

# **Wednesday Night Book Club**

## **Plainville Public Library Fall 2016 – Spring 2017**

**Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7pm**

**October 19<sup>th</sup> The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes**

This intense novel follows Tony Webster, a middle-aged man, as he contends with a past he never thought much about – until his some of his closest childhood friends return with a vengeance.

**November 16<sup>th</sup> Turn of Mind by Alice LaPlante**

A New York Times bestseller, *Turn of Mind* is a literary thriller about a retired orthopedic surgeon suffering from dementia and accused of killing her best friend.

**December 21<sup>st</sup> Whirligig by Paul Fleischman**

“When 17-year-old Brent accidentally kills a girl, her mother assigns him a penance: build four whirligigs featuring her daughter and set them up near the corners of the United States, to spread the joy that she would have spread. He accepts, unaware of his effect on the lives of those who’ll later see them.” <http://www.paulfleischman.net/>

**January 18<sup>th</sup> The Empathy Exams by Leslie Jamison (non-fiction)**

Beginning with her experience as a medical actor who was paid to act out symptoms for medical students to diagnose, Leslie Jamison’s visceral and revealing essays ask essential questions about our basic understanding of others.

**February 15<sup>th</sup> Wench by Dolen Perkins-Valdez**

“Four slave women accompany their masters to a resort in the free state of Ohio in the mid-1850s. The women rely on each other for support as they come together for three summers, catching up on their lives of woe and occasional joy.” Booklist

**March 15<sup>th</sup> The Wright Brothers by David McCullough (non-fiction)**

The dramatic story of Wilbur and Orville Wright and how they taught the world to fly.

**April 19<sup>th</sup> Your Heart is a Muscle the Size of a Fist by Sunil Yapa**

Grief-stricken after his mother’s death and three years of wandering the world, Victor is longing for a family and a sense of purpose. He believes he’s found both when he returns to Seattle only to be swept up in a massive protest. By the day’s end, acts are committed he never thought possible.

**May 17<sup>th</sup> Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng**

Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee, a Chinese American family living in the 1970s in Ohio. Her parents are determined she will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue, but when Lydia’s body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together is destroyed.

**June 21<sup>st</sup> The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan-Philipp Sendker**

The novel spans the decades from 1950 to the present. When a successful New York lawyer suddenly disappears without a trace, neither his wife nor his daughter has any idea where he might be until they find a love letter he wrote many years ago to a Burmese woman they have never heard of.