: North American Women Authors writing in the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> century

To Kill A Mockingbird	Harper Lee
Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café	Fannie Flagg
The Round House	Louise Erdrich
The Color Purple	Alice Walker

**2016-17 Theme: Novels by British authors set in the British countryside**

The Blackhouse	Peter May
The Proof of Love	Catherine Hall
The Crossing Places	Elly Griffiths
Cold Comfort Farm	Stella Gibbons

**2017-18 Theme: Novels Set In London**

**which reflect the changing face of the city over the centuries.**

The Seeker	Shona Maclean
The Printer's Coffin	M.J. Carter
The Ashes of London	Andrew Taylor
Jack Maggs	Peter Carey

**2018-2019 Theme: An autobiography & 2 books by 3 authors**

The Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway
Why be happy when you could be normal?	Jeanette Winterson
The Outsider - My Life in Intrigue	Frederick Forsyth
The Kill List	Frederick Forsyth
A Farewell to Arms	Ernest Hemingway

**2019-2020 Theme: Award Winning Novels**

The Bookshop	Penelope Fitzgerald
His Bloody Project: Documents Relating to the Case of Roderick Macrae	Graeme Macrae Burnet
The Dry	Jane Harper
Brooklyn	Colm Toibin

**2020 Theme: Novels With a Sea or Coastal Setting**

Claire of the Sea Light	Edwidge Danticat
The House at Sea's End	Elly Griffiths
The Sea	John Banville
Master and Commander	Patrick O'Brian

**2020-21 Theme: Adventure (incl. Spies) with settings through the Centuries**

The Spy and the Traitor	Ben Macintyre
Eye of the Needle	Ken Follett
The Places in Between	Rory Stewart
Epitaph for a Spy	Eric Ambler

**2021-22 Theme: Cultural Links (Incl. Mini Theme: A Comparison of Cultures)**

The Lightless Sky

Gulwali Passarlay

A Month in the Country

J L Carr

The Noise of Time

Julian Barnes

I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings

Maya Angelou

**2023 Theme: Jubilee Reads**

Small Island

Andrea Levy

Life of Pi

Yann Martel

The Remains of the Day

Kazuo Ishiguro

The Bone Readers

Jacob Ross

**2023/4: Crime Through The Ages**