

Grand Canyon PWP Reading List 2020-2021

The criteria for the selection of the books were: to enlighten our minds, to nourish our spirits, to challenge our consciences, to entertain us. As you choose which books you will read, we hope we have met these goals, not all of them in one book, but in the whole of them.

Fiction

A Place for Us, Fatima Farheen Mirza. An Indian Muslim family faces the turmoil of their eldest daughter's marriage without the traditional arrangement by her parents and the years' long estrangement of her younger brother.

The Snow Child, Eowyn Ivey. A childless couple's lives are changed forever by the arrival of a little girl, wild and secretive, on their snowy doorstep in Alaska, 1920. Jack and Mabel are drifting apart but in a moment of levity they build a child out of snow.

The Other Einstein, Marie Benedict. When Albert Einstein promises to treat her as an equal in love and science, Mileva Maric, a physics classmate of his, married Albert Einstein. This historical novel of love and betrayal touches the heart in many ways.

The Better Man, Louise Penny. On Gamache's first day back as head of the homicide department, there is spring flooding, blistering attacks in the media and a father who approaches him pleading for help in finding his missing daughter.

The Lost Girls of Paris, Pam Jenoff. A story of friendship and courage centered around three women and a ring of female secret agents during World War II 1946. Their existence is uncovered by Grace Healy in an abandoned suitcase.

One More River to Cross, Jean Kirkpatrick. Two years before the Donner Party, the Stevens-Murphy company set out to be the first wagons into California through the Sierra Nevada Mountains. They enjoyed a safe journey until a heavy snowstorm forced difficult decisions.

Nonfiction

The White House Doctor, My Patients Were Presidents, Dr. Connie Mariano. She served as White House physician for nine years. This is a look into the personal lives of our presidents through the eyes of their doctor.

Nanaville, Adventures in Grandparenting, Anna Quindlan. In this beautiful, moving book about being a grandmother, she offers thoughtful, telling observations about no longer being mother and decision-maker but secondary character support to the parents of her grandson.

Women Rowing North, Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age, Mary Pipher. She offers a timely look at the issues women face as they age. She explores ways women can cultivate resilient responses to the challenges they face.

Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century, by Jessica Bruder. From the beet fields of North Dakota to the campgrounds of California to Amazon's CamperForce program in Texas, employers have discovered a new, low-cost labor pool, made up largely of transient older adults. These invisible casualties of the Great Recession have taken to the road by the tens of thousands.

Grandma Gatewood's Walk, Ben Montgomery. She told her family she was going on a walk. The next anybody heard from her, this sixty-seven-year-old great-grandmother had walked 800 miles along the 2,050-mile Appalachian Trail

Hattie's Book, A Woman's Life in a City's History, Beverly Jane Phillips. She lived her whole life in the ghetto on the South Side of Chicago. Hattie was a poor but powerful, determined black woman who fought against the powers of public policy using both charity and social action undergirded by her deep and abiding faith in God.