

GCBL- Other Books We Read

Gold Coast Book Lovers - Other Books Reviewed by Month and Year

Nov-05

The Hunting Gun by Yasushi Inoue
Fugitive Pieces by Ann Michaels
The Schopenhauer Cure by Irvin Yalom
Grave Secrets by Kathy Reichs

Dec-05

My Year of Meats by Ruth L.Ozeki
Blink by Malcolm Gladwell
The diviner's son by Gary Crew
The Raphael Affair by Iain Pears
The Titian Committee by Iain Pears

Jan-06

The South by Colm Toibin
The Heather Blazing by Colm Toibin
Open Secrets- Alice Munro
Taft -Ann Patchett
The Corrections - Jonathan Franzen
The tipping point by Malcolm
Gladwell
One crowded hour - Tim Bowden

Feb-06

Small Island By Andrea Levy
The sea by John Banville
We need to talk about Kevin by Lionel Shriver
Saving fish from drowning by Amy Tan–
Ice Station by Matthew Reilly
Pomegranate soup by Marsha Mehran
The fatal shore by Robert Hughes

Mar-06

The city of falling angels by John Berendt
Prochownik's dream by Alex Miller
Coldheart Canyon by Clive Barker
The virgin's lover by Philippa Gregory

Apr-06

The Tyrannicide Brief by Geoffrey Robertson
Atonement: a novel by Ian McEwan
The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
Cell by Stephen King–
The day of the locust by Nathanael West
Incidents in the Rue Laugier by Anita Brookner

May-06

Looking for Blackfella's Point by Mark McKenna
Theft: A love story by Peter Carey
Dark Visions by Stephen King, George R.R. Collins and Dan Simmons
Youth (or Boyhood: Scenes From a Provincial Life) by J.M.Coetzee
Past Mortem by Ben Elton
Daniel isn't talking by Marti Leimbach
The hottest day of the year by Brinda Charry

Jun-06

The possibility of an Island by Michel Houellebecq
Children of the Lucky Country? by F. Stanley, S. Richardson & M Prior
Sacrament by Clive Barker
Lighthousekeeping by Jeannette Winterson
To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf
Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier
The Accidental Tourist by Anne Tyler
Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant by Anne Tyler
Digging to America by Anne Tyler

Jul-06

Dina's Book by Herbjorg Wassmo

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Hanna's Daughters by Marianne Fredriksson
Scarecrow by Matt Reilly
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate Di Camillo

Aug-06

Embers by Sandor Marai
Mosquito Coast by Paul Theroux
Regeneration by Pat Barker
Illywhacker by Peter Carey
Aftermath by Peter Robinson-
The Ballad of Desmond Kale by Roger McDonald-
There, Where the Pepper Grows by Bem le Hunte-

Sep-06

Flesh by Richard Laymon
A New World by Amit Chaudhuri
Johnno by David Malouf
Henry and Cato by Iris Murdoch-
Tell me I'm here by Ann Deveson-

Oct-06

Kafka on the shore by Haruki Murakami
Neuromancer by William Gibson,
Odd Thomas By Dean Koontz
In Cold Blood by Truman Capote
The Eyre Affair by Jasper Fford-
Blind Willow, Sleeping Woman by Haruki Murakami-
Conversations At Curlow Creek by David Malouf
The Hobbit by J.R.R Tolkien

Nov-06

A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry
Virtual Light by William Gibson
The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
Every Move You Make by David Malouf
The Harsh Cry of the Heron by Lian Hearn
The vanishing Act of Esme Lennox by Maggie O'Farrell
Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard by Kiran Desai
Going West by Maurice Gee
Plumb By Maurice Gee
The Potato Factory by Bryce Courtenay

No other books in Dec 06

Jan-07

The Road by Cormac Mc Carthy
The Dress maker by Rosalie Ham
The Book of salt by Monique Truong
The High Flyer by Nicholas Shakespeare
Earthly Possessions by Ann Tyler

Feb-07

Silk by Alessandro Baricco
One man's meat by E B White
Papa Hemingway By A E Hotchner
Pattern Recognition by William Gibson
Count Zero by William Gibson
Mona Lisa Overdrive by William Gibson
The Twyborn Affair by Patrick White
The Turning by Tim Winton
In the Shadow of Angkor: A Search for Cambodian Literature by Sharon May
Women in the Background by Barry Humphries
The Known World by EP Jones

Mar-07

The red pony by John Steinbeck
The Bonfire of the Vanities by Tom Wolfe
The view from Castle Rock by Alice Munro
Journey to the Stone Country by Alex Miller
Forever Odd by Dean Koontz

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Brother Odd by Dean Koontz
A 1000 Acres by Jane Smiley
The Underpainter by Jane Urquhart
The Even More Complete Book of Australian Verse by John Clarke

Apr-07

No! I Don't Want To Join A Book Club by Virginia Ironside
Altar Ego by Kathy Lette
The Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien
The Unknown Terrorist by Richard Flanagan
The Prestige by Christopher Priest
In The Lake Of The Woods by Tim O'Brien
Wild Fire by Nelson DeMille

May-07

Let Me Sing You Gentle Songs by Linda Olsson
Careless by Deborah Robertson
Book by Book: Notes on Reading and Life by Michael Dirda
Snow Falling On Cedars by David Guterson
Nabokov's Quartet by Vladimir Nabokov
Borneo Fire by William Rivière
Immortality by Milan Kundera

Jun-07

Austerlitz by W.G. Sebald
East of Time by Jacob G. Rosenberg
Man's Search For Meaning by Viktor E. Frankl
The Patron Saint Of Eels by Gregory Day
The Geographer's Library by Jon Fasman
Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson
Almost French by Sarah Turnbull

Jul-07

The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath
The God Delusion by Richard Dawkins
Rushing to Paradise by J.G. Ballard
Cryptonomicon by Neal Stephenson
The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
Lisey's Story by Stephen King

Aug-07

She Came To Stay by Simone de Beauvoir
Our Man in Havana by Graham Greene
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
Dream Stuff by David Malouf
The Book of Laughter and Forgetting by Milan Kundera
Blaze by Richard Bachman
Lies by Enrique de Héris
Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks
Abarat by Clive Barker
A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian by Marina Lewycka

Sep-07

Spook Country by William Gibson
A Scanner Darkly by Philip K. Dick
Black Wind by F. Paul Wilson

Oct-07

After Dark by Haruki Murakami
Orlando by Virginia Woolf
Unpolished Gem by Alice Pung
Sing and Don't Cry by Cate Kennedy
Empire of the Sun by J.G. Ballard
The Story of a Shipwrecked Sailor by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Girls of Riyadh by Rajaa Alsanea

Nov-07

The Stone Gods by Jeanette Winterson
The Children Of Men by P.D. James
Divisadero by Michael Ondaatje

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Day Of The Bees by Thomas Sánchez
Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
The Schoonermaster's Dance by Alan Gould

Dec-07

Fairyland by Paul J. McAuley
Skin and Bone by Kathryn Fox
The Second Bridegroom by Rodney Hall
Journeys: Modern Australian Short Stories edited by Barry Oakley

Jan-08

Snow Crash by Neal Stephenson
Portrait Of The Artist As An Old Man by Joseph Heller
Candide By Voltaire
Flying Hero Class by Tom Keneally
The Story Of The Night by Colm Tóibín

Feb-08

Malicious Intent by Kathryn Fox
Reading In Bed by Susan Gee
Boule De Suif or Ball Of Fat by Guy de Maupassant
Sexing The Cherry by Jeanette Winterson
A Closed Eye by Anita Brookner
Angels And Insects by A.S.Byatt
The Master by Colm Tóibín

Mar-08

No Country For Old Men by Cormac McCarthy
The Mist by Stephen King
His Illegal Self by Peter Carey
Marie by Madeleine Bourdouxhe
Faultlines by Nancy Huston
Chain Of Evidence by Garry Disher
The Boy In The Stripped Pyjamas by John Boyne
The Shifting Fog by Kate Morton

Apr-08

The Grapes Of Wrath by John Steinbeck
Duma Key by Stephen King
The Lady Vanishes by Ethel Lina White
The Dig Tree by Sara Murgatroyd

