

## PAST BIOGRAPHY BOOK CLUB READS

Title	Author	When Discussed
Happy Bottom Riding Club: The Life and Times of Pancho Barnes	Lauren Kessler	2001
Seabiscuit: An American Legend	Laura Hillenbrand	2002
Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin	Ben Franklin	2002
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress	Sijie Dai	2002
John Adams	Davis McCullough	2002
Theodore Rex	Edmund Morris	2002
Devil at my Heels: The Story of Louis Zamperini	Louis Zamperini	2002
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou	2002
Personal History	Katharine Graham	2002
All Souls	Michael Patrick MacDonald	2002
Tuesdays with Morrie	Mitch Albom	2002
Falling Leaves: The Memoir of an Unwanted Chinese Daughter	Adeline Yen Mah	2002
Peter the Great: His Life and World	Robert K Massie	2002
Kitchen Confidential : Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly	Anthony Bourdain	2003
Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life	Nur, Queen of Jordan	2003
First Great Triumph: How Five Americans Made their Country a World Power	Warren Zimmermann	2003
Condi: The Condoleezza Rice Story	Antonia Felix	2003
Johann Sebastian Bach: The Learned Musician	Christoph Wolff	2003
Privileged Son: Otis Chandler and the Rise and Fall of the L.A. Times Dynasty	Dennis McDougal	2003
Cochrane: The Life and Exploits of a Fighting Captain	Robert Harvey	2003
The Diary of Samuel Pepys	Samuel Pepys	2003

Lives of the Muses: Nine Women and the Artist they Inspired	Francine Prose	2003
Mary Shelley	Miranda Seymour	2003
Oscar Wilde: A Certain Genius	Barbara Belford	2004
Cicero: the Life and Times of Rome's Greatest Politician	Anthony Evritt	2004
Hirohito and the Making of Modern Japan	Herbert P. Bix	2004
Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell, Adventurer, Adviser to Kings, Ally of Lawrence of Arabia	Janet Wallach	2004
Dark Side of Fortune: Triumph and Scandal in the Life of Oil Tycoon Edward L. Doheny	Margret L. Davis	2004
Marie Antoinette: The Journey	Antonia Fraser	2004
Talleyrand	Duff Cooper	2004
Benjamin Franklin	Edmund S. Morgan	2004
Infidel	Ayaan Hirsi Ali	2004
Cook: The Extraordinary Voyages of Captain James Cook	Nicholas Thomas	2005
My Wars are Laid Away in Books: The Life of Emily Dickinson	Alfred Habegger	2005
Alexander Hamilton	Ron Chernow	2005
Orlando: A Biography	Virginia Wolf	2005
To the Heart of the Nile: Lady Florence Baker and the Exploration of Central Africa	Pat Shipman	2005
Unsettling the West: Eliza Farnham and Georgiana Bruce Kirby in Frontier California	Jo Ann Levy	2005
Niccolo's Smile: A Biography of Machiavelli	Maurizio Viroli	2005
His Excellency: George Washington	Joseph J. Ellis	2005
Pontius Pilate	Ann Wroe	2005
Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens	Lincoln Steffens	2005
Clarence Darrow for the Defense	Irving Stone	2006
Patrick O'Brian: A Life Revealed	Dean King	2006

Secrets of the Flesh: A Life of Colette	Judith Thurman	2006
The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary	Simon Winchester	2006
The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother	James McBride	2006
The Sea Captain's Wife: A True Story of Love, Race and War in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	Martha Elizabeth Hodes	2007
The Year of Magical Thinking	Joan Didion	2007
Dreamtime Alice: A Memoir	Mandy Sayer	2007
The Most Famous Man in America: The Biography of Henry Ward Beecher	Debby Applegate	2007
Climbing the Mango Tree: A Memoir of a Childhood in India	Madhur Jaffrey	2007
Teta, Mother and Me: Three Generations of Arab Women	Jean Said Makdisi	2007
Wedgwood: The First Tycoon	Brian Dolan	2007
Trouble with Tom: The Strange Afterlife and Times of Thomas Paine	Paul Collins	2007
Disraeli: A Biography	Stanley Weintraub	2007
My Life in France	Julia Child	2007
The Life of Samuel Johnson	James Boswell	2007
Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog	John Grogan	2007
Trickster Travels: A 16th Century Muslim Between Worlds	Natalie Zemon Davis	2007
Diamond Jim Brady: Prince of the Gilded Age	H. Paul Jeffers	2007
Groucho and Me	Groucho Marx	2008
True Grace: The Life and Death of an American Princess	Wendy Leigh	2008
Josephine: Napoleon's Incomparable Empress	Eleanor P. DeLorne	2008
Free For All: Oddballs, Geeks, and Gangstas in the Public Library	Don Borchert	2008
Inside the Third Reich: Memoirs	Albert Speer	2008

