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ABOUT THE GROUPS

Each semester, the Honors College sponsors the Informal Reading Groups program. The groups, composed of 10 to 15 participants and a moderator from the Honors College faculty, staff or student body, meet one hour per week to discuss about 50 pages of reading from specific books. The books cover a wide range of topics, and most have been recommended by Honors College students. This is a great chance to meet other people at the Honors College with similar interests.

To sign up for a reading group, visit bit.ly/2LCrVa3 and click "Sign Up." Groups are limited to 15 people, and sign-ups are made on a first-come basis.

Fall 2020 reading groups will be conducted online via Zoom and begin meeting the week of August 31- September 4. Participants and moderators will pick up their books on Friday, August 28 between 8am and 5pm at the Honors College, David L. Boren Hall Room 126.

Forget the day, time, or meeting place of a group? Use this brochure to verify this information. If you are having trouble finding the information, or find any of the information to be incorrect, please send us an email at honorsreading@ou.edu.

MONDAY GROUPS



Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Americanah follows the life of Ifemelu, a Nigerian immigrant, as she moves to the United States and discovers what it means to be black in America. The story explores themes such as race in America, life as an immigrant, and love as it changes over time.

Meeting Time: Mondays 11am for 12 weeks

Moderator(s): Faith Blank and Sam Shideler

I Like to Watch by Emily Nussbaum



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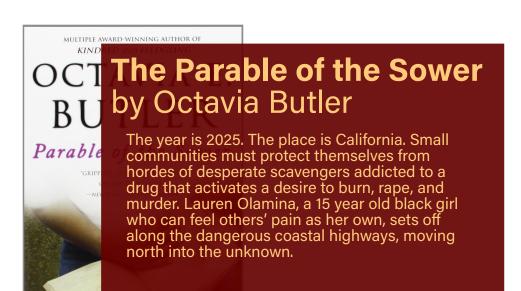
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From The New Yorker's Pulitzer Prize-winning culture critic Emily Nussbaum, I Like to Watch is a provocative collection of essays arguing that we are what we watch. From *Jane the Virgin* to *The Sopranos*, Nussbaum dissects a wide variety of popular shows. No previous viewing required!

Meeting Time: Mondays 1:30pm for 7 weeks

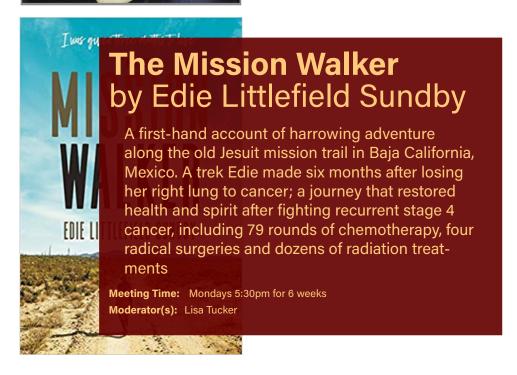
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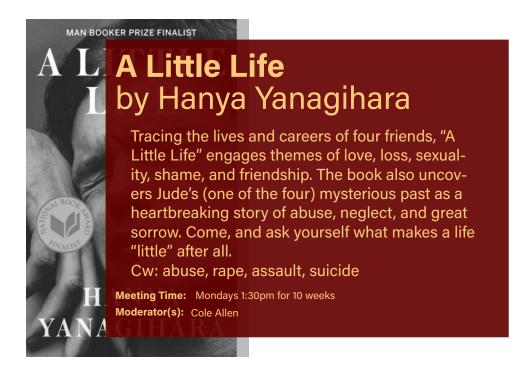
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Meeting Time: Mondays 12pm for 7 weeks

Moderator(s): Elizabeth Jordan and Karley Nadolski





TUE/WED GROUPS



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Meeting Time: Tuesdays 1pm for 5 weeks

release, this is the group for you.

