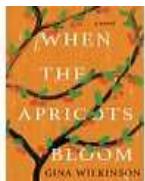


## ***Grand Canyon PWP Reading List***

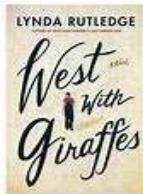
### **2022-2023**

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

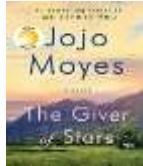
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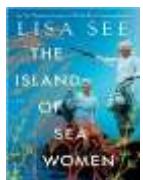
**When The Apricots Bloom**, Gina Wilkerson. Three courageous women confront the complexities of trust, friendship, motherhood, and betrayal under the rule of a ruthless dictator and his brutal secret police in Iraq at the turn of the century.



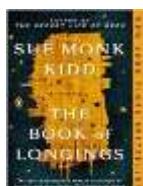
**West With Giraffes**, Lynda Rutledge. In 1938 two giraffes miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. An old man and a young man drive a custom-made truck across the country to get them to the San Diego Zoo. During the twelve day trip strange things happen.



**The Giver of Stars**, Jojo Moyes. A young English woman meets an American from Kentucky and marries him. When she moves into his home she discovers that there is little love and much domination. She changes her life when she volunteers to be a traveling librarian.

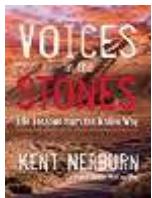


**The Island of Sea Women**, Lisa See. Set on the Korean island of Jeju, this novel follows two girls when they begin working with their village's all-female diving collective. Their dangerous work involves diving into the sea to harvest food for sale and for their families.

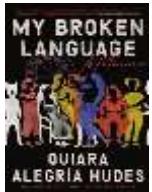


**The Book of Longings**, Sue Monk Kidd. Ana was born in a wealthy family with ties to the ruler of Galilee. She is rebellious, ambitious, and has a brilliant mind and a daring spirit. She is expected to marry an older widower but then she meets eighteen-year-old Jesus.

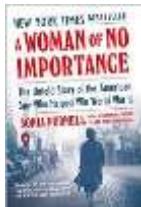
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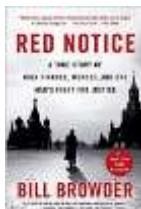
**Voices in the Stones, Life Lessons from the Native Way, Kent Nerburn** For three decades, the author lived and worked among the Native American people. *Voices in the Stones* is a unique collection of his encounters, experiences, and reflections on the truth and beauty of their spirituality during that time.



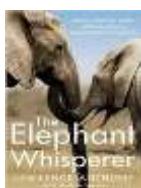
**My Broken Language, Quiara Alegria Hudes** This playwright tells her story of coming of age against the backdrop of an ailing Philadelphia barrio. Huda weaves together her love of books with stories of her family and her love of the beautiful and delicate world.



**A Woman of No Importance, The Untold Story of the Spy Who Helped Win World War II, Sonia Purnell** In 1942, the Gestapo sent out an urgent transmission: "She is the most dangerous of all Allied spies. We must find and destroy her." The woman they feared was a Baltimore socialite with a prosthetic leg who established vast spy networks in France.



**Red Notice, A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man's Fight for Justice, Bill Browder** The subtitle tells the story. Browder became Putin's number one enemy as he exposed corruption in Russia. Working with other financiers and congress he saved the lives of many people.



**The Elephant Whisperer, Lawrence Anthony** When South African conservationist Lawrence Anthony was asked to accept a herd of "rogue" wild elephants on his Thula Thula game reserve in Zululand, his common sense told him to refuse. But the herd would be killed unless he provided a place for them. He created a bond with them he came to realize that they had a great deal to teach him about life, loyalty, and freedom.



**Frontier Follies, Adventures in Marriage and Motherhood in the Middle of Nowhere, Ree Drummond** Ree unveils real goings-on in the Drummond house and around the ranch in stories brimming with lively wit and humor. She televises a cooking show from her ranch and has written many cookbooks.