

GPUC Women's Book Discussion Group
October 2018 - May 2019

Meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the church library.

● **Wednesday, October 17, 5:30 p.m. Church library**

Bonfire of the Vanities by Tom Wolfe

A satirical novel about ambition, racism, social class, politics and greed in 1980s New York City, and centers on three main characters: WASP and bond trader Sherman McCoy, Jewish assistant district attorney, Larry Kramer, and British expatriate journalist, Peter Fallow.

● **Wednesday, November 28, 5:30 p.m., Church library**

Please Note: The book club is meeting one week later due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

The Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Leader: Barbara Moran

Invisible Man is a novel by, published by Random House in 1952. It addresses many of the social and intellectual issues facing African Americans early in the twentieth century, including black nationalism, the relationship between black identity and Marxism, and the reformist racial policies of Booker T. Washington, as well as issues of individuality and personal identity.

● **Wednesday, January 16, 5:30 p.m. Church library**

Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

Leader: Randy Borys

With this snappy period piece, Towles resurrects the cinematic black-and-white Manhattan of the golden age of screwball comedy, gal-pal camaraderie and romantic mischief...Towles' characters are youthful Americans in tricky times, trying to create authentic lives.

● **Wednesday, February 20, 5:30 p.m. Church library**

Lab Girl by Hope Jahren

Leaders: Julie Artis and Christy Winder

An illuminating debut memoir of a woman in science; a moving portrait of a longtime friendship; and a stunningly fresh look at plants that will forever change how you see the natural world.

● **Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 p.m. Church library**

Middlemarch by George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans)

Leader: GPUC member and professor, Jerry Heron will lead the discussion. We are honored to have him.

First published in eight installments (volumes) during 1871–72. The novel is set in the fictitious Midlands town of Middlemarch during 1829–32 and it comprises several distinct (though intersecting) stories and a large cast of characters. Significant themes include the status of women, the nature of marriage, idealism, self-interest, religion, hypocrisy, political reform, and education.

● **Wednesday, April 24, 5:30 p.m. Church library**

Please note this is the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

Leader: Mary Zahler

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER - An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University

● **Wednesday, May 22 Annual potluck** when we choose the books for next year. Place to be determined. Please note this is the 4th Wednesday of the month.