The Father and the Son: My Father's Journey into the Monastic Life	Matt Murray	2008
700 Sundays	Billy Crystal	2008
Ralph Ellison: A Biography	Arnold Rampersad	2008
God: A Biography	Jack Miles	2008
The Sex Lives of Cannibals: Adrift in the Equatorial Pacific	J. Maarten Troost	2008
Samuel Adams: Father of the American Revolution	Mark Puls	2009
Love in a Torn Land: Joanna of Kurdistan	Jean P. Sasson	2009
Grand Avenues: The Story of the French Visionary Who Designed Washington D.C.	Scott W. Berg	2009
On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft	Stephen King	2009
Lives of A Bengal Lancer	Francis Yeats-Brown	2009
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	Piero Melograni	2010
Seven Pillars of Wisdom: A Triumph	T.E. Lawrence	2010
The Rothschilds: A Family Portrait	Frederic Morton	2010
Hacienda: A Memoir	Lisa St Aubin de Teran	2010
Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China	Jung Chang	2010
A Princess Remembers: The Memoirs of the Maharani of Jaipur	Devi Gayatrini	2010
George III: Americas Last King	Jeremy Black	2010
Saladin	Andrew S. Ehrenkreutz	2010
Conquistador: Hernan Cortes, King Montezuma, and the Last Stand of the Aztecs	Buddy Levy	2010
Don't Shoot, It's Only Me: Bob Hope's Comedy History of the United States	Bob Hope	2010
Genghis Khan: Death and Resurrection	John Man	2011
Under the Loving Care of the Fatherly Leader: North Korea and the Kim Dynasty	Bradley K. Martin	2011

The Sound of Freedom: Maeian Anderson, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Concert that Awakened America	Raymond Arsenault	2011
Sovereign Ladies: The Six Reigning Queens of England	Maureen Waller	2011
The Wagner Clan: Saga of Germany's Most Illustrious and Infamous Family	Jonathan Carr	2011
Sade: A Biography	Maurice Lever	2011
A Ticket to the Circus: A Memoir	Norris Church Mailer	2011
Magnifico: The Brilliant Life and Violent Times of Lorenzo de' Medici	Miles Unger	2011
Great Marlborough and His Duchess	Virginia Cowles	2011
American on Purpose: The Improbable Adventures of an Unlikely Patriot	Craig Furguson	2011
Edith Wharton: An Extraordinary Life	Eleanor Dwight	2012
Pops: A Life of Louis Armstrong	Terry Teachour	2012
Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare	Stephen Greenblatt	2012
Unbroken	Laura Hillenbrand	2012
The Last Tsar: The Life and Death of Nicholas II	Edward Radzinskii	2012
Ayn Rand and the World she Made	Anne Conover Heller	2012
Steve Jobs	Walter Isaacson	2012
Black Elk Speaks: Being the Life Story of a Holy Man of the Oglala Sioux	Black Elk	2012
Ansel Adams: An Autobiography	Ansel Adams	2012
Madam Secretary	Madeleine Albright	2012
Son of the Revolution	Heng Liang	2012
It's Good to be the King: the Seriously Funny Life of Mel Brooks	Robert Parish	2012
Irrepressible Reformer: A Biography of Melvil Dewey	Wayne Wiegand	2013
The Brothers Grimm: From the Forests to the Modern World	Jack Zipes	2013

