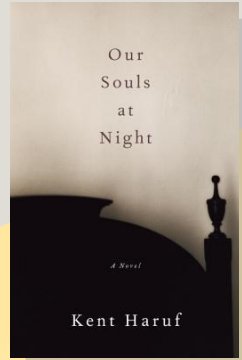


## SEPTEMBER 13th

### Our Souls at Night

by Kent Haruf

In Holt, Colorado Addie Moore pays an unexpected visit to a neighbor, Louis Waters. Her husband died years ago, as did his wife, and in such a small town they naturally have known of each other for decades; in fact, Addie was quite fond of Louis's wife. His daughter lives hours away, her son even farther and Addie and Louis have long been living alone in empty houses, the nights so terribly lonely, especially with no one to talk with. As Addie and Louis come to know each other better, a beautiful story of second chances unfolds.



## Information

- The Adult Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Doors open at 5:45pm; attendees are welcome to come early to socialize before the book discussions begin.
- New attendees are always welcome; no RSVPs are required. Our Adult Book Club program is free.
- Discussions are facilitated by an Anaheim Public Library staff member. Refreshments and discussion questions are provided.
- Meetings are held in Multi-Purpose Room #1 in the basement of the Central Library:  
Anaheim Central Library  
500 W. Broadway  
Anaheim, CA 92805
- For information, please visit our website [www.anaheim.net/Library](http://www.anaheim.net/Library) or call the Reference Desk at (714) 765-1880

## Books

- All books read by the Adult Book Club are available through the Anaheim Public Library system. Books can also be found in the collections of neighboring public library systems.
- Our friendly staff is always happy to help you locate and obtain copies of books read by the Adult Book Club.
- For assistance, call or visit any of Anaheim Public Library's branches:  
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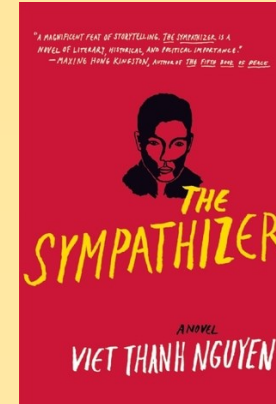
## NOVEMBER 8th

### The Sympathizer

by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, 2016

It is April 1975 and Saigon is in chaos. A general of the South Vietnamese army is drinking whiskey and is drawing up a list of those who will be given passage aboard the last flights out of the country. The general and his compatriots build a new life with other Vietnamese refugees in Los Angeles, unaware that one among their number, the captain, is secretly observing and reporting on the group to his communist superiors in Vietnam.

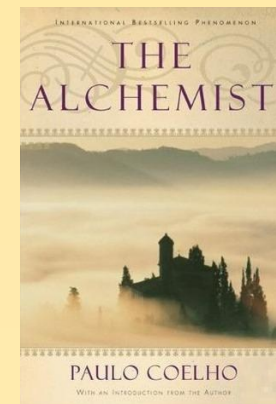


## DECEMBER 13th

### The Alchemist

by Paulo Coelho

The Alchemist tells the mystical story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure. His quest will lead him to riches far different and far more satisfying than he ever imagined. Santiago's journey teaches us about the essential wisdom of listening to our hearts, of recognizing opportunity and learning to read the omens strewn along life's path, and most importantly, to follow our dreams.



# ADULT Book CLUB



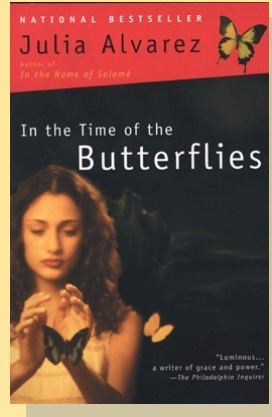
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## JANUARY 11th

### In the Time of the Butterflies

by *Julia Alvarez*

It is November 25, 1960, and three beautiful sisters have been found near their wrecked Jeep at the bottom cliff on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. The official state newspaper reports their deaths as accidental. It does not mention that a fourth sister lives. Everybody knows of Las Mariposas—“The Butterflies.” The voices of all four sisters speak across the decades to tell their own stories, from hair ribbons and secret crushes to gun running and prison torture, and to describe the everyday horrors of life under Trujillo’s rule.

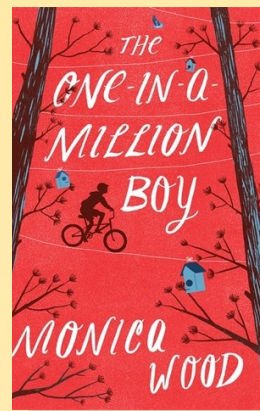


## FEBRUARY 8th

### The One in a Million Boy

by *Monica Wood*

The story of your life never starts at the beginning. Don't they teach you anything at school? So says 104-year-old Ona to the 11-year-old boy who's been sent to help her. Ona tells him about her long life, from first love to second chances. Soon she's confessing secrets she has kept hidden for decades. One Saturday, the boy doesn't show up. Ona starts to think he's not so special after all, but then his father arrives to finish his son's good deed. The boy's mother is not so far behind. Ona is set to discover that the world can surprise us at any age, and that sometimes sharing a loss is the only way to find ourselves again.

