

Glenwood South Book Club 2015

January 5 Broken Harbor by Tana French

In the aftermath of a brutal attack that left a woman in intensive care and her husband and young children dead, brash cop Scorcher Kennedy and his rookie partner, Richie, struggle with perplexing clues.

January 19 Burgess Boys by Elizabeth Strout

Catalyzed by a nephew's thoughtless prank, a pair of brothers confront painful psychological issues surrounding the freak accident that killed their father when they were boys, a loss linked to a heartbreaking deception that shaped their personal and professional lives

February 2 The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

Don Tillman, a professor of genetics, sets up a project designed to find him the perfect wife, starting with a questionnaire that has to be adjusted a little as he goes along. Then he meets Rosie, who is everything he's not looking for in a wife. She gives him friendship as he helps her try to find her biological father

February 16 The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jon-Philipp Sendker

A successful lawyer suddenly disappears leaving behind his wife and daughter. Neither have any idea where he might be until they discover an old love letter written years ago to a woman in Burma. Daughter Julia takes it upon herself to solve the mystery of her father's past as she uncovers a tale that will reaffirm the reader's belief in the power of love.

March 2 Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

When a woman goes missing on her fifth wedding anniversary, her diary reveals hidden turmoil in her marriage, while her husband, desperate to clear himself of suspicion, realizes that something more disturbing than murder may have occurred.

March 16 House Girl by Tara Conklin

A novel of love, family, and justice follows Lina Sparrow, an ambitious first-year associate in a Manhattan law firm, as she searches for the "perfect plaintiff" to lead a historic class-action lawsuit worth trillions of dollars in reparations for descendants of American slaves.

April 6 Philomena by Martin Sixsmith

When she became pregnant as a teenager in Ireland in 1952, Philomena Lee was sent to a convent to be looked after as a "fallen woman." Then the nuns took her baby from her and sold him, like thousands of others, to America for adoption. Fifty years later, Philomena decided to find him. Meanwhile, on the other side of the Atlantic, Philomena's son was trying to find her.

April 20 Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

A chance encounter with a handsome banker in a jazz bar on New Year's Eve in 1938 catapults Wall Street secretary Katey Kontent into the upper echelons of New York society, where she befriends a shy multi-millionaire, an Upper East Side ne'er-do-well, and a single-minded widow.

May 4 Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward

Enduring a hardscrabble existence as the children of alcoholic and absent parents, four siblings from a coastal Mississippi town prepare their meager stores for the arrival of Hurricane Katrina while struggling with such challenges as a teen pregnancy and a dying litter of prize pups.

May 18 Dressmaker by Kate Alcott

A spirited young maid on board the Titanic captures the attentions of two men: a kindhearted sailor and an enigmatic Chicago millionaire. She barely escapes with her life before witnessing media scorn targeting her famous designer mistress.

June TBA Just What Kind of Mother are You? by Paula Daly

Lisa is an overwhelmed and exhausted mother of three. So she completely forgets that her daughter's friend was supposed to sleep over--until she finds out the girl has gone missing.

July TBA The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman

A novel set on a remote Australian island, where a childless couple live quietly running a lighthouse, until a boat carrying a baby washes ashore.

August TBA Defending Jacob by William Landay

Andy Barber has been an assistant district attorney in his suburban Massachusetts county for more than twenty years. He is respected in his community, tenacious in the courtroom, and happy at home with his wife, Laurie, and son, Jacob. But when a shocking crime shatters their New England town, Andy is blindsided as his fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student.

September TBA Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan

After a layoff during the Great Recession sidelines his tech career, Clay Jannon takes a job at the titular bookstore in San Francisco, and soon realizes that the establishment is a facade for a strange secret.

October 19 Lookaway, Lookaway by Wilton Barnhardt

Presiding over her family and its legacy of masterpiece Civil War art, North Carolina society maven Jerene Jarvis Johnston takes increasingly haphazard steps to protect her grown children from their own heedlessness.

November 2 Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

Close to aging out of the foster care system, Molly Ayer takes a position helping an elderly woman named Vivian and discovers that they are more alike than different as she helps Vivian solve a mystery from her past.

November 16 The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin

A story inspired by the marriage between Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh traces the romance between a handsome young aviator and a shy ambassador's daughter whose relationship is marked by wild international acclaim.

December 7 The Optimist's Daughter by Eudora Welty

Laurel Hand is forced to face her Southern past when she returns to Mississippi for her father's funeral.

December 21 Byrd by Kim Church

Coming of age in the small-town South of the 1970s, Addie and Roland form an unlikely friendship. They meet again in their disillusioned thirties, but when their whirlwind reunion leaves Addie pregnant, reality sets in.

January 4, 2016 Cove by Ron Rash

Set in NC Appalachia at the height of WWI, this is the story of a blazing but doomed love affair. Laurel Shelton is the lonely young woman who finds a man in the woods, nearly stung to death by yellow jackets. But he harbors a secret that could destroy everything – and danger is closer than either know.