May-08

Breath by Tim Winton
Sleepwalking Land by Mia Couto
Solstice by Joyce Carol Oates
The Pillars of The Earth by Ken Follett
Life of Pi by Yann Martel
Talking about O'Dwyer by C.K. Stead
The Painted Veil by Somerset Maugham

Jun-08

Drylands by Thea Astley
The Broken Shore by Peter Temple
The Brief Wondrous Life Of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz
Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë
The Book is Dead by Sherman Young
20 Fragments of a Ravenous Youth by Xiaolu Guo
The Lucy Family Alphabet by Judith Lucy

Jul-08

Winterdance by Gary Paulsen
A Prisoner of Birth by Jeffrey Archer
The Good Parents by Joan London
True Blue? Compiled by Peter Goldsworthy
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button by F. Scott-Fitzgerald
I'm Not Scared by Niccolò Ammaniti
The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
The Tin Roof Blowdown by James Lee Burke
Suite Française by Irène Némirovsky

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Why Manners Matter by Lucinda Holdforth
Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts

Aug-08

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott-Fitzgerald
Life Expectancy by Dean Koontz
Gone, Baby, Gone by Dennis Lehane
A Severed Head by Iris Murdoch
Chocky by John Wyndham

Sep-08

The Boat by Nam Le
Tumble Home by Amy Hempel
Contact by Carl Sagan
Sky Burial by Xinran

Oct-08

The Counterfeiters by André Gide
Fine Just The Way It Is by Annie Proulx
On Rage by Germaine Greer
The Enchantress Of Florence by Salman Rushdie
The Guernsey Literary And Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

Nov-08

The Writing Class by Jincy Willet
The Return Of The Solider by Rebecca West
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
The Rip by Robert Drewe-

Dec-08

Stranger In A Strange Land by Robert Heinlen
The War Of Don Emmanuel's Nether Parts by Louis De Bernières
How Beautiful It Is And How Easily It Can Be Broken: Essays by Daniel Mendelsohn

Jan-09

The Collected Stories by Grace Paley
Blindness by Jose Saramago
Salmon Fishing In The Yemen by Paul Torday
My Wicked, Wicked Ways by Errol Flynn
The Independence of Miss Mary Bennet by Colleen McCullough

Feb-09

Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life by Anne Lamott
Tomorrow When The War Began by John Marsden
The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri
The Slap by Christos Tsiolkas
The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga
The Tall Man by Chloe Hooper
A Fraction Of The Whole by Steve Toltz
Your Heart Belongs To Me by Dean Koontz

Apr-09

The Help by Kathryn Stockett
The Pleasures And Sorrows Of Work by Alain de Botton
Why Not Catch 21? The Stories Behind The Titles by Gary Dexter
The Sex Diaries:Why Women Go Off Sex And Other Bedroom Battles by Bettina Arndt Other Bedroom Battles by Bettina Arndt

May-09

Ransom by David Malouf
Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd
Too Close To Home by Linwood Barclay
Ice by Louis Nowra
UFO In Her Eyes by Xialu Guo
The Other Hand by Chris Cleave

Jun-09

Planet Google by Randolph Stross
Leave me alone by Murong Xuecun

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Vernon God Little by DBC Pierre
In the Land of Invisible Women by Qanta A.Ahmed

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Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson
Butterfly by Sonya Hartnett
The Awakening by Kate Chopin
On Humbug by Robert Dessaix
Dog On It by Spencer Quinn
Le Testament Français by Andrei Makine
One Whole And Perfect Day by Judith Clarke
A Spot Of Bother by Mark Haddon
The Stone Raft by José Saramago

Aug-09

Guilt About The Past by Bernhard Schlink
The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton
Once Upon The River Love by Andrei Makine
Mrs Dalloway by Virginia Woolf
The Hours by Michael Cunningham

Sep-09

Tom is dead by Marie Darrieussecq

Nov-09

Gigi and The Cat by Colette
The White Castle by Orhan Pamuk
Too Much Happiness by Alice Munro
Confucius from the Heart by Yu Dan

Dec-09

The Lost Art of Sleep by Michael McGirr
1788 by David Hill
The Comfort of Figs by Simon Cleary

Jan-10

The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver
The Housekeeper + Professor by Yoko Ogawa
Noah's Compass by Anne Tyler
A Mirror Garden by Monir Shahroudy Farmanfarmaian and Zara Houshmand

Feb-10

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout
Beowulf On The Beach by Jack Murnighan-

Mar-10

Moral Disorder by Margaret Atwood
The Year Of The Flood by Margaret Atwood
In Conversation: Ben Naparstek Talks With 39 Great Writers
Shrinking the World - The 4,000 Year Story of How Email Came to Rule Our Lives by John Freeman
Dolores Claiborne by Stephen King-
The Emancipator's Wife by Barbara Hamly
Death Of A River Guide by Richard Flanagan
Stanley and Sophie: A Memoir - by Kate Jennings
The City and The City by China Miéville
Ask The Dust by John Fante

Apr-10

Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel
The Innocent by Ian McEwan
Me, Myself and Prague by Rachel Weiss
All The Rivers Run by Nancy Cato
The Devil and Miss Prym by Paulo Coelho

May-10

Fit to Print by Joris Luyendijk
Mrs Kimble by Jennifer Haigh
The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett
Tea Time For The Traditionally Built by Alexander McCall

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My Cousin Rachel by Daphne Du Maurier
Ron McCoy's Sea of Diamonds by Gregory Day

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Lovesong by Alex Miller
The Winter of Our Disconnect by Susan Maushart
The Lighted Rooms Ruchard Mason
The 10PM Question Kate de Goldi

Jul-10

The Stars My Destination (or Tiger, Tiger) by Alfred Bester
The Twin by Gerbrand Bakker
What Becomes A. L. Kennedy
Poet's Choice by Edward Hirsch
Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe
The Harp in The South by Ruth Park
Solar Ian McEwan

Aug-10

Camille Alexandre Dumas
Day Out of Days Sam Shepard
Close Range, Bad Dirt and Fine Just the Way It Is (Wyoming Series Trilogy) Annie Proulx

Sep-10

Petropolis by Anya Ulinich
Home Truth by Carmel Bird
Zero History By William Gibson
The Invention of Curried Sausage by Uwe Timm
Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen

Oct-10

The Well at the World's End
The Devil's Advocate
Last Night at Chateau Marmont
The Pain Chronicles
Wolf Notes
Charmed Lives
The Devil's Advocate
How Math Can Save Your Life

A.J. Mckinnon
Morris West
Lauren Weisberger
Melanie Thernstrom
Judith Beveridge
Bruce Beaver
Andrew Neiderman
James D. Stein

Nov-10

To Siberia
I Curse The River of Love
Virgin Earth
A House in Fez

Per Petterson
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Philippa Gregory
Suzanna Clark

Dec-10

Something Beginning With... (UK) / The ABC Of Love (US)
Reading The Brain
At Home: A Short History of Private Life
On Chesil Beach
This Is How
Summertime
The Matchmaker of Perigord
Reading The OED
A Guide to the Birds of East Africa
Conditions of Faith

Sarah salway
Stanislas Dehaene
Bill Bryson
Ian McEwan
M. J. Hyland
J. M. Coetzee
Julia Stuart
Ammon Shea
Nicholas Drayson
Alex Miller

Jan-11

In The Wake
Hand Me Down World
Player One
Getting The Picture
Green On Capri: A Memoir
Maralinga

Per Petterson
Lloyd Jones
Douglas Coupland
Sarah Salway
Shirley Hazzard
Judy Nunn

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These Foolish Things
The Empty Family

Deborah Moggach
Colm Toibin

Feb-11
Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self
Bird Cloud

Danielle Evans
Annie Proulx

Mar-11
Super Sad True Love Story
Moxyland

Gary Shteyngart
Lauren Beukes

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Apr-11
Beyond Black
The Wave
The Finkler Question
Scribbling The Cat: Travels With An African Soldier

Hilary Mantel
Susan Casey
Howard Jacobson
Alexandra Fuller

May-11
The Tiger's Wife
The Professor's House
Legend of a Suicide
Sanditon
Billy Bathgate
The Glass Castle

Téa Obreht
Willia Cather
David Vann
Jane Austen And Another Lady
E. L. Doctorow
Jeanette Walls

Jun-11
Snake
Before I Go To Sleep
Ask The Dust
2:46 Aftershocks: Stories from the Japan Earthquake
Just My Type

