

Books read by Mississippi Humanities Council Prison Book Clubs

FICTION

Adams, Richard. *Watership Down*
Adeyemi, Tomi. *Children of Anguish & Anarchy (Legacy of Orisha, 3)*
Adeyemi, Tomi. *Children of Blood and Bone (Legacy of Orisha, 1)*
Adeyemi, Tomi. *Children of Virtue and Vengeance (Legacy of Orisha, 2)*
Adjei-Brenyah, Nana Kwame. *Chain Gang All Stars*
Alam, Rumaanl. *Leave the World Behind*
Backman, Frederick. *A Man Called Ove*
Backman, Frederick. *Anxious People*
Baldwyn, James. *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
Bennett, Brit. *The Vanishing Half: A Novel*
Berg, Elizabeth. *Night of Miracles*
Berg, Elizabeth. *The Story of Arthur Truluv*
Bradbury, Ray. *Fahrenheit 451*
Butler, Octavia. *Parable of the Sower*
Camus, Albert. *The Plague*
Camus, Albert. *The Stranger*
Cervantes, Miguel de. *Don Quixote*
Chebe, Chinua. *Things Fall Apart*
Chebe, Chinua. *Arrow of God*
Chebe, Chinua. *No Longer at Ease*
Chopin, Kate. *The Awakening*
Coelho, Paulo. *The Alchemist: A Fable About Following Your Dream*
Cosby, S.A. *Razorblade Tears*
Crane, Milton, ed. *50 Great Short Stories*
Dickens, Charles. *Oliver Twist*
Dumas, Alexandre. *The Count of Monte Cristo*
Eggers, Dave. *The Circle*
Erdrich, Louise. *The Sentence*
Everett, Percival. *James*
Groff, Lauren. *The Best American Short Stories 2024*
Hemingway, Ernest. *The Old Man and the Sea*
Hill, Halle. *Good Women*
Hogan, Ruth. *The Keeper of Lost Things*
Irving, John. *A Prayer for Owen Meany*
Kafka, Frank. *Metamorphosis*
Kipling, Rudyard, *Kim*
King, Stephen. *Different Seasons: Four Novellas*
Kingsolver, Barbara. *Demon Copperhead*
Kinsella, W. P. *Shoeless Joe*
Knowles, John. *A Separate Peace*
Lee, Harper. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee (Book clubs partner this with *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson as an eight-week session)
Mandel, Emily St. John. *Station Eleven*

Martel, Yann. *Life of Pi*
McCarthy, Cormac. *All the Pretty Horses*
McCarthy, Cormac. *The Crossing*
McCarthy, Cormac. *No Country for Old Men*
McCarthy, Cormac. *The Road*
Miller, Madeline. *Circe*
Morrison, Toni. *Beloved*
O'Connor, Flannery. *A Good Man Is Hard to Find*
Orange, Tommy. *There There: A Novel*
Philyaw, Deesha. *The Secret Lives of Church Ladies*
Picoult, Jodi. *Small Great Things*
Portis, Charles. *True Grit*
Robinson, Kim Stanley, *The Ministry of the Future*
Salinger, J. D. *The Catcher in the Rye*
Shelley, Mary. *Frankenstein*
Solomon, Barbara H., ed. *Other Voices, Other Vistas: Short Stories from
Africa, China, India, Japan, and Latin America*
Steinbeck, John. *East of Eden*
Stoker, Bram. *Dracula*
Tallent, Gabriel. *My Absolute Darling*
Talty, Morgan. *Night of the Living Rez*
Talty, Morgan. *Fire Exit*
Thomas. Angie. *Concrete Rose*
Thomas. Angie. *On the Come Up*
Thomas. Angie. *The Hate U Give*
Theroux, Paul. *The Mosquito Coast*
Tóibín, Colm. *Brooklyn*
Tóibín, Colm. *Long Island*
Verne, Jules. *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*
Vonnegut, Kurt. *Slaughterhouse-Five*
Ward, Jesmyn. *Let Us Descend*
Ward, Jesmyn. *Salvage the Bones: A Novel*
Ward, Jesmyn. *Sing, Unburied, Sing: A Novel*
Ward, Jesmyn. *Where the Line Bleeds*
Whitehead, Colson. *Nickel Boys*
Whitehead, Colson. *The Underground Railroad*
Whitehead, Colson. *Zone One*
Yann, Martel. *Life of Pi*

NONFICTION

- Aurelius, Marcus. *Meditations*
- Barnett, Brittany K. *A Knock at Midnight: A Story of Hope, Justice, and Freedom*
- Beah, Ishmael. *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*
- Eggers, Dave. *Zeitoun*
- Grann, David. *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*
- Grann, David. *The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon*
- Grann, David. *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder*
- Hari, Johann. *Chasing the Scream: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs*
- Huffman, Alan. *Mississippi in Africa: The Saga of the Slaves of Prospect Hill Plantation and Their Legacy in Liberia*
- Junger, Sebastian. *War*
- Karr, Mary. *The Liars' Club: A Memoir*
- Karr, Mary. *The Art of Memoir*
- Land, Stephanie. *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive*
- Larson, Erik. *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America*
- Laymon, Kiese. *Heavy*
- Lewis, John. *March* (graphic trilogy)
- Noah, Trevor. *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*
- Perry, Imani. *South to America: A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation*
- Prejean, Sister Helen. *Dead Man Walking*
- Shetterly, Margot Lee. *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race*
- Stevenson, Bryan. *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* (Some book clubs opt to do this book with *To Kill a Mockingbird* in an eight-week session.)
- Theroux, Paul. *Deep South: Four Seasons on Back Roads*
- Thomas, Joseph Earl. *Sink*
- Watts, Reginald D. with Grunder, Robin. *From Crack to the Cross* (Reginald Watts is the chaplain who works with the men in MSP 29J, known as Death Row, and they asked to read his book.)
- Ward, Jesmyn. *Men We Reaped: A Memoir*
- Westover, Tara. *Educated: A Memoir*
- Wright, Richard. *Black Boy*

POETRY

Giovani, Nikki. *Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea: Poems and Not Quite Poems*

Jess, Tyehimba. *Olio*

Knight, Etheridge. *The Essential Etheridge Knight*

Milosz, Czeslaw, ed. *A Book Of Luminous Things: An International Anthology of Poetry*

SPANISH LANGUAGE (The book club at FCI Yazoo City is for native Spanish speakers.)

Allende, Isabel. *El viento conoce mi nombre*

Sánchez, Jenny Torres. *No somos de aquí*

Zafón, Carlos Ruiz. *La Sombra del Viento*

Note: Occasionally, a club chose a book that the facilitator did not recommend for other groups. Those titles are missing from this list.