



Goondiwindi Regional Council

LIBRARY BOOK LOVERS' GROUP



October 2022

Newsletter

October Theme:

From the Group Today



Revolution

Featured Titles (Details available in library)

- *The Enlightenment of the Greengage Tree* / Shokoofeh Azar (Fiction 2017)
- *The Frozen Circle* / Peter Watt (Fiction 2008)
- *Setting the Desert on Fire: TE Lawrence and Britain's secret war in Arabia 1916-18* / James Barr (Non-Fiction 2005)
- *The Reporter and the Warlords* / Craig Collie (Non-Fiction 2019)

Recommended Reading List

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

Featured Author

Fleur McDonald

Recommendations From Other Readers

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

Book Reviews:

Wild Abandon / Emily Bitto

Radar Girls / Sara Ackerman

Muslims in Australia / Sami Shah

From hijabs to jihad and everything in between - an entertaining and fascinating snapshot of Islam down under today.

A Gentleman in Moscow / Amor Towles

While Russia undergoes decades of tumultuous upheaval, Count Alexander Rostov, stripped of the trappings that defined his life, is forced to question what makes us who we are. (Ewan McGregor to play Count Rostov)

The Lincoln Highway / Amor Towles

In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm. (Others) have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction-to the City of New York.

A Caring Life / Keith Cox

With insight and sensitivity, *A Caring Life* takes us behind the scenes of his remarkable nursing career and the moving stories of hope, determination and loss that underpinned it.

Outback Cop / Evan McHugh

Birdsville is one of the most remote police postings in Australia. It can be lonely and uneventful for weeks, then the dramas come thick and fast.

Young Mungo / Douglas Stuart

Protestant Mungo and Catholic James live in a hyper-masculine world. They should be sworn enemies yet they become best friends. As they begin to fall in love, they dream of escaping, and Mungo must work hard to hide his true self from all those around him.

Authors: Peter Mayle
Richard Osman
Garry Disher
Timothy Keller

NEXT MEETING

8th November 2022

Goondiwindi Library

10.00 a.m. for a cuppa

All Welcome. Phone 4671 7470

The French Agent / Belinda Alexandra

Paris 1946. Sabine Brouillette is a war crimes investigator with the French secret service. Diana White has been waiting six years for her husband, Casper, to return from the war. Soon they find themselves on a collision course – one seeking vengeance, the other willing to go to any lengths to protect her family.

The Nightingale / Kristin Hannah

Viann and Isabelle have always been close despite their differences. Younger, bolder sister Isabelle lives in Paris while Viann lives a quiet and content life in the French countryside. As WW1 progresses, it's not only the sisters' relationship that is tested, but also their strength and sense of right and wrong.

What Really Happened in Wuhan / Sharri Markson

A ground-breaking investigation from leading journalist Sharri Markson into the origins of Covid-19, the cover-ups, the conspiracies and the classified research.

Twenty to the Mile: the Overland Telegraph Line / Derek Pugh

The unique stories of how men and women lived and/or died on the line, range from heroic through desperate to tragic, but they remain an indelible part of Australia's history.

How Green Was My Valley / Richard Llewellyn

Although it deals with the disintegration of a Welsh mining family as seen through the eyes of its youngest member, the emphasis is on a positive sense of community highlighted by the physical isolation of the mining town.

The Mango Tree / Ronald McKie

A journey into a long-lost Australian childhood. It is a novel about a young man growing up in a country town in the early years of the 20th century which, like a faded letter from a forgotten lover, evokes bitter-sweet memories of the dream-days of youth in a world long past.

The Good Wife of Bath / Karen Brooks

This funny, picaresque, clever retelling of Chaucer's 'Wife of Bath' from The Canterbury Tales is a cutting assessment of what happens when male power is left to run unchecked, as well as a recasting of a literary classic that gives a maligned character her own voice.

Never / Ken Follett

"The path to war begins with one false step" – The only question is, in a game of brinksmanship can the inevitable ever be stopped?

Flight lines : a journey with the astonishing ultramarathon birds / Andrew Darby

The author meets the dedicated people working to save these intrepid birds, from Russia to Alaska, and the rim of the Arctic Sea to the coasts of the Southern Ocean. Out of their hard-won science he finds hope for the birds - a bright light for our times.

The Dictionary of Lost Words / Pip Williams

Over time, Esme realises that some words are considered more important than others, and that words and meanings relating to women's experiences often go unrecorded. While she dedicates her life to the Oxford Dictionary, secretly, she begins to collect words for another dictionary: The Dictionary of Lost Words.

The Midnight Library / Matt Haig

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life.

Eucalyptus / Murray Bail

There was once a man on a property outside a one-horse town, in New South Wales, who couldn't come to a decision about his daughter. He then made an unexpected decision. Both a modern fairytale and unpredictable love story played out against the spearing light and broken shadows of country Australia.

Diamond Eye / Kate Quinn

She's the war's most lethal sniper. And the one they least expect. In the snowbound city of Kiev, aspiring historian Mila's life revolves around her young son until Hitler's invasion of Russia changes everything. Handed a rifle, Mila discovers a gift and months of blood, sweat and tears turn the young woman into a deadly sniper. Yet success is bittersweet. Mila is torn from the battlefields of the eastern front and sent to America, where she finds an unexpected ally in First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and an unexpected promise of a different future.