Kate Jennings
S. J. Watson
John Fante
Jeff W. Richards
Simon Garfield

Jul-11
Just One More Thing
The Great House
The Meaning of Life: Applying Philosophy to Life
Lavinia

Peter Falk
Nicole Krause
A. C. Grayling
Ursula Le Guin

Aug-11
There Should Be More Dancing
Never Let Me Go
The Social Animal
How To Be Alone

Rosalie Ham
Kazuo Ishiguro
David Brooks
Jonathan Franzen

Sep-11
Breakfast of Champions
The Life
The Addition
The Amateur Science
"The Song of Everlasting Sorrow: A Novel of Shanghai"

Kurt Vonnegut
Malcolm Knox
Toni Jordan
Craig Sherbourne

Wang Anyi

Oct-11
Kafka's Soup
Serpent's Delight
The Bean Trees
Shadow
Due Preparations For The Plague

Mark Crick
Ruth Park
Barbara Kingsolver
Karin Altvegen
Janette Turner Hospital

Nov-11
A Case Of Exploding Mangoes
The Quickening

Mohammed Hanif
Michelle Hoover

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The Sense of an Ending
Why Be Happy When You Could be Normal

Julian Barnes
Jeanette Winterson

Dec-11
The Map and The Territory
As I Lay Dying
Chess
Jimmy Corrigan: the Smartest Kid on Earth
The Leftovers

Michel Houellebecq
William Faulkner
Stefan Zweig
Chris Ware
Tom Perrotta

Jan-12
The Promise of Iceland by Kari Gislason
The Silver Pigs by Lindsay Davis
1Q84 by Harumi Murakami

Feb-12
Look at Me by Jennifer Egan
Distrust that Particular Flavor by William Gibson
The song of the lark by Willa Cather
All that I am by Anna Funder
Making it up by Penelope Lively
The Hare with Amber Eyes by Edmund de Waal
Joseph Lyons: the people's prime minister by Anne Henderson
The Lost Dog by Michelle de Kretser
The Family Law by Benjamin Law

Mar-12
Sydney by Delia Falconer
A Long Way Down by Nick Hornby
Borrowed Finery by Paula Fox
The shallows by Nicholass Carr
Dangerous Women by Conville, Lovett and Hoggard

Apr-12
Spirit House by Mark Dapin
A streetcat Named Bob by James Bowen
An Essay on The New Aesthetic by Bruce Sterling

May-12
The fine colour of rust by Paddy O'Reilly
As I was Saying by Robert Dessaix
Absence of mind by Marilynne Robinson
Foal's Bread by Gillian Mears

Jun-12
A Gay and melancholy sound by Merle Miller
Fifty shades of grey by EL James
How to be a woman by Caitlin Moran
Caribou Island By Daid Vann
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Jul-12
The sly company of people who care by Rahul Battharchaya

Aug-12
Our Lady of Alic Bhatti by Mohammed Hanif

Sep-12
The Biggest Estate on Earth by Bill Gammage
The Detour by Gerbrand Bakker

Oct-12
Black Mountain by Venero Armanno
Dirt by David Vann
Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey by Fiona Carnarvon

Nov-12

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Happy Valley by Patrick White
This is how you lose her by Junot Diaz
Swallow the Air by Tara June Winch
A novel Bookstore by Laurence Cosse

Dec-12

Dear Life by Alice Munro
Mindfulness for life by Stephen McKenzie and Craig Hassed

Jan-13

The Watch Tower by Elizabeth Harrower
A sport and a pastime by James Salter
A life of Montaigne in one question by Sarah Bakewell

Feb-13

Don't look now by Daphne du Maurier
One Day I will write about this place by Binyavanga Wainaina
The Best Australian Essays 2012
Across the Universe by Beth Revis
Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell
A Long Day's Evening by Bilge Karasu
Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver
The Childhood of Jesus by J M Cotzee

Mar-13

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Apr-13

The last thing he wanted by Joan Didion
Elephantoms by Lyall Watson
It's fine by me by Per Petterson

May-13

Centuria by Giorgio Manganelli
Why don't Zebras get ulcers? By Robert M.Sapolsky
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Jun-13

I capture the castle by Dodie Smith
Seven Sisters by Margaret Drabble
Questions of travel by Michelle de Kretser

Jul-13

Random Family by Adrian Nicole LeBlanc
The Lover by Marguerite Duras
Dumb Luck by Vu Trong Phung
The Quiet American by Graham Greene
Night again: Contempoprary fiction from Vietnam by Linh Dinh
When Heaven And Earth Changed Places by Le Ly Hayslip
The happiest Fefugee buy Anh Doh
The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton
Staying On by Paul Scott

Aug-13

Farenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Nemesis by Philip Roth

Sep-13

Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner
Mr Wigg by Inga Simpson
Burial Rites by Hannah Kent
Good Morning Mr Sarra by Chris Sarra
Life After Life by Kate Atkinson
The Love Affairs of Nathaniel P by Adelle Waldman
What The Psychic told The Pilgrim by Jane Christmas
The Big New Yorker Book Of Dogs
The Bodysurfers by Robert Drewe
All Roads Lead To Austen by Amy Elizabeth Smith

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The Turning by Tim Winton
The Big New Yorker Book of Cats
The Burgess Boys by Elizabeth Strout
A History of Silence by Lloyd Jones
Eyrie by Tim Winton
Brooklyn by Colm Toibin
The Happiness of Blond People by Elif Shafak

Nov-13

Stoner by John Williams
The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert
So Long, See You Tomorrow by William Maxwell
Slouching Towards Bethlehem by Joan Didion
Religion for Atheists by Alain de Botton

Dec-13

The Flying Man by Roopa Farooki
My Struggle Book 1, A death in the Family by Karl Ove Knausgaard
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
City of the mind by Penelope Lively
One Summer America 1927 by Bill Bryson
Eugenie Grandet by Honore de Balzac

Jan-14

Spilt Milk by Chico Buarque
The Yellow Eyes of Crocodiles by Katherine Pancol
Her Father's Daughter by Alice Pung
Nice Work by Jana Wendt
Restless by William Boyd
The Commandant by Jessica Anderson
The Puppet Boy of Warsaw by Eva Weaver
Requiem for a wren by Nevil Shute
The Woman in Black by Susan Hill
Mullumbimby by Melissa Lukashenko
The Sea, The Sea by Iris Murdoch
The Pure Gold Baby by Margaret Drabble
Nest by Janine Burke
Mezza Italiana by Zoe Boccabella
Ragtime by E.L.Doctorow

Feb-14

The Power of habit by Charles Duhigg
The artist's way at work
Wilkie Collins by Peter Ackroyd
A song of ice and fire by
At Mrs Lippincote by Elizabeth Taylor
My Driver by Maggie Gee
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
The Matisse stories by A.S.Byatt
From Curtin to Kerr by Fred Daly
For one more day by Mitch Albom
Fire Down Below by William Golding
The little Friend by Donna Tartt
The Railwayman's Wife by Ashley Hay
The rendez-vous by Daphen du Maurier

Mar-14

The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton
The Beloved by Annah Faulkner
All Change by Elizabeth Jane Howard
The match maker of Perigord
Fever by Mary Beth Keane
Howards End on the landing by Susan Hill
Love and lament by John Milliken Thompson

Apr-14

Boyhood Island by Karl Ove Knausgaard

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Nest by Janine Burke
Dancing to the Flute by Manisha Jolie Amin
Deserving death by Katherine Howell
The Farm by Tom Rob Smith
Astonished by Beverly Donofrio
Sinning across Spain by Ailsa Piper
Hobart by Peter Timms
The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt
The Falls by Joyce Carol Oates
One breath away by Heather Gudenkauf
The collected works by A.J.Firky
The unexpected professor by John Carey
Budapest by Chico Buarque
Night Letters by Robert Dessaix
Letter from an unknown woman by Stefan Zweig
A girl is a half formed thing by Eimear McBride
A first place by David Malouf
The News by Alain de Botton
Les Belles Images by Simone de Beauvoir
The Library of unrequited love Sophie Divry

May-14

Confessions of an art addict by Peggy Guggenheim
The Complete Maus by Art Spiegelman
Madness a Memoir by Kate Richards
The Conversation by David Brooks
Tolstoy and the purple chairs Nina Sankovitch
Les Darcy by Peter Fitzsimmons
Sane New World by Ruby Wax
Barcelona by Robert Hughes
Reading like a writer by Francine Prose