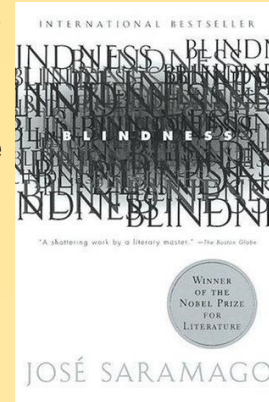


## MARCH 8th

### Blindness

by *José Saramago*

A city is hit by an epidemic of "white blindness" which spares no one. Authorities confine the blind to an empty mental hospital, but there the criminal element holds everyone captive, stealing food rations and raping women. There is one eyewitness to this nightmare who guides seven strangers—among them a boy with no mother, a girl with dark glasses, a dog of tears—through the barren streets, and the procession becomes as uncanny as the surroundings are harrowing.

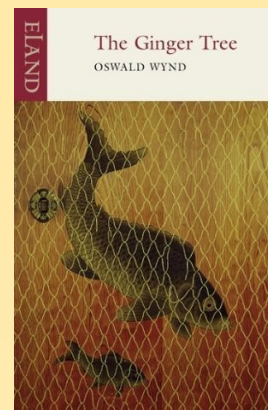


## APRIL 12th

### The Ginger Tree

by *Oswald Wynd*

In 1903, a young Scotswoman named Mary Mackenzie sets sail for China to marry her betrothed a military attaché in Peking. But soon after her arrival Mary falls into an adulterous affair with a young Japanese nobleman, scandalizing the British community. Casting her out of the European community, her compatriots tear her away from her small daughter. A woman abandoned and alone, Mary learns to survive over forty tumultuous years in Asia, including two world wars and the cataclysmic Tokyo earthquake of 1923.

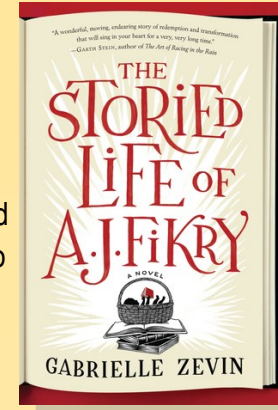


## MAY 10th

### The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry

by *Gabrielle Zevin*

A.J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected it to be. He lives alone, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. But when a mysterious package appears at the bookstore, its unexpected arrival gives Fikry the chance to make his life over—and see everything anew.

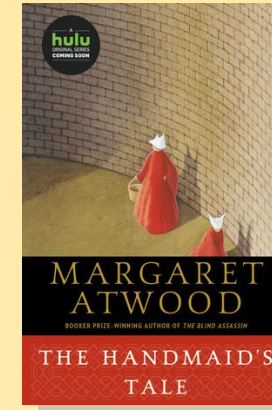


## JUNE 14th

### The Handmaid's Tale

by *Margaret Atwood*

Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead. She may leave the home of the Commander and his wife once a day to walk to food markets whose signs are now pictures instead of words because women are no longer allowed to read. She must lie on her back once a month and pray that the Commander makes her pregnant, because in an age of declining births, Offred and the other Handmaids are valued only if their ovaries are viable. Offred can remember the days before, when she lived and made love with her husband Luke; when she played with and protected her daughter; when she had money of her own, and access to knowledge.

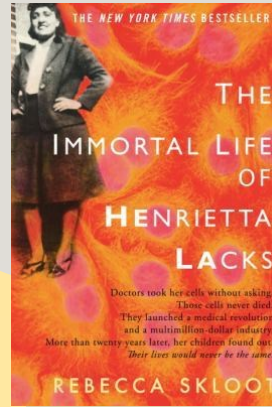


## JULY 12th

### The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

by *Rebecca Skloot*

Henrietta Lacks, also known as HeLa, was a Southern tobacco farmer, who's cells were taken without her knowledge, and became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first “immortal” human cells grown, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered secrets of cancer, viruses, and the atom bomb's effects; and helped lead to other important medical advances.



## AUGUST 9th

### Like Water for Chocolate

by *Laura Esquivel*

This classic love story takes place on the De la Garza ranch, as the tyrannical owner, Mama Elena, chops onions at the kitchen table in her final days of pregnancy. While still in her mother's womb, her daughter to be weeps so violently she causes an early labor, and little Tita slips out amid the spices and fixings for noodle soup. This early encounter with food soon becomes a way of life, and Tita grows up to be a master chef, using cooking to express herself and sharing recipes with readers along the way.

