

Wednesday Book Discussion Group

Meetings held the Third Wednesday of the Month at 7pm

For discussion on Sept. 20 **A Full Life: Reflections at Ninety** by Jimmy Carter 272 pages
At ninety, Jimmy Carter reflects on his public and private life with a frankness that is disarming.

For discussion on Oct. 18 **The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin** by Daniel James Brown 404 pages

"In 1936, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew team raced its way to the Berlin Olympics for an opportunity to challenge the greatest in the world. How this team, largely composed of rowers from "foggy coastal villages, damp dairy farms, and smoky lumber towns all over the state," managed to work together and sacrifice toward their goal of defeating Hitler's feared racers is half the story. The other half is equally fascinating, as Brown seamlessly weaves in the story of crew itself. This is fast-paced and emotional nonfiction about determination, bonds built by teamwork, and what it takes to achieve glory." – Amazon Review

For discussion on Nov. 15 **The Book of Unknown Americans** By Cristina Henríquez 304 pages
When fifteen-year-old Maribel Rivera sustains a terrible injury, the Riveras leave behind a comfortable life in Mexico and risk everything to come to the United States so that Maribel can have the care she needs. Once they arrive, it's not long before Maribel attracts the attention of Mayor Toro, the son of one of their new neighbors, who sees a kindred spirit in this beautiful, damaged outsider. Their love story sets in motion events that will have profound repercussions for everyone involved. Here Henríquez seamlessly interweaves the story of these star-crossed lovers, and of the Rivera and Toro families, with the testimonials of men and women who have come to the United States from all over Latin America.

For discussion on Dec. 20 (?) **When Breath Becomes Air** By Paul Kalanithi 256 pages
From Amazon- When Breath Becomes Air is a powerful look at a stage IV lung cancer diagnosis through the eyes of a neurosurgeon. When Paul Kalanithi is given his diagnosis he is forced to see this disease, and the process of being sick, as a patient rather than a doctor--the result of his experience is not just a look at what living is and how it works from a scientific perspective, but the ins and outs of what makes life matter. This heart-wrenching book will capture you from page one and still have you thinking long after the final sentence. –*Penny Mann*