Jun-14

Paris Stories by Mavis Gallant
Getting stoned with savages
The Messenger by Marcus Suzak
Orpheus Lost by Janette Turner Hospital
Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan
Poems that make old men cry ed by Anthony Holden
In a Strange Room by Damon Galgut
Arctic Summer by Damon Galgut

Jul-14

Seven Days in the Art World by Sarah Thornton
All that Is by James Salter
The Rosie Project Graeme Simsion
Brandwashed by Martin Lindstrom
Moonwalking with Einstein Joshua Foer
Foreign Soil Maxine Beneba-Clarke
The Night Guest Fiona McFarlane
Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
Fever Pitch by Nick Hornby
The Blaze of Obscurity by Clive James
Reading by Moonlight by Brenda Walker
Africa Junction by Ginny Baily
The Diving Bell and The Butterfly Jean-Dominique Bauby
The Radiant Way by Margaret Drabble
Girt by David Hunt

Aug-14

How I rescued my brain by David Roland
Dept. of Speculation by Jenny Offill
12 Edmonton St by David Malouf
Martni: A Memoir by Frank Moorhouse
Earth Hour by David Malouf
The forgotten rebels of Eureka by Clare Wright
The Daylight Gate by Jeanette Winterson
Bonkers by Jennifer Saunders
Art as therapy Alain de Botton and John Armstrong

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The life boat by Charlotte Rogan
The Widow Clicot
Leaving Microsoft to change the world by John Wood
Born to Run by Christopher McDougall
Darkness on the edge of town by Jessie Cole
Nest by Inga Simpson

Sep-14

Deeper Water by Jessie Cole
The collected works of A.J.Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin
The flamethrowers by Rachel Kushner
Silence once begun by Jesse Ball
Dinner at the homesick restaurant by Anne Tyler
Songs from a distance by Bhuchung D Sonam
All the land to hold us by Rick Bass
Three crooked kings by Matthew Condon
On the beach by Nevil Shute
The Fault in our stars by John Green
The Mitford girls by Mary S Lovell
The miniaturist by Jessie Burton
The Taint of Midas by Anne Zouroudi
He who must be Obeid by Kate McClymont and Linton Besser

Oct-14

The heart is a lonely hunter by Carson McCullers
The spectator bird by Wallace Stegner
Lila by Marilynne Robinson
Colorless Tsuru Tazaki by Harukli Murakami
The Thrbirds by Coleen McCullugh
Bel Canto by Ann Patchett
Jacks and Jokers by Matthew Condon
The orphan master's son by Adam Johnson
The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri
We are all completely beside ourselves by Karen Joy Fowler
The bone clocks by David Mitchell
The last days of the incas by Kim McQuarrie
Murder in the telephone exchange by June Wright

Nov-14

The Peripheral by William Gibson
Daddy we hardly knew you by Germaine Greer
Zealot by Reza Aslan
Travels with Epicurus by David Klein
Amnesia by Peter Carey
Monster on the hill by Rob Harrel

Dec-14

The Intellectuals and the Masses by John Carey
The Children Act by Ian McEwan
Devil Bones by Kathy Reichs
Big little lies by Liane Moriarty
The Pursuit of Love by Nancy Mitford
Highland Fling by Nancy Mitford
All the Birds Singing by Evie Wylde
Thin Air by Ann Cleeves
This House of Grief by Helen Garner
An Inconvenient Genocide: Who Now Remembers the Armenians by Geoffrey Robertson
Jeff in Venice, Death in Varanasi by Geoff Dyer
What Days are For by Robert Dessaix
Waking up by Sam Harris
Stone Mattress by Margaret Atwood

Jan-15

I refuse by Per Petterson
Ashes in my mouth, sand in my shoes by Per Petterson
My family and other animals by Gerald Durrell
The Golden Age by Joan London
Goats from a small island by Anna Nicholas
Floodline by Kathryn Heyman
So brilliantly clever by v

GCBL- Other Books We Read

Papillon by Henri Charriere
Shantaram by Gregory Davis Roberts
Nothing if not critical by Robert Hughes
The meaning of everything by Simon Winchester
The Age Of Wonders by Richard Holmes
The queen her lover and the most notorious spy in history by Roland Perry
Still Alice by Lisa Genova
All the light we cannot see by Anthony Doerr
After Darkness by Christine Piper

Feb-15

Indian Nocturne by Antonio Tabucchi
The Photograph by Penelope Lively
Heart Songs by Annie Proulx
Forty Stories by Anton Chekhov
Open City by Teju Cole
The Poet's Tale Chaucer and the year that made The Canterbury Tales by Paul Strohm
The bush by Don Watson
Big book of Numbers by Adam Spencer
Lamentation by C.J.Sansom
After the fire a still small voice by Evie Wyld
A bone of fact David Walsh
The last Word by Hanif Kureishi

Mar-15

Brother of the more famous Jack by Barbara Trapido
Three letters from the Andes by Patrick Leigh Fermor
Under the sun: The letters of Bruce Chatwin ed by E Chatwin and Nicholas Shakespeare
The Aitch Factor by Susan Butler
Under another sky: Journeys in Roman Britain by Charlotte Higgins
Lady Susan by Jane Austen
The Aitch Factor by Susan Butler
The reef a passionate history by Iain McCalman
Death comes to Pemberley by PD James
Girl on the landing by Paul Torday
The pile of stuff at the bottom of the stairs by Christina Hopkinson
Summer house with swimming pool by Herman Koch
What I love by Siri Hustvedt

Apr-15

Hunger by Knut Hamsun
Dancing in the Dark by Karl Ove Knausgaard
The snow Kimono by Mark Henshaw
The Railwayman's wife by Ashley Hay
The Dharma Bums by Jack Kerouac
A Short History of Richard Kline by Amanda Lohrey
The Brain That Changes Itself by Norman Doige
The Mystery of the Venus Island Fetish by D Butterworth
Leisureville by Andrew D Blechman
Dear Life, on caring for the elderly by Karen Hitchcock
Down and out in Paris and London G Orwell
Judgement Day P Lively
Amy and Isabelle by E Strout
Never Any End to Paris
The Sorrows of An American Siri Hustvedt
The Enchantment of Lilly Dahl Siry Hustsvet
A Kiss Before Dying by Ira Levin
Bitter Wash Road by Garry Disher

May-15

Shakespeare by Bill Bryson 4
The Grapes Of Wrath John Steinbeck 3.5
As I walked Out of the Midsummer Morning by Laurie Lee 3
Tasmania: the tipping point Griffiths Review 3
Hot Little Hands by Abigail Ulman 2.5
Thirteen Steps Down by Ruth Rendell 2
The Hen Who Dreamed She Could Fly by Sun Mi Hwang

Jun-15

Desert Queen by Janet Wallach, 4

GCBL- Other Books We Read

H is for Hawk by Helen McDonald, 4
The reason I Jump by Naoki Higashida and David Mitchell,4
The Mermaid Coast, 3
Land's Edge by Tim Winton, 4
At Mrs Lippincote's by Elizabeth Taylor 3, 3.5, 4
The Little Book of the Icelanders by Alda Sigmundsdottir,3
The Seamstress by Maria Duenas, 2
Unto Dust By Herman Charles Bosman, 4

Jul-15

Passing On by Penelope Lively, 3
Light Years by Maggie Gee, 2
The Architecture of Happiness by Alain De Boton, 4
The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton, 4
The Pursuit of Love by Nancy Mitford, 3.5
Submission by Michel Houellebecq, 4
The Simple Act of Reading, 3
Family Furnishings by Alice Munro, 4
Will you please be quiet, please? By Raymond Carver
The Eye of the Sheep by Sofie Laguna, 3.5
Sing in the morning, cry at night, 3.5
The sea by John Banville,4
Knowledge of Angels by Jill Paton Walsh, 4
Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda N Adichie, 3.5

