

Book Group
AAUW - Southern New Hampshire Branch
Book Blurbs 2018-2019

Please contact the Book Group Coordinators for location of meeting.

October 1, 2018

Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall & Denver Moore

A true story told by the 2 men is about a dangerous, homeless drifter who grew up picking cotton in virtual slavery. An upscale art dealer accustomed to the world of Armani and Chanel. Gritty with pain and betrayal and brutality, this true story also shines with an unexpected, life-changing love.

November 5, 2018

An American Family: a Memoir of Hope and Sacrifice by Khizr Khan

An eloquent memoir about family and faith, told with a poet's sensibility. Sometimes it takes a newcomer to point out the beauty of the America that we too often take for granted.

January 7, 2019

The Road from Coorain by Jill Ker Conway

Detailing her life growing up in the Australian outback during the second third of the twentieth century, Conway is able to draw the reader into that era. The beauty of the landscape and the harsh reality of the elements, the economic cycles, and the psychological impact on both men and women of these influences are vividly described. The elitism and the class differences between landed individuals and those who managed or worked on the stations become evident as the Conway family's fortunes roller coaster between wealth and economic hardship. Conway later became the first female president of Smith College.

March 4, 2019

The Whole Town's Talking: A Novel by Fannie Flagg

Elmwood Springs, Missouri, is a small town like any other, but something strange is happening at the cemetery. Still Meadows, as it's called, is anything but still. Original, profound, *The Whole Town's Talking*, a novel in the tradition of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* and Flagg's own *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*, tells the story of Lordor Nordstrom, his Swedish mail-order bride, Katrina, and their neighbors and descendants as they live, love, die, and carry on in mysterious and surprising ways.



April 1, 2019

The Prodigal Tongue: the Love-Hate Relationship Between American and British English by Lynne Murphy

The author exposes the discrepancies between the language of her birthplace (England) and the US – her adopted home. Instead of sending the language to school, the book savors a great many words and phrases that are staples on one side of the pond and unfamiliar on the other.

May 6, 2019

The Children's Blizzard by David Laskin

Thousands of impoverished Northern European immigrants were promised that the prairie offered "land, freedom, and hope." The disastrous blizzard of 1888 revealed that their free homestead was not a paradise but a hard, unforgiving place governed by natural forces they neither understood nor controlled, and America's heartland would never be the same.

June 3, 2019

Victoria & Abdul: The True Story of the Queen's Closest Confidant by Shrabani Basu

In the twilight years of her reign, after the devastating deaths of her two great loves—Prince Albert and John Brown—Queen Victoria meets tall and handsome Abdul Karim, a humble servant from Agra waiting tables at her Golden Jubilee. The two form an unlikely bond and within a year Abdul becomes a powerful figure at court, the Queen's teacher, her counsel on Urdu and Indian affairs, and a friend close to her heart.