

FCC Book Discussion Group Information

Calling all Bibliophiles!

Is reading your passion? Did you know that FCC has a Book Discussion Group? There is no joining or long-term commitment. Just check out the next book we are reading. If it interests you, grab a copy, read it, and join us!

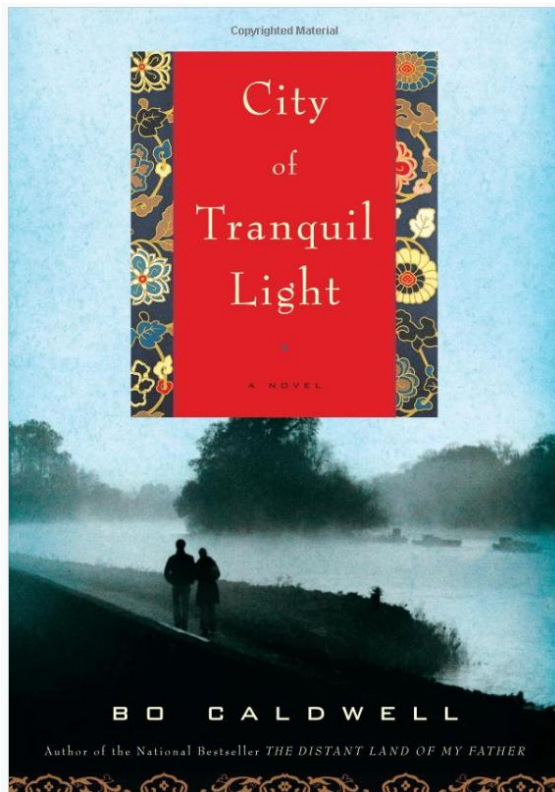
The FCC Book Discussion Group meets quarterly in members' homes for a lively discussion of the selected novel. Typically, the group chooses one book from each of the following four categories each quarter:

- Classic
- Best Seller
- Spiritual/Religious Theme
- Southwestern/Western

Watch the church bulletins for details before each discussion meeting. RSVPs are requested so the host can plan for having sufficient desserts. Below is a list of the books we have previously read. Hope to see you at future book discussions! Upcoming books:

City of Tranquil Light by [Bo Caldwell](#)

Sunday, 18 March, 6:30pm at Mary Jane and Howard Ray's home



Book Description (from Amazon)

Publication Date: **September 28, 2010**

"What ardent, dazzling souls emerge from these American missionaries in China . . . A beautiful, searing book that leaves an indelible presence in the mind." -- Patricia Hampl, author of *The Florist's Daughter*

Will Kiehn is seemingly destined for life as a humble farmer in the Midwest when, having felt a call from God, he travels to the vast North China Plain in the early twentieth-century. There he is surprised by love and weds a strong and determined fellow missionary, Katherine. They soon find themselves witnesses to the crumbling of a more than two-thousand-year-old dynasty that plunges the country into decades of civil war. As the couple works to improve the lives of the people of Kuang P'ing Ch'eng--City of Tranquil Light, a place they come to love--and face incredible hardship, will their faith and relationship be enough to sustain them?

Told through Will and Katherine's alternating viewpoints--and inspired by the lives of the author's maternal grandparents--*City of Tranquil Light* is a tender and elegiac portrait of a young marriage set against the backdrop of the shifting face of a beautiful but torn nation. A deeply spiritual book, it shows how those who work to teach others often have the most to learn, and is further evidence that Bo Caldwell writes "vividly and with great historical perspective" (*San Jose Mercury News*).

Books for Future Consideration

[Note - Look at the end of this document for previous books read by the group.]

Spiritual book suggestions: [The Train of Small Mercies](#), [The City of Tranquil Light](#), and [The Monastery of the Heart](#).

[The Last Ghost Dancer](#) (Tony Bender) and [Stolen Horses](#) (Dan O'Brien) as western-themed books recently recommended by the Denver Post.