Sep-15

The Sunlit Night, 4
This is the story of a Happy Marriage by Ann Patchett, 3
The Secret Scripture by Sebastian Barry, 3.5
Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo, 4
A Literate Passion: Letters of Anais Nin and H Miller 1933-53, 3
The Assassination of Margaret Thatcher by Hilary Mantel, 2.5
Angel by Elizabeth Taylor, 3.5
Ignorance by Milan Kundera, 4
To Play the King by Michael Dobbs,3
What Alice Forgot, Lian Moriarty, 3
Hello Beautiful by Hannie Rayson, 3.5
The Whites by Harry Brandt, 3.5
Jar City by Arnaldour Indridason, 3
Lady Oracle by Margaret Atwood, 2
Love and the Platypus by Nicholas Drayson 3
The Widow and Her Hero by Thomas Kenneally, 3
Penelope Fitzgerald, A life by Hermione Lee, 3.5
A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman,3.5
Alone in Berlin by Hans Fallada, 4.5
Austerlitz by W.G.Seбалd, 4
I am Pilgrim by Terry Hayes, 3
The Green Road by Anne Enright, 3.5
Island of a Thousand Mirrors by Mayomi Munaweera, 2.5

Oct-15

In the Walled Gardens, 3.5
Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen, 2.5
Revolutionary Iran by Michael Axworthy
The Story of a New Name by Elena Ferrante, 4
Those who leave and those who Stay by Elena Ferrante, 4
The Story of the Lost Child by Elena Ferrante, 4
The Museum of Extraordinary Things, 2.5
The dressmaker, 4
Beowulf, 3
Consequences by Penelope Lively, 3
Island Home by Tim Winton, 3.5
Animal People by Charlotte Wood, 4
The Man Who Was Thursday by G.K.Chesterton, 3
The Taming of the Queen by Philippa Gregory, 3
History o f the Rain by Niall Williams, 4
Widow Basquiat by Jennifer Clement,3
Ransacking Paris by Patti Miller, 2.5
Cavalier And Clay by Michael Chabon, 3
A god in ruins by Kate Atkinson, 3

GCBL- Other Books We Read

Nov-15

Lilian's Story by Kate Grenville 4
The book of Emmett by Deborah Foster 3
One Summer by David Baldacci 2
The Ash Burner by Kari Gislason 3.5, 3
Older and Bolder by Renate Singer 3.5
True Stories by Helen Garner 4
Undermajordomo Minor by Patrick deWitt 3.5
Island Home by Tim Winton 5
Across the nightingale floor by Leanne Hearne 3
Career of Evil by Robert Galbraith 3.3
The dust that falls from dreams by Louis de Bernières 3
Fall girl by Tony Jordan 2.5
A long way from Verona by Jane Gardan 2.5
Women in Black by Madeleine St John 3
Snowdrops by A D Miller 3
The Strays by Emily Butto 3.5
Flesh wounds by Richard Glover 3.5
Spinster by Kate Bolick 3
Colourless Tsukuru Tazaki by Haruki Murakami 3.5

Dec-15

The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare 3
Hamlet by William Shakespeare 3.5 and 4
Purity by Jonathan Franzen 3.5
The Whites by Richard Price writing as Harry Brandt 4
A Time of Gifts by Patrick Leigh Fermor 3
The Green Road by Anne Enright 3 and 3.5
Brooklyn by Colm Tóibín 3.5
Summer at Mount Hope by Rosalie Ham 3
Hungry Hill by Daphne du Maurier 2.5
Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad 4
Small Victories by Ann Lamott 1
The Pickwick Papers by Charles Dickens 4
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens 4
The Road to Little Dribbling by Bill Bryson 3.5
The Griffith Review: Looking West 3.5
The Natural Way of Things by Charlotte Wood 4
In Tasmania by Nicholas Shakespeare 3.5
Etham Frome by Edith Wharton 3

Jan-16

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R. Covey 2
That Eye The Sky by Tim Winton 3.5
Skylight by Jose Saramago 2.5
The Common Reader by Alan Bennett 3
The Cancer Ward by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn 3
England, England by Julian Barnes 3
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers 3.5
City of the Beasts Isabel Allende 2.4
Sophia: Princess, Suffragette, Revolutionary by Anita Anand 4.5
Twilight of Love: Travels with Turgenev by Robert Dessaix 3.5
Blue Guitar by John Banville 4
The Natural Way of things by Charlotte Wood 3 and 3.5
Animal People by Charlotte Wood 3
Doghead by Morten Ramsland 3
Flesh Wounds by Richard Glover 3
Preparations for the Next Life by Atticus Lish 4
Three Crooked Kings by Matthew Condon 3
In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex by Nathaniel Philbrick

Feb-16

My name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout 4.5, 4.5, 4 & 4
A little life by Hanya Yanagihara 0 (Yes – 0 out of 5)
Past the Shallows Favel Parrett 3
Jasper Jones by Craig Silvey 3
The Winter's Tale by Shakespeare 3.5
The gap of time by Jeanette Winterson 3, 3.5

GCBL- Other Books We Read

Jacks and Jokers by Matthew Condon 3
The Almost Nearly Perfect People: The Truth About the Nordic Miracle by Michael Booth 2.5
Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff 3
The Women in Black by Madeleine St John 4
The White Road by Edmund de Waal 3.5
The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George 2.5
The other side of the world by Stephanie Bishop 2.5
What We Talk About When We Talk About Love by Raymond Carver 2.5, 4
Lilian's Story by Kate Grenville 2, 4
Cloud Street by Tim Winton 3.5, 4
A strangeness in my mind by Orhan Pamuk 4
The discreet hero by Mario Vargas Llosa 3.5 and 3
The Museum of Innocence by Orhan Pamuk 3.4-5
Quartet (3), After leaving Mr. Mackenzie (3), Voyage in the Dark (2), Good morning midnight (2) by Jean Rhys
How to be good by Nick Hornby 2.5
Levels of life by Julian Barnes 3
When the night comes by Favel Parrett 4
Ghost River by Tony Birch 2.5
Blood by Tony Birch 3
The Natural Way of Things by Charlotte Wood 3.5
Preparations for the next life by Atticus Lish 3.5
Some Luck by Jane Smiley 4
Best Australian Essays 2015 4 especially:
"Staying with the Trouble" by Sophie Cunningham (which won the 2015 Calibre Prize) 5 and "Regions of Thick-Ribbed Ice" by Helen Garner 4.

Mar-16

Island Home by Tim Winton 4
Family Furnishings by Alice Munro 5
The nature of passion by Ruth Praver Jhabvala 3
A time of gifts by Patrick Leigh Fermor 4
The third policeman by Flann O'Brien 2 (better one is At Swim-Two-Birds)
Big Magic by Elizabeth Gilbert 2.5
The heart is a lonely hunter by Carson McCullers 4.5
The little Paris Bookshop by Nina George 2.5
My Struggle Book 5, Some Rain Must Fall by Karl Ove Knausgaard 3.5
Independent People by Halldór Laxness 5
Back When We Were Grownups by Anne Tyler 4
Euphoria by Lily King 4
Gutenberg's apprentice by Alix Christie 3.5
Crazy rich Asians by Kevin Kwan 3.5
Not my father's son by Alan Cumming 3
My name is Lucy Barton 3.5, 4, 2.5, 4
Fine Colour of Rust by P. A. O'Reilly 3.5
The bazaar of bad dreams by Stephen King 3.5
All fall down by Matthew Condon 3
Eureka by Peter Fitzsimons 4
The women's pages by Debra Adelaide 4
The Joke by Milan Kundera 3
The Cutting Season by Attica Locke 3
The Forgotten Waltz by Anne Enright 3
The High Mountains of Portugal by Yann Martel 3 and 4
Modern Love: The Story of John and Sunday Reed by Lesley Harding & Kendrah Morgan 4.

