

Reading Group – Themes 2023



The Reading Group meets in the Waterview Lounge **from 1.30pm – 3.30pm on the Thursday of the month.** This group is theme based and you can read fact or fiction in any written form of your choice (book, article, essay etc) that includes the month's theme.

Share what you have read or been reading, whether you would recommend it, and the thoughts it provoked.

Date	Theme
January 19	2022 Book Swap / Holiday Reading
February 16	The Outer Limits (SciFi) / Fantasy 'Everything's science fiction until someone makes it science fact.' <i>Marie Lu, Young Adult Author</i>
March 16	'Two or more' central main characters 'Characters make your story. If the people come alive, what they do becomes the story.' <i>Sol Stein, Author</i>
April 20	A National Treasure 'Behind every successful man there's a lot of unsuccessful years.' <i>Bob Brown, Environmentalist</i>
May 18	A Contemporary Japanese Author 'Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.' <i>Ryunosuke Satoro, Japanese Author</i>
June 15	20th Century American Classic 'Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon you have a dozen.' <i>John Steinbeck, American Author</i>
July 20	From a Local Bookshop 'Bookshops are dreams built of wood and paper. They are time travel and escape, and knowledge and power. They are, simply put, the best of places.' <i>Jen Campbell, British Poet & Author</i>
August 17	A Graphic Novel / Manga '.....graphic novels are – at their best – an amazing blend of art literature and the theatre of the mind.' <i>John Ridley, American Screen Writer</i>
September 21	The 'big money notes' eg fine arts & music I think that making books, or any kind of art, might also be like mining. The artist digs into his or her life and imagination and never knows what they'll find. That's the adventure. <i>Mordicai Gerstein, Visual Artist</i>
October 19	Sisters 'are doing it' Women are always saying, 'We can do anything that men can do.' But men should be saying, 'We can do anything that women can do.' <i>Gloria Steinem, Journalist</i>
November 16	Non-Fiction November 'In nonfiction, you have that limitation, that constraint, of telling the truth.' <i>Peter Matthiessen, Author</i>
December 21	Christmas Book Swap / Themes 2024
January 18	2023 Book Swap / Holiday Reading