

# Goondiwindi Library Book Lovers' Group

February 2020

It was lovely to see those of you who could make it along this month. I realise January is always a busy time and we did have a smaller group, but I hope you found it interesting.

We met in the Cinema and went through the different 'doors' you can access through your library membership online. By becoming a personal member of the State Library of Queensland, you can also access not just material to borrow, but exhibitions, collections, and material to browse through – it really is the world at your door!

A couple of key web addresses to check out are:

Our library group—Rural Libraries Queensland

<https://qld.auroracloud.com.au/montage/>

State Library of Queensland

<https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/>

Becoming a SLQ member:

<https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/get-involved/become-member>

Or click onto the *Get Involved* tab on the SLQ home page in the previous link.

March has (apparently) been designated Australian Women's History Month. Not limiting ourselves to Australia, my challenge is for you to dig out the stories about any of the amazing women you know of, famous or not, personal or not. Bring along your ideas and recommendations. To our next get-together:

**Goondiwindi Library**

**10.00 a.m.**

**17th March 2020**

**(Third Tuesday of the Month)**

**Women's Stories**

## This Month's Recommendations

*Bruny* - Heather Rose

How far would your Government go?

Set in Tasmania, *Bruny* is a searing, subversive, brilliant novel about family, love, loyalty and the new world order

*Bowraville* - Dan Box

A true crime story that cannot often be believed, at least at the beginning. In *Bowraville*, all three of the victims were Aboriginal. All three were killed within five months, between 1990 and 1991. This account asks painful questions about what 'justice' means and how it is delivered.

*The Poppy Wife* - Caroline Scott

This unforgettable debut novel is a sweeping tale of forbidden love, profound loss, and the startling truth of the broken families left behind in the wake of World War I.

From 12 Must Reads by Australian Geographic:

*My Brilliant Career* - Miles Franklin

*The Harp in the South* - Ruth Park

*Voss* - Patrick White

*Picnic at Hanging Rock* - Joan Lindsay

*Cloudstreet* - Tim Winton

*True History of the Kelly Gang* - Peter Carey

*The Secret River* - Kate Grenville

*Carpentaria* - Alexis Wright

*A Fraction of the Whole* - Steve Toltz

*Jasper Jones* - Craig Silvey

*Autumn Laing* - Alex Miller

*The Narrow Road to the Deep North* - Richard Flanagan



## Other Recommendations

### Non-Fiction

*The Selected Poems of Adam Lindsay Gordon*

*The Best Stories of Henry Lawson*

*A Stupid Boy* - Jimmy Perry

The autobiography of the creator of *Dad's Army*.

*Educating Alice* - Alice Greenup

Gripping true life and resilience in rural Australia.

*Lipstick, Swag and Sweatrag* - Beth Beckett

Memoirs of a wife in the bush!

*China Cukoo* - Mark Kitto

"How I lost a fortune and found life in China".

*Chopin* - Adam Zamoyski

His biography

*Cher* - Daryl Easlea

Her story

*The Ice Beneath My Feet* - Diana Patterson

A riveting true story of a year in Antarctica from the first woman to lead an Antarctic research station.

### Laura's Movie Recommendation

*The Good Liar*

Career con artist Roy Courtney can hardly believe his luck when he meets well-to-do widow Betty McLeish online. A cut-and-dry swindle turns into the most treacherous tightrope walk of his life.

Ian McKellen and Helen Mirren.



Please feel free to invite other people along to a Book Lovers' Group.

Also please continue to send in your thoughts and ideas by email if you wish.

## Fiction

*My Love Must Wait* - Ernestine Hill

Fictional account of the explorer and surveyor Matthew Flinders.

*A Well-behaved Woman* - Therese Fowler

A novel of iron-willed Alva Vanderbilt and her family as they rule Gilded-Age New York.

*Clara and Mr. Tiffany* - Susan Vreeland

Set in 1893 at Chicago's World Fair.

*The Moon Sister* - Lucinda Riley

"Every great story begins with an extraordinary woman" – part of the Seven Sisters series.

*The Midnight Rose* - Lucinda Riley

Spanning four generations across the glittering palaces of the great maharajas of India to the majestic stately homes of England.

*Early Warning* - Jane Smiley

1950s America as lived by one family.

*The Whispering Gallery* - Mark Sanderson

Evocative mystery set in 1930s London.

*The Invisible Bridge* - Julie Orringer

Historical romance. Paris 1937. An epic tale of three brothers whose lives are torn apart by war.

*Daughter of Bad Times* - David Rohan

An Australian vision of the future that explores the truth about a growing inhumanity as profit becomes the priority.

*Illywhacker* - Peter Carey

An hilarious comic narrative by well-known Australian author; a contemporary classic.

*Exhibiting 22 February - 5 April*

*Bernice, Jenepher, Jocelyn and Win*

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