Alice: Alice Roosevelt Longworth, from White House to Washington Power Broker	Stacy A. Cordery	2013
Radioactive: Marie & Pierre Curie, a Tale of Love & Fallout	Lauren Redniss	2013
John Steinbeck	Jay Parini	2013
Behind Enemy Lines: The True Story of French Jewish Spy in Nazi Germany	Marthe Cohn	2013
Will Rogers	Ben Yagoda	2013
Female Caligula: Ranavalona, The Mad Queen of Madagascar	Keith Laidler	2013
Don Benito Wilson: From Mountain Man to Mayor Los Angeles 1841 to 1878	Nat B. Read	2013
Dandelion Wine	Ray Bradbury	2014
Girls Like Us: Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon--and the Journey of a Generation	Sheila Weller	2014
Daughter of a Gun	Kaori Tanegashima	2014
Reminiscences of a Ranger: Early times in Southern California	Horace Bell	2014
Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy	Eric Metaxas	2014
Persepolis	Marjane Strapi	2014
Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela	Nelson Mandela	2014
Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail	Cheryl Strayed	2014
Eden's Outcasts: The Story of Louisa May Alcott and her Father	John Matteson	2014
Noah Webster: The Life and Times of an American Patriot	Harlow G. Unger	2014
Walt Disney: The Triumph of the American Imagination	Neal Gabler	2015
Neil Patrick Harris: Choose your Own Autobiography	Neil Patrick Harris	2015
Einstein: His Life and Universe	Walter Isaacson	2015
Mr. Clemens and Mark Twain: A Biography	Justin Kaplan	2015
Truman	David McCullough	2015
The Peabody Sisters: Three Women who Ignited American Romanticism	Megan Marshall	2015

Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, and Love	Dave Sobel	2015
Edison: A Biography	Matthew Josephson	2015
#Girlboss	Sophia Amoruso	2015
Biography: A Brief History	Nigel Hamilton	2015
Nehru: The Invention of India	Shashi Tharoor	2016
Dante	R.W.B. Lewis	2016
Destiny of the Republic	Candice Millard	2016
Napoleon III	Fenton S. Bresler	2016
Jean-Jacques Rousseau	Leo Damrosch	2016
Eleanor of Aquitaine	Alison Weir	2016
Cromwell	Rodger Howell	2016
London Fog: The Biography	Christine Corton	2016
The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century	Steve Coll	2016
Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Irin Carmon	2016
The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Jeannette Walls	2017
The Raven: A Biography of Sam Houston	James Marquis	2017
My Early Life, 1874-1904	Sir Winston Churchill	2017
The Woman Who Ran for President: The Many Lives of Victoria Woodhull	Lois Beachy Underhill	2017
Mrs. Adams in Winter: A Journey in the Last Days of Napoleon	Michael O'Brien	2017
Tesla: Master of Lightning	Margret Cheney	2017
Edith Head: The Life and Times of Hollywood's Celebrated Costume Designer	David Chierichetti	2017
Ataturk : the biography of the founder of modern Turkey	Andrew Mango	2017
Queen Bess : daredevil aviator	Rich, Doris L.	2017
J. R. R. Tolkien: A Biography	Humphrey Carpenter	2017
Marco Polo	Laurence Bergreen	2018
Captain Sir Richard Francis Burton: A Biography	Edward Rice	2018
Chanel: A Woman of her Own	Axel Madsen	2018
The Quartet: Orchestrating the Second American Revolution, 1783-1789	Joseph J. Ellis	2018

American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, the Woman Who Defied the Puritans	Eve LaPlante	2018
Prince of Darkness: The Untold Story of Jeremiah G. Hamilton, Wall Street's First Black Millionaire	Shane White	2018
Tecumseh :A Life	John Sugden	2018
Thomas Cook: The Holiday Maker	Jill Hamilton	2018
Love From Boy: Roald Dahl's Letters to His Mother	Donald Sturrock	2018
Hatchepsut :The Female Pharaoh	Joyce A. Tyldesley	2018
Over the Edge of the World: Magellan's Terrifying Circumnavigation of the Globe	Laurence Bergreen	2018
King George V	Kenneth Rose	2019
Dorothy Parker: What Fresh Hell Is This?	Marion Meade	2019
Autobiography of Benvenuto Cellini	Benvenuto Cellini	2019
Schulz and Peanuts: A Biography	David Michaelis	2019
Leonardo da Vinci	Walter Isaacson	2019
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Deadline: A Memoir	James Reston	2019
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Autobiography of William Allen White	Sally Forman Griffith	2019
Son of the Wilderness: The Life of John Muir	Linnie Marsh Wolfe	2019
The Last King of Paradise: A Biography	Eugene Burns	2020