#### North Country

All my Puny Sorrows by Miriam Toews F Blonde Indian by Ernestine Hayes NF, AKA Creatures at the Absolute Bottom of the Sea by Rosemary McGuire F, AKA Drop City by TC Boyle F Eqq & Spoon by Gregory Maguire F, YA Etta and Otto and Russel and James by Emma Hooper F In the Kingdom of Ice by Hampton Sides NF In Manchuria by Michael Meyer NF Jimmy Bluefeather by Kim Heacox F, AKA Kids from Nowhere by George Guthridge NF, AKA Mrs. Mike by Benedict Freedman and Nancy Freedman F *Reykjavik Nights* by Arnaldur Indridason F The Son by Jo Nesbo F The Stars, the Snow, the Fire by John Haines NF, AKA The Wind is Not a River by Brian Payton F, AKA

## Southern Flair

Bastard Out of Carolina by Dorothy Allison F *Confederates in the Attic* by Tony Horwitz NF A Death in the Family by James Agee F *Deep South* by Paul Theroux NF The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers F Mama Makes Up Her Mind by Bailey White NF Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt NF My Sunshine Away by M.O. Walsh F The Optimist's Daughter by Eudora Welty F Serena by Ron Rash F Strange as This Weather Has Been by Ann Pancake F Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe F Under Magnolia by Francis Mayes NF Walking the Choctaw Road by Tim Tingle NF, YA Winter's Bone by Daniel Woodrell F

# Staff Picks

After the Parade by Lori Ostlund F Challenger Deep by Neal Shusterman NF, YA Cinder by Marissa Meyer F, YA Counting Heads by David Marusek F, AKA The Crossover by Kwame Alexander F, YA The Fifth Season by N.K. Jemisin F Find the Good by Heather Lende NF, AKA Just Breathe Normally by Peggy Shumaker NF, AKA Maus I by Art Spiegelman GN Pause, Traveler by Erin Hollowell Poetry, AKA Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain NF So You've Been Publicly Shamed by Jon Ronson NF The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen F This One Summer by Jillian Tamaki and Mariko Tamaki GN, YA A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith F

## Wild West

Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner F Astoria: Astor and Jefferson's Lost Pacific *Empire* by Peter Stark NF Barefoot Heart by Elva Trevino Hart NF Empire of the Summer Moon by S.C. Gwynne NF *I Follow in the Dust She Raises* by Linda Martin Poetry, AKA Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig F Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry F The Meadow by James Galvin F The Monkey Wrench Gang by Edward Abbey F The Oregon Trail by Rinker Buck NF The Perilous Journey of the Donner Party by Marian Calabro NF, YA The Sisters Brothers by Patrick deWitt F Under the Banner of Heaven by John Krakauer NF Under a Painted Sky by Stacey Lee F, YA The Water Museum by Luis Alberto Urrea F

# **15 ⊪ '16**

The Homer Public Library staff hopes that you will make time for reading in 2016.

We have created a community-wide initiative to read fifteen books throughout the year.

Anyone can participate, although the books were chosen with adults or mature teens in mind.

To participate:

- Read a book from out list, in any category.
- Report back that you've read a book from the list, either on our online form at www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library/read-15-16 or in-person at the library. If you wish, you can rate the book and leave comments.
- Reporting back enters you into a monthly drawing for a prize.
- Any person who enters fifteen or more books by the end of the year will be entered into a Grand Prize drawing.

Join in the book discussion on Goodreads.

https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/179116homer-public-library-15-in-16

If you have any questions, email Teresa at tsundmark@ci.homer.ak.us or call the library at 235-3180.

# A CHALLENGE TO READ FIFTEEN BOOKS IN 2016

15 IN '16



#### All Over the Map

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates NF Blood, Bones and Butter by Gabrielle Hamilton NF Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese F Deep Down Dark by Hector Tobar NF Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight by Alexander Fuller NF Euphoria by Lily King F The Fishermen by Chigozie Obioma F Leaving Mother Lake: A Girlhood at the Edge of the World by Yang Erche Namu NF Maphead by Ken Jennings NF The Narrow Road to the Deep North by Richard Flanagan F Purge by Sofi Oksanen F Running the Rift by Naomi Benaron F TransAtlantic by Colum McCann F Travels with Charley by John Steinbeck NF Visit Sunny Chernobyl by Andrew Blackwell NF

#### **Animal Nature**

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein F Beyond the Bear by Dan Bigley NF, AKA Dog On It by Spencer Quinn F Into Great Silence by Eva Saulitis NF, AKA H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald NF The Last Unicorn by William deBuys NF The Man Who Swam With Beavers by Nancy Lord F, AKA Ordinary Wolves by Seth Kantner F, AKA Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari NF The Sasquatch Hunter's Almanac by Sharma Shields F Seraphina by Rachel Hartman F, YA The Soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery NF The Tiger by John Vaillant NF Voices in the Ocean by Susan Casey NF Watership Down by Richard Adams F

### **Creative Types**

Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff F Five Flavors of Dumb by Antony John F, YA *Heat* by Bill Buford NF *Here* by Richard McGuire GN Hold Still: A Memoir with Photographs by Sally Mann NF Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl by Carrie Brownstein NF I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson F, YA **Operation Mincemeat** by Ben Macintyre NF Out on the Wire by Jessica Abel NF The Painter by Peter Heller F Shakespeare Saved my Life by Laura Bates NF Still Life by Louise Penny F Symphony for the City of the Dead by M.T. Anderson NF, YA The Telling Room by Michael Paterniti NF Things the Grandchildren Should Know by Mark Oliver Everett NF

#### **Election Year**

All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren F Almost President by Scott Farris NF The Best Laid Plans by Terry Fallis F Boomsday by Christopher Buckley F Fifty Miles from Tomorrow by William Hensley NF, AKA Give Us the Ballot by Ari Berman NF Good Poems for Hard Times selected by Garrison Keillor poetry The Handmaids's Tale by Margaret Atwood F Jack 1939 by Francine Matthews F Little Brother by Cory Doctorow F, YA Most Dangerous by Steve Sheinkin NF, YA No Place to Hide by Glenn Greenwald NF Team of Rivals by Doris Goodwin NF V for Vendetta by Alan Moore GN Zahra's Paradise by Amir and Khalil GN

#### Isn't it Romantic?

Agnes and the Hitman by Jennifer Crusie F *Bonk* by Mary Roach NF Bronze Horseman by Paulina Simons F Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell F Harriet Wolf's Seventh Book of Wonders by Julianna Baggot F The Light of the World by Elizabeth Alexander NF Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez F Modern Romance by Aziz Ansari NF My Life Next Door by Huntley Fitzpatrick F, YA One Hundred Names for Love by Diane Ackerman NF *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf F Outlaw Marriages by Roger Streitmatter NF Sea Swept by Nora Roberts F Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli F,YA When Love Comes by J.H.Croix F, AKA

#### Laugh Out Loud

Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber NF Agent to the Stars by John Scalzi F Furiously Happy by Jenny Lawson NF *Dead Souls* by Nikolai Gogol F First Grave on the Right by Darynda Jones F Girl Waits With Gun by Amy Stewart F The Good Luck of Right Now by Matthew Quick F Hyperbole and a Half by Allie Brosh GN Lafayette in the Somewhat United States by Sarah Vowell NF The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson NF Moose by Darin and Chad Carpenter GN, AKA My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell NF Skippy Dies by Paul Murray F The Spellman Files by Lisa Lutz F Winterdance by Gary Paulsen F

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