

# PAGE TURNERS 2022

## **April 18th - "The Cherry Harvest" by Lucy Sanna (Pat Mikesell)**

Lucy Sanna was born in Menomonie and lived there until age 16. Her dad invented Swiss Miss Cocoa while working with his Dad and brothers at Sanna Dairies in Menomonie. Published in 2015, *The Cherry Harvest* was Sanna's debut novel. She lives in Madison, WI. *The Cherry Harvest* reveals a hidden side of WWII on the home front, when German POW's are put to work on a Door County Cherry Orchard.

## **May 16th - "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennet (Ruth Olson)**

Published in 2020. The author was born and raised in southern California. Bennet wrote a powerful story about family, compassion, identity and roots. *The Vanishing Half* examines sisterhood, black identity, and parenthood with compassion and conviction. The Vignes twins grew up inseparable in the 1960's in Louisiana.

## **June 20th - "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig (Karen Rokser)**

Published Sept. 2020. *The Washington Post*: "A feel-good book guaranteed to lift your spirits." Another stated this novel is "about the choices that go into a life well lived." Amazon review: Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life.

## **July 18th - "The Signature of All Things" by Elizabeth Gilbert (Sharon Horton)**

Published June 2014. Elizabeth Gilbert returns to fiction with this novel, an enthralling story of love, adventure and discovery. Spanning much of the 18th and 19th centuries, the novel follows the fortunes of the Whittaker family as led by the enterprising Henry Whittaker — a poor born Englishman who makes a great fortune in the South American quinine trade, eventually becoming the richest man in Philadelphia. His daughter, Alma, born in 1800 becomes a botanist of considerable gifts herself. This story soars across the globe — from London to Peru to Philadelphia to Tahiti to Amsterdam and beyond. Amazon Review

## **August 15th - "Under the Wide and Starry Sky". by Nancy Horan (Nancy Biedermann)**

Publication September 2014. This is the author's second novel. "Loving Frank" was her first. This 2nd novel tells the improbable love story of Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson and his American wife, Fanny. At the age of 35, Fanny Osbourne has left her philandering husband in San Francisco to set sail for Belgium—with her three children and nanny in tow to study art. Amazon Review. USA Today review calls this novel a richly imagined novel of love, laughter, pain, and sacrifice; a dual portrait, with Louis and Fanny sharing the limelight in the best spirit of teamwork—a romantic partnership.

**September 19th - "Still Life" by Louise Penny. (Susan Gillig)**

Publication September 2008. "Still Life" is the first mystery in this series of seventeen books (so far). It introduces Monsieur L'Inspecteur Armand Gamache of the Surete du Quebec, a modern Poirot who anchors this beloved traditional mystery series. Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and his team of investigators are called in to the scene of a suspicious death in a rural village south of Montreal. Jane Neal, a local fixture in the tiny hamlet of Three Pines, just north of the U.S. border, has been found dead in the woods. The locals are certain it's a tragic hunting accident and nothing more, but Gamache smells something foul in these remote woods, and is soon certain that Jane Neal died at the hands of someone much more sinister than a careless bowhunter. Amazon Review

**October 17th - "Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear. (Sue Houkom)**

Published July 2003. The author was born in Kent England April 30, 1955. This mystery series explores the aftermath of WW I. She emigrated to the United States in 1990 and lives in California with her husband. She stated that her childhood awareness of her grandfather's suffering in World War I led to an interest in that period. Synopsis of "Maisie Dobbs": Psychologist and investigator, she began her working life at the age of thirteen as a servant in a Belgravia mansion, only to be discovered reading in the library by her employer, Lady Rowan Compton. Fearing dismissal, Maisie is shocked when she discovers that her thirst for education is to be supported by Lady Rowan and a family friend, Dr. Maurice Blanche. But the Great War intervenes in Maisie's plans, and soon after commencement of her studies, Maisie enlists for nursing service overseas. Years later, Maisie sets up her own business.

**November 21st - "March" by Geraldine Brooks (Nancy Nerdrum)**

Published 2005. The author was born September 1955 in Sydney, Australia. She is an Australian-American journalist and novelist whose 2005 novel "March" won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Synopsis of March: "March" is a novel that retells Louisa May Alcott's novel "Little Women" from the point of view of Alcott's protagonists' absent father. Brooks has inserted the novel into the classic tale, revealing the events surrounding March's absence during the American Civil War in 1862.

**December 19th - "Select a Christmas Book" from our ELCB Library to read and then give a synopsis of it to our PT group. (Carol Peterson)**