Moderator(s): Olivia Robson



Hopscotch is a complex children's game wherein one tosses an object into the court, jumps through the court while skipping the square with the object, retrieves the object, and repeats - though one may ignore these rules. *Hopscotch* by Julio Cortazar is exactly the same thing, but as a novel with an overarching narrative. Make of that what you will.

received nothing but literary acclaim since it's



Meeting Time: Wednesdays 3pm for 10 weeks **Moderator(s):** Carson Schlittler and Laithe Reiger

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Nothing to Envy by Barbara Demick

North Korea is a mysterious nation that's often defined solely by its leadership. In *Nothing to Envy*, Barbara Demick seeks to paint a different picture, focusing on the lives of six North Koreans. Through these stories, Demick's book depicts the lives of average North Koreans, lives filled with love, loss, hardship, and a will to survive.

Meeting Time: Tuesdays 4:30pm for 5 weeks **Moderator(s):** Jack Madden and Riler Holcombe



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Doing Good Better by Will MacAskill

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Everyone wants to better the world, but it is often hard to know if we are helping. In *Doing Good Better*, Will MacAskill introduces readers to Effective Altruism, a movement about thinking critically about how to do the most good. Along the way, MacAskill will tackle questions such as the ethics of sweatshops and which charities deserve your money.

Meeting Time: Wednesdays 4pm for 5 weeks **Moderator(s):** Prof. Kevin Kuruc and Jack Madden

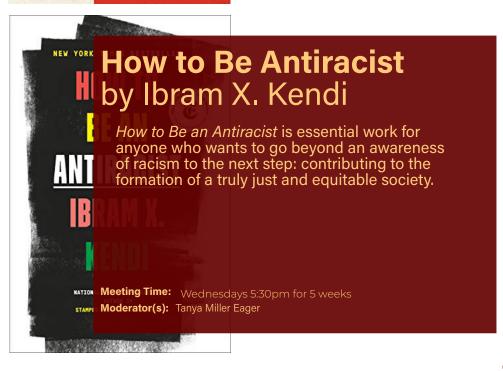
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The Jakarta Method by Vincent Bevins

In 1965, the U.S. government helped the Indonesian military kill approximately one million innocent civilians, eliminating the largest communist party outside China and the Soviet Union and inspiring copycat terror programs in countries like Brazil and Chile. The Jakarta Method demonstrates that the brutal extermination of unarmed leftists was a fundamental part of Washington's final triumph in the Cold War.

Meeting Time: Tuesdays 3pm for 6 weeks

Moderator(s): Will O'Donnell



FRIDAY GROUPS



HAN The Orig two genuine forms of totalitarian government—Nazi Germany and Stalinist Russia—which she recognizes as two sides of the same coin rather than opposing philosophies. She discusses the evolution of classes into masses, the role of propaganda, the use of terror, and the nature of isolation and loneliness as preconditions for total domination.

Meeting Time: Fridays 10am for 8 weeks
Moderator(s): Prof. Robert Lifset

Far Far Away by Tom McNeal

Jeremy Johnson Johnson hears dead people. More specifically, he hears the voice of the deceased Jacob Grimm, half of the legendary writing duo the Brothers Grimm. Jacob's goal is to guide Jeremy down the path of success. A path without any magic cake and definitely a path without Ginger Boultinghouse. What follows is a grim and beautiful adventure.

Meeting Time: Fridays 12:30pm for 8 weeks
Moderator(s): Carley Huffaker

TOM MCNEAL



Falling in Love with Hominids by Nalo Hopkinson

Nalo Hopkinson's Afro-Caribbean, Canadian, and American influences shine in truly unique stories that are filled with unlikely beauty and delightful strangeness. In this collection of magical realist fiction, we explore new stories each week, so there is no worry about getting behind! Just hop in each week with each fresh story.

Meeting Time: Fridays 1:30pm for 7 weeks **Moderator(s):** Daniel Pfaff and Alex Crayon



Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan

Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore is more curious than either its name or its gnomic owner might suggest. Clay Jannon sets out to investigate the store's unusual clientele, with the help of some variously talented friends. But in bringing their findings to Mr. Penumbra, they discover the bookstore's secrets extend far beyond its walls.

Meeting Time: Fridays 3:30pm for 6 weeks

Moderator(s): Elizabeth Jordan and Madison Jarboe

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