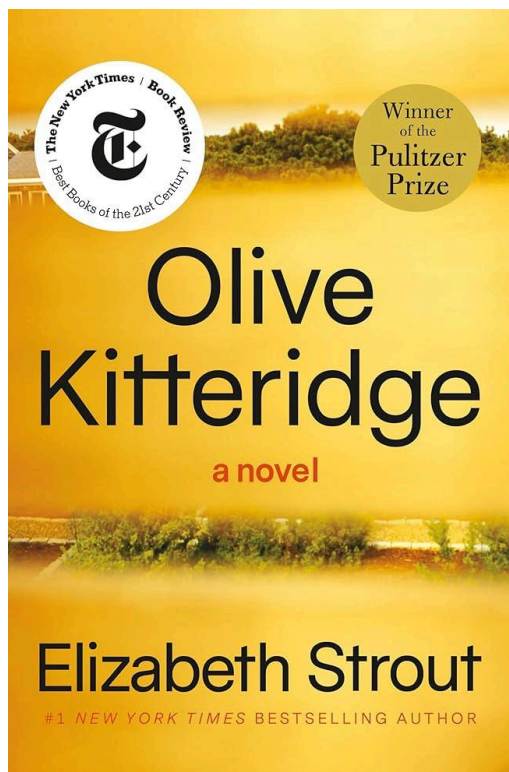


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Taking a lead from the ABC top 100 books of the 21st century, we decided to make our own individual lists. These were presented by the members present at our November meeting. The lists were long and varied. Around 78 titles and books were identified with a few books gaining more than one vote. It was interesting to note that not one member of the group put 'Boy Swallows Universe' (The ABC number 1 book) in their top 10 book list.



Outstanding favourites were:

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

This is Happiness by Niall Williams

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.

Honorable mentions included:

The Hare with the Amber Eyes by Edmund de Waal

Burial Rites by Hannah Kent

Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks

The Narrow Road to the Deep North by Richard Flanagan

Further discussion was based around authors and which of their books were personal favourites. In all, the evening and discussion led one to conclude that the books read by members are diverse in topics and interest, and numerous.

Other Books We Read

The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben, 4

The Death of Noah Glass by Gail Jones, 3

Audition by Katie Kitamura, 2.5

The Rest of Our Lives by Ben Markovitz, 1

The Bureau by Eoin McNamee, 4

Audition by Katie Kitamura, 3.5

Endling by Maria Reva, 3

The Adversary by Michael Crummey, 3.5

The Waymakers by Kerri Andrews (ed), 3.5

Middlemarch by George Eliot, 4

Slow Horses by Mick Herron, 3.5