Apr-16

Under Cover: Adventures in the art of editing by Craig Munro, 2.5
Fever at Dawn by Péter Gárdos, 3
The year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion, 3
American Housewife by Hellen Ellis, 3.5
Bonkers by Jennifer Saunders, 4.
According to Yes by Dawn French, 2.5
Dancing in the Glory of Monsters: The Collapse of the Congo and the Great War... by Jason Stearns, 4
The Laughing Clowns by William McInnes, 3
Cometh the hour by Jeffrey Archer, 2.5
Bring up the bodies by Hillary Mantel, 3
I am pilgrim by Terry Hayes, 3
Owls Do Cry by Janet Frame, 4

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Selected Stories by Janet Frame, 4
The cove by Ron Rush, 2.5
Penguin and the Lane Brothers: The Untold Story of a Publishing Revolution by Stuart Kells, 4
I was only 16 by , 4

May-16

Etham Frome by Edith Wharton, 3.5
The natural way of things by Charlotte Wood ,3.5, 4
The taming of the queen by Philippa Gregory, 3
In other words by Jhumpa Lahiri, 3
This is Gail by Gail O'Brian, 3
Between a wolf and a dog by Georgia Blain, 4
Too close to home by by Georgia Blain, 2.5
Resilience by Ann Deveson
Summer House with swimming pool by Herman Koch, 4
Past the shallows by Favel Parrett, 4
The fisherman by Chigozie Obioma, 4
The Whites by Richard Price writing as Harry Brandt, 3
The light on the water by Olga Lorenzo, 3.5
The living by Anjali Joseph, 4
The chimes by Anna Smaill
Zero K by Don DeLillo, 4.5
Major Pettigrew's last stand by Helen Simonson, 3
It started with Paris by Kathy Kelly, 2.5
Dinner at the homesick restaurant by Anne Tyler, 3.5
Hamlet's Dresser by Bob Smith, 4
At Mrs Lippincote's by Elizabeth Taylor, 4
Small Victories by Ann Lamott, 4
The truth according to us by Annie Barrows, 3

Jun-16

Boy Lost by Kristina Olson, 4.
Mothering Sunday By Graham Swift, 4.5.
A Whole Life by Robert Seethaler, 3.5.
The Abundance by Annie Dillard, 4.
Swann's Way by Marcel Proust, 4.
The Sheperd's Life by James Rebanks, 3.
A Model Childhood by Christa Wolf, 3.5.
Everywhere I Look by Helen Garner 3.5.
Landskipping by Anna Pavord, 3.
The Bricks That Built The House by Kate Tempest, 3.
The Sacred Combe by Thomas Maloney, 3.
When We Were Orphans by Kazuo Ishiguro, 3.
The Road To little Dribble by Bill Bryson, 4.
Falling Towards England by Clive James, 3.5.
Winter of the World by Ken Follet, 3.5.
Saint Maybe by Anne Tyler, 4.
The Beginners Goodbye by Anne Tyler,3.5.
Gilgamesh by Joan London, 3.
The Course of Love by Alain de Botton, 4.
How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff, 2.5.
Fineflour by Gillian Mears, 3.
Dark Palace by Frank Moorhouse, 3.
The Attack by Jasmina Khadra, 3.
Whatever Happened to Baby Jane by Henry Farrell, 3.
The Midnight Watch by David Dyer, 4.
I am Spock by Leonard Nimoy, 4.
Where the Tress are by Inga simpson, 3.5.
The Moor's Account by Laila Lalami, 4.
Zone of Interest by Martin Amis, 4.

Jul-16

What days are for by Robert Dessaix 3.5.
When we were orphans Kazuo Ishiguro 2.5.
Three letters from the Andes by Patrick Leigh Fermor 4.
The submerged cathedral by Charlotte Wood 4.
Barkskins by Annie Proulx 4 Janet, 4 Nicola.
The bricks that built the houses by Kate Tempest 3.
Between a wolf and a dog by Georgia Blain 3.
A whole life by Robert Seethaler 3.

GCBL- Other Books We Read

Road to ruin by Nikki Savva 3.
Dark Emu by Bruce Pascoe 3.5.
An isolated incident by Emily Maguire 2.5.
Hope farm by Peggy Frew 3.
Red carpets by Rupert Everett 3.
The magic faraway tree by Enid Blyton 3.
Five on a treasure island by Enid Blyton 1.
Dona Nicanora's hat shop by Kirstan Hawkins 3.
In the sanctuary of outcasts by Neil White 4.
The Notebook Trilogy by Agota Kristof 4.
The glorious heresies by Lisa McInerney 2.5.
Only the animals by Ceridwen Dovey 4.
The last painting of Sara de Vos by Dominic Smith 3.5.
The Hare with Amber Eyes by Edmund de Waal 4.
How Proust can change your life by Alain de Botton 3.
The course of love by Alain de Botton 3.5.
The art of travel by Alain de Botton 3.5.

Aug-16

La Symphonie Pastorale and Isabelle by Andre Gide 3.5
The Sacred Balance by David Suzuki 4
The Dry by Jane Harper 4, 4
Wild Cat Falling by Colin Johnson 3
Teatime for the Firefly by Shonna Patel 3
This House of Grief by Helen Garner 4
Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard by Keran Desai 3.5
Barkskins by Annie Proulx 4
The Lover by Marguerite Dumas 4.5
Where Heaven and Earth Change Places by Le Ly Hayslip 4
The Fisherman by Chigozie Obioma 3
Dona Nicanora's Hat Shop by Kirstan Hawkins 2.5
The submerged Cathedral by Charlotte Wood 3.5
The Awakening of Miss Prim by Natalia Sanmartin Fenollera 2
Past the Shallows by Favel Parrett 3
A Long Time Coming by Melanie Joosten 3.5
Between a Wolf and a Dog by Georgia Blain 4
Out in the Open by Jesus Carrasco 4
The soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery 3.5
The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion 3.5
Forever Young by Stephen Carroll 2.5
I capture the castle by Dodie Smith 3
Everywhere I look by Helen Garner 4, 4
Mothering Sunday by Graham Swift 3, 2
Drink Time in the Company of Patrick Leigh Fermor by Dolores Pay  s 3.5
The Night Manager by John le Carr   3
Notes from a Small Island by Bill Bryson 3.5
Goodbye to Berlin by Christopher Isherwood 3.5

Sep-16

Out in the Open by Jes  s Carrasco 3.5
Hawaii by James A. Michener 4
The Fry Chronicles by Stephen Fry 2.5
Theft: A Love Story by Peter Carey 3
The 13th Disciple by Deepak Chopra 2.5
Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life by William Finnegan 3
An Invisible Friendship by Joyce Grenfell and Katharine Moore 4
The soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery 3.5
Before The Fall by Noah Hawley 3
Swallow the Air by Tara June Winch 3
Promising Azra by Helen Thurloe 3
Hot Milk by Deborah Levy 3
What Is Not Yours Is Not Yours by Helen Oyeyemi 4
The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks 3
The Informers by Gabriel Garc  a V  zquez 3
American Housewife by Helen Ellis 3.5
Blood Kin by Ceridwen Dovey 3.5
Beauty Is A Wound by Eka Kurniawan 2
Dumb Luck by V   Tr  ng Ph  ng 5
The Tiger Wife by T  a Obrecht 4
The Bridge On The Drina by Ivo Andri   2.5

GCBL- Other Books We Read

Black Rock White City by A. S. Patric 4.5

Nov-16

Regions of Thick-Ribbed Ice by Helen Garner 3.5
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr 2.5
The Pigeon Tunnel: Stories of my life by John Le Carré 4
White City Black Rock by A S Patric 3
Between the Assassinations by Aravind Adiga 3.5
The Sympatizer Viet Thanh Nguyen 4
Great Meadow: an evocation by Dirk Bogarde 4
What Is Not Yours Is Not Yours by Helen Oyeyemi 3
Hope Farm 3
The Turner House by Angela Flournoy 4
Older and Bolder by Renata Singer 2
Dreams From My Father by Barack Obama 3.5

Dec-16

The rules of Backyard Cricket Jock Serong 3.5.
Jeff in Venice, Death in Varanasi by Geoff Dyer 2.5.
Flanuese by Lauren Elkin 2.5.
The Tzar of love and techno by Anthony Marr 3.5.
The course of love by Alain de Botton 3.
The ministry of pain by Dubravka Ugresic 4.
Where the trees were by Inga Simpson 3, 4.
Wild cat falling by Colin Johnson 3.5.
The life of houses by Lisa Gorton 4.
The Turner house by Angela Flournoy 3.5.
Agnes by Peter Stamm 2.5.
The Dry by Jane Harper 2.5.
Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari 3

