

Wells Ogunquit Senior Center Book Club

Book Selections for March 2024 – August 2024

Meetings – Last Monday of each month at 11 am (Except May)

March 25

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo – Taylor Jenkins Reid

Aging and reclusive Hollywood movie icon Evelyn **Hugo** is finally ready to tell **the** truth about her glamorous and scandalous life. But when she chooses unknown magazine reporter Monique Grant for **the** job, no one in **the** journalism community is more astounded than Monique herself. Why her? Why now? Monique is not exactly on top of **the** world. Her husband, David, has left her, and her career has stagnated.

April 29

Tom Lake – Ann Patchett

In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called **Tom Lake**. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.

May 20 (3rd Monday because of Memorial Day holiday)

Lessons in Chemistry – Bonnie Garmus

This is about women's lives, careers, and struggle for empowerment in the late 50s and early 60s. It follows the story of Elizabeth Zott, a brilliant chemist who is forced to become a television chef when she finds herself a young, single mother

June 24

Master Slave Husband Wife: an epic journey from slavery to freedom – Ilyon Woo (Non-fiction)

In December 1848, a young enslaved couple named Ellen and William Craft traveled openly by rail, coach and steamship from Macon, Georgia, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ellen, who passed for white, disguised herself as a wealthy disabled man, with William as "his" **slave**. Woo follows their journey north, and in joining the abolitionist lecture circuit. When the new Fugitive **Slave** Law in 1850 put them at risk, they fled from the United States. Their very existence challenged the nation's core precepts of life, liberty, and justice for all.

July 29

The Poacher's Son – Paul Doiron (Maine author)

Desperate and alone, game warden Mike Bowditch strikes up an uneasy alliance with a retired warden pilot, and together **the** two men journey deep into **the** Maine wilderness in search of a runaway fugitive--Mike's father. But **the** only way for Mike to save his father is to find **the** real killer--which could mean putting everyone he loves in **the** line of fire.

August 26

The Messy Lives of Book People – Phaedra Patrick

Landing her personal hero and mega-best-selling author Essie Starling as a client, housecleaner Liv Green forms an unlikely friendship with this infamous recluse, but when Essie suddenly dies, leaving her an astonishing last wish, Liv discovers a connection between them that changes Liv's own life story forever