[Skeletons at the Feast](#) by Chris Bohjalian (best-seller category)

[Hotel On the Corner of Bitter and Sweet](#) by Jamie Ford. It could be our "best seller" book. "Mesmerizing and evocative, a tale of conflicted loyalties and timeless devotion" --Sara Gruen, best-selling author of [Water for Elephants](#)

[Whistling Season](#) by Doig

The Shadow Catcher by Wiggins

The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay - 1989ish, about a young man in Africa who wants to be the welter weight champion of the world. Fiction, a little mystical, excellent.

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Their Eyes were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

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The Hour I First Believed by Wally Lamb was a best seller for quite some time. It is now out in paper back.

A Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks.....it's a fascinating book about how a medieval village deals with the plague.....it really isn't as gruesome as it sounds and gives a fascinating look at life at that time. A friend of mine reviewed it for Good Reads and said it was one of the most interesting and best written books she had read in some time.

Dream of Scipio by Iain Pears

Nat Turner: A Slave Rebellion in History and Memory by Kenneth S. Greenberg

All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren (about Huey Long)

The Sheltering Sky by Paul Bowles (about north Africa)

Whistling Season by Ivan Doig

East of the Mountains by David Guterson

Bless Me Ultima by Rudolpho Anaya

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

The Magic of Ordinary Days

Previous Books Read by the Group

Classics

Alice in Wonderland-Lewis Carroll

Moby Dick-Herman Melville

The Good Earth-Pearl Buck

The Scarlet Letter-Nathaniel Hawthorne

Huckleberry Finn-Mark Twain

Silas Marner-George Elliot

The Old Man and the Sea-Hemingway

To Kill a Mocking Bird-Harper Lee

Catcher in the Rye-J.D. Salinger
A Tale of Two Cities-Charles Dickens
Uncle Tom's Cabin-Harriet Beecher Stowe
Treasure Island-R. Louis Stevenson
Howards End- E.M. Forster
Ragtime by E. L. Doctorow
Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton (Nov '10)
The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde (Jan 2012)

Ivanhoe-Sir Walter Scott
Cannery Row-John Steinbeck
Frankenstein-Mary Shelley
Tales of the Arabian Nights
The Wonderful Wizard of OZ-L. Frank Baum
House of Seven Gables by Hawthorne (Feb '10)

Best-Seller

Presumed Innocent-Scott Turow
The Firm-John Grisham
Forrest Gump-Winston Groom
China Boy-Gus Lee
Cold Mountain-Charles Frazier
The Da Vinci Code-Dan Brown
The Kite Runner-Khaled Hosseini
Water for Elephants-Sara Gruen
Harry Potter & the
Sorcerer's Stone- J.K. Rowling

Mr. Bridge-Evan Connell
Rising Sun-Michael Crichton
Cold Sassy Tree-Olive Burns
Snow Falling on Cedars-David Guterson
The Poisonwood Bible-Barbara Kingsolver
A Thousand Acres-Jane Smiley
My Sisters Keeper-Jodi Piccoul
Loving Frank - by Nancy Horan
The Help, Kathryn Stockett

Religious/Spiritual Theme

Prayer for Owen Meany-John Irving
Plain and Simple-Sue Bender
Skinny Legs and All-Tom Robbins
Ishmael-Daniel Quinn
The Power and the Glory-Graham Green
Godric-Fredrick Buechner
The Rabbi Saw Red-Kemelman
The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe-C.S. Lewis
The Celestine Prophecy-James Redfield
At Home in Mitford-Jane Karon
My Name is Asher Lev-Chaim Potok
Peace Like a River
The Grand Inquisitor
Life of Pi
Gillead
The Alchemist- Paulo Coehlo
A Thousand Splendid Suns-Khaled Hosseini
The Shack by William P. Young, Wayne Jacobsen and Brad Cummings (March 2009)
Miracle at St. Anna by James McBride (April 2010)
The Sunflower: On the possibilities and limits of forgiveness by Simon Wiesenthal (May '11)

Southwestern/Western

An Unfinished Life-Mark Spragg
The Loop-Nicholas Evans
Zorro - Isabel Allende
1000 White Women – Jim Fergus
The Man Who Killed the Deer – by Frank Waters
Animal Dreams by Barbara Kingsolver (Nov 2011)
Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner (Sep 2009)
Los Alamos by Joseph Kanon (2010)