Jan-17

The Feel of Steel by Helen Garner, 3.5
Oranges are not the Only Fruit by Jeanette Winterson, 4
Christmas Days: 12 Stories and 12 Feasts for 12 Days by Jeanette Winterson, 3.5, 3.5 & 3
Dumb Luck by Vu Trong Phung, 3
Life by Gwyneth A. Jones, 3.5
Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont by Elizabeth Taylor, 3.5
The Notebook Trilogy by Agota Kristof, 4
Commonwealth by Ann Patchett, 4.5 & 4
Dancing Backwards by Sally Vickers, 2
Blame by Nicole Trope, 3
The Natural Way of Things by Charlotte Wood, 3.5
Mullumbimby by Melissa Lucashenko, 3
A Manual for Cleaning Women, 4 & 4.5
The Life Changing Magic of not Giving a F@#k, 3
The Gustav Sonata by Rose Tremain, 3
The Dry by Jane Harper, 4
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, 2.5

Feb-17

Difficult Women by Roxane Gay, 3.5
The Life Changing Magic of Tidying by Marie Kondo, 4
Spark Joy by Marie Kondo, 3
Look Homeward, Angel by Thomas Wolfe, 3.5
Today will be different by Maria Semple, 3.5
The Notebook Trilogy by Agota Kristof, 5
Lila by Marilynne Robinson, 4
Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance, 3
Catherine the Great, Portrait of a Woman by Robert K. Massie, 3
Johnno by David Malouf, 4.5
Commonwealth by Ann Patchett, 4
Best Australian Essays 2016 ed. Geordie Williamson, 3.5
Flesh Wounds by Richard Glover, 4

Mar-17

About Grace by Anthony Doerr, 4.
The Notebook Trilogy : The Notebook, The Proof and The Third Lie by Ágota Kristóf, 4.5.
The Door by Magda Szabó, 3.5.
Johnno by David Malouf, 5.

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Harland's Half-Acre by David Malouf, 4.
An Isolated Incident by Emily Maguire, 3.5.
The Whole Wild World by Thomas Dusevic, 2.5.
Alone in Berlin by Hans Fallada, 2.5.
Silence by Shusaku Endo, 2.
Moonglow by Michael Chabon, 4
Commonwealth Ann Patchett, 3.5
The Rector's Wife by Joanne Trollope, 3.
A Village Affair by Joanna Trollope, 3.
The Hate Race by Maxine Beneba Clark, 4.
A Very English Scandal by John Preston, 3.
The Shell Seekers by Rosamund Pilcher, 3.
Barbed Wire and Cherry Blossoms by Anita Heiss, 4.

Apr-17

Animal Farm by George Orwell, 4
Gilead by Marilynne Robinson, 3.5
A Hundred Small Lessons by Ashley Hay, 2.5
A bad Character by Deepti Kapoor, 2.5
Tender is the Night by F Scott Fitzgerald, 3.5
Cold Earth by Ann Cleaves, 3
Quarterly essay No. 65: The White Queen by David Marr, 4
The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick, 3
Elizabeth is Missing by Emma Healy, 3.5
The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck by Mark Manson, 3

May-17

My cat Yugoslavia by Pajtim Statovci, 3.5
Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue, 2.5
Anything is Possible by Elizabeth Strout, 3.5, 3 and 3
A Bad Character by Deepti Kapoor, 3
Tirra Lirra by the River by Jessica Anderson, 4
The Constant Gardener by John Le Carre, 3.5
The Pleasures of Leisure by Robert Dessaix, 4
Tenth of December by George Saunders, 3
On Learning Norwegian by Lydia Davis, 4
Position Doubtful by Kim Mahood, 3.5
Jamaica Inn by Daphne Du Maurier, 3
The Swans of Fifth Avenue by Melanie Benjamin, 3.5
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi, 3.5
The Fifth Child by Doris Lessing, 3
NUMBER9DREAM By David Mitchell, 2.5
My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem, 3
The Toymaker by Liam Pieper, 3
Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders, 4

Jun-17

Barkskins by Annie Proulx, 4.5
The Green Road by Ann Enright, 3 and 4
The Woman who invented Beauty: Helena Rubenstein by Michelle Fitoussi, 3
Only by Caroline Baum, 3.5
Miss Garnet's Angel by Sally Vickers, 4
Waterland by Graham Swift, 4
Small Island by Andrea Levy, 3.5
The Pleasures of Leisure by Robert Dessaix, 3.5
Light and Shadow - memoir of a spy's son by Mark Colvin, 3
Understory by Inga Simpson, 3
Tirra Lirra by the River by Jessica Anderson, 4.5
Larchfield by Polly Clark, 3
The Cows [Don't follow the herd]by Dawn O'Porter, 3

Jul-17

Die Wise by Stephen Jenkinson, 5
The Marvellous Misadventures of Ingrid Winter by J.S. Drangsholt, 2
My cat Yugoslavia by Pajtim Statovci, 3.5
The Mothers by Brit Bennett, 2.5, 2.5 and 3.
The Complete Stories of Leonora Carrington, 2.5
Fludd by Hilary Mantel, 3
Other chairs by Barbara Blackman, 3.5
One Year of Life by Cecil Roberts, 3

GCBL- Other Books We Read

Gone Afield by Cecil Roberts, 3

Aug-17

A Palace in the Old Village by Tahar Ben Jelloun, 3.5
The Curse of the Pogo Stick: a Laotian murder mystery by Colin Cotterill, 3.5
Regions of Thick Ribbed Ice by Helen Garner, 4.5
The Last Woman Hanged by Caroline Overington, 3
The Notebook by Agota Kristof, 4
Understory, by Inga Simpson, 4
Sprinter and Sprummer: Australia's Changing Seasons, by Timothy J. Entwistle, 3
Australia Day by Melissa Cheng, 3.5
The Animators by Kayla Rae Whitaker, 4 and 4
Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self by Danielle Evans, 4

Sep-17

My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell, 3.5
Moon Tiger by Penelope Lively, 3.5
Siracusa by Delia Ephron, 3
Stay With Me by Ayobami Adebayo, 3.5
The Birds by Tarjei Vesaas,
Barkskins by Annie Proulx, 4
Tirra Lirra by the River by Jessica Anderson, 4
Nothing Holds Back the Night by Delphine de Vigan, 3.5
A Manual for Cleaning Women by Lucia Berlin, 4
My Cat Yugoslavia by Pajtim Statovci, 3
Based on a True Story by Delphine de Vigan, 3.5 and 4
Am I Black Enough For You? By Anita Heiss, 3.5
The Husband Hunters by Anne de Courcy, 4
Victoria by Julia Baird, 3

Oct-17

The Songs of Trees David by David Haskell, 3
Hotel New Hampshire by John Irving, 4
The Golden House by Salman Rushdie, 3.5
Half the Sky by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, 4
Ministry of Utmost Happiness by Arundhati Roy, 4.5
The Birds by Tarjei Vesaas, 3.5
Stay with me by Ayobami Adebayo, 3
Extinctions by Josephine Wilson, 4
Jean Harley Was Here by Heather Taylor Johnson 3
Hinterland by Steven Lang, 4
A Legacy of Spies by John Le Carre', 3
Nothing Holds Back the Night by Delphine de Vigan, 3.5 and 4.5
The Notebook Trilogy by Agota Kristof 3.5
Understory by Inga Simpson 4

Dec-17

Heather, the Totality by Matthew Weiner, 2 and 2
The Animators by Kayla-Rae Whitaker, 4.5 and 4
Family Album by Penelope Lively, 3
Stories by Helen Garner, 3
True Stories by Helen Garner, 3
The best Australian Essays by Anna Goldsworthy 3
The last painting of Sara de Vos by Dominic Smith 2.5
Pastures of the Blue Crane by H.F. Brinsmead 3
Birds Art Life Death by Kyo Maclear
Le Bal and Snow in Autumn by Irene Nemirovsky, 4
The Ministry of Utmost Happiness by Arundati Roy, 3
A Long way from Home by Peter Carey, 3
The Elegance of a Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery, 3
Women & Power by Mary Beard, 2.5
The Spy by Paulo Coelho, 2.5
What Is It All But Luminosity by Art Garfunkel, 2
The Lake House by Kate Morton, 2.5
Thank You for Being Late by Thomas L Friedman, 3

Nov-17

Catherine the Great: A Portrait of a Woman by Robert Massie, 3.5
One Child: The Story of China's Most Radical Experiment by Mei Fong, 3.5
The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead, 2

GCBL- Other Books We Read

Of Love and Other Demons by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, 2.5
The House by the Lake by Kate Morton, 3
The weather obsession by Lawrie Zion, 3
Stay with me by Ayobami Adebayo, 3.5
The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning by Margareta Magnusson, 3
Whip Bird by Robert Drewe, 3
A Gentleman In Moscow by Amor Towles, 4
Sour Heart by Jenny Zhang, 4 and 4
Victoria by Julia Baird, 3.5
The choke by Sophie Laguna, 3
Nothing holds back the night by Delphine de Vigan, 4
The Animators by Kyla Rae Whitaker, 4.5
Lincoln in the bardo by George Sanders, 3.5
In search of my father by Helena Popovic, 2.5
The girl who saved the king of Sweden by Jonas Jonasson, 2
Pachinko by Min Jin Lee, 3

Oct-18

The Little Prince, by Antoine de Saint-Exupery, 5
Baking Cakes in Kigali by Gaile Parkin, 2.5
The Cow Book by Jon Connell, 4
Atlantic Black by A S Patrić, 3
The Butterfly Man by Heather Rose, 4 and 3.5
The Crossway by Guy Stagg, 3
The Mere Wife by Maria Dahvana Headley, 2
Dancing with Strangers by Inga Clendinnen, 4
Waiting by Philip Salom, 4
The Trauma Cleaner by Sophie, 4.5
War light by Michael Ondaatje, 2.5
Tracker by Alexis Wright, 3.5
Notes on a nervous planet by Matt Haig, 3
Always another country by Sisonke Msimang, 3.5
Happy Valley Patrick White, 4
The Narrow Road to the Deep North Richard Flanagan, 3.5
The Power of Hope Kon Karapanagiotidis, 3

Sep-18

ZeroK by Don DeLillo, 3
I feel bad about my Neck by Nora Ephron, 3.5
Woman at 1000 degrees by Hallgrímur Helgason, 4
The Road to Jonestown by Jeff Guinn, 4
We wish to inform you that tomorrow we will be killed with our families by P. Gourevitch, 3
The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris, 4
The Master and his Emissary by Iain McGilchrist

Aug-18

I Feel Bad About My Neck, Nora Ephron, 4.5
The Late Show, Michael Connolly, 4
In the Skin of a Lion, Michael Ondaatje, 4
Captains Courageous, Rudyard Kipling, 3.5
The Choke, Sofie Laguna, 3
An American Marriage, Tayani Jones, 3.5
Flames, Robbie Arnott, 4
Be My Enemy, Christopher Brookmyre, 4
We Have Always Lived in the Castle, Shirley Jackson, 2.5
Stern Men, Elizabeth Gilbert, 2.5
Think Before It's Too Late, Edward de Bono, 3
The Brain that Changes Itself, Norman Doidge, 3
Everything Here is Beautiful, Mira Lee, 3
The Butterfly Man, Heather Rose, 3.5
Written in my own heart's blood, Outlander Book 8 by Diana Gabaldon, 3.5
Winter by Karl Ove Knausgaard, 3.5

Jul-18

Flights by Olga Tokarczuk 3.5
The Salmon who Dared to Leap Higher by Ahn Do-hyun 3
The Master and Margarita by Mikail Bulgakov 3.5
Eggshell Skull by Bri Lee, 3
Wild by Cheryl Strayed, 3
Gate of Lilacs: A Verse commentary on Proust, by Clive James 3.5

GCBL- Other Books We Read

Such Small Hands by Andres Barba 3
Johnno by David Malouf 4
Remembering Babylon by David Malouf 4
Breath by Tim Winton 3
A Long Way from Home by Peter Carey 3.5
The Quiet American by Graham Greene 3.5
Deep Time Dreaming by Billy Griffiths 5
The Butterfly Man by Heather Rose 3.5
The River Wife by Heather Rose 3
An Echo in the Bone by Diana Gabaldon 3

June 2018

The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula le Guin, 3
The Dispossessed by Ursula le Guin, 4
My Life as a Fake by Peter Carey, 3
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers, 5
Danger Music by Eddie Ayres, 3
A Life Apart by Mariapia Veladiano, 3.5
The Lucky Galah by Tracy Sorensen, 3.5
A gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles, 4
Snake by Kate Jennings 4
Remembering Babylon by David Malouf 4
Little Princes by Conor Grennan,3
Elizabeth Macarthur – A Life at the Edge of the World by Michelle Scott Tucker, 3
Girls at the Piano by Virginia Lloyd, 2.5
The Fiery Cross by Diana Gabaldon, 3.5
A Breath Of Snow and Ashes by Diana Gabaldon, 3
I Feel Bad About My Neck by Nora Ephrin, 3

May-18

The Last Tudor by Philippa Gregory, 3.5.
A Manual for Cleaning Women by Lucia Berlin, 4.5.
Drums of Autumn by Diana Gabaldon, 3.5.
Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan, 3.5.
Middlemarch by George Eliot, 4.5.
A Kind of Freedom by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton, 2.5.
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles, 4.
The News by Alain de Botton, 3.5.
A Long Way from Home by Peter Carey, 3.5.
The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton, 3.5.
Quarterly Essays by David Malouf, 4.
Dear Mrs Bird by A.J.Pearce, 1.
The Queen Of Bloody Everything by Joanna Nadin, 2.
The End of Loneliness by Benedict Well, 3.5.
The Shepherd's Hut by Tim Winton, 4.
The Town by Shaun Prescott, 3.
Ghachar Ghochar by Vivek Shanbag, 2.5.

Apr-18

Homo Deus: A brief history of tomorrow by Yuval Noah Harari, 3
Island Home by Tim Winton 4
Snake by Kate Jennings, 4
A Life Apart by Mariapia Veladiano, 3.5
Dragonfly in Amber, Book 2 of Outlander series by Diana Gabaldon, 3
Autumn by Karl Ove Knausgaard, 3.5
The Shepherd's Hut by Tim Winton, 4.5
Piano Lessons by Anna Goldsworthy, 3
Welcome to the Goddamn Ice Cube by Blair Braverman, 3
Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine by Gail Honeyman, 3
The secret life of cows by Rosamund Young, 2.5

Mar-18

The Multiple Effects of Rainshadow by Thea Astley, 3.5
The Choke by Sofie Laguna, 3.5
My Brother Jack by George Johnston, 4
A long way home by Peter Carey, 4
The Craving Mind (from cigarettes to smart phones to love – why we get hooked and how we can break bad habits) by Judson Brewer, 3.5
The Swan Book by Alexis Wright, 3.5
The Leopard by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa, 4
Extinctions by Josephine Wilson, 3

GCBL- Other Books We Read

Down in the City, Elizabeth Harrower, 3
Song of a Captive Bird, Jasmin Darznik, 3
Creativity Rules, Tina Seelig, 3

Feb-18

Changing My Mind by Zadie Smith, 3
Swing Time by Zadie Smith, 3.5
The Mothers by Brit Bennett, 3
Wednesdays with Bob by Derek Rielly, 3.5
The Animators by Kayla Rae Whitaker, 4
Stay with me by Ayobami Adebayo, 3.5
The Red Coast by Di Morrissey, 2.5
Autumn by Ali Smith, 4
Clean Straw for Nothing by George Johnston, 3.5
Outlander by Diana Gabaldon, 3.5
A horse walks into a bar, David Grossman, 4
Based on a true story, Delphine De Vigan, 3
The German Girl , Armando Lucas Correa, 3
Before the Fall, Noah Hawley, 2.5

Jan-18

On the Road by Jack Kerouac, 3.5
Whip bird by Robert Drewe, 2.5
Salt Blood (Essay) by Michael Adams, 4
Tirra Lirra By The River by Jessica Anderson, 5
Anything Is Possible by Elizabeth Strout, 4
Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood, 4
Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders, 2.5
The Happiest Refugee by Ahn Doh, 3
The Gift of Anger by Arun Ghandi, 3.5
The Animators by Kayla Rae Whitaker, 3
The Earth Hums in B Flat by Mari Strachan, 2.5
The White Queen: One Nation and the Politics of Race by David Marr, 3.5

Nov-18

Blowing the Bloody Doors Off by Michael Caine, 3.5
Clock Dance by Anne Tyler, 3.5
The Cow Book by John Connell, 3.5 and 3.5
Overstory by Richard Powers, 4
French Exit by Patrick de Witt, 2.5
The Tobacconist by Robert Seethaler, 3.5
The Ravenmaster by Christopher Skaife, 3
A Gate At The Stairs by Lorrie Moore, 3