

## May 29, 2026 LWV Book Group Recommendations

1. **The Correspondent** (2025) by Virginia Evans This is the story of a life through letters. A 70-year-old retired lawyer loves to write letters to her friends, family and others in long hand, as her way to understand the world. This book is highly acclaimed.
2. **The Sweetness of Water** (2022) by Nathan Harris tells the story of Reconstruction in Georgia through the interactions of two freed slaves with an independent family. Their encounter with two Confederate soldiers ends in tragedy.
3. **River of Doubt** (2009) by Candice Millard is a historian's tale about Theodore Roosevelt's trip to the Amazon after his American electoral defeat. Our reviewer suggested anything written by this author is excellent
4. **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks** (2011) by Rebecca Skloot relates how the medical establishment used the cancer cells from one patient to establish immortal cell lines used worldwide in research, without the family truly understanding what was taken.
5. **A Terrible Country** (2019) by Keith Gessen A Russian- American returns to Moscow to visit a sick grandmother and experiences the realities of life under an authoritarian regime.
6. **North Woods: A Novel** (2024) by Daniel Mason A single house in New England is the scene of a myriad of human stories across time.
7. **Revolution: Mapping the Road to American Independence, 1755–1783** (2015) by Richard H. Brown and Paul E. Cohen. Traces the American Revolution through detailed maps, many created during the Revolution.
8. **The Things We Never Say** (2024) by Elizabeth Strout Set in a New England coastal town, the novel involves a high school history teacher who one day learns that life has been keeping a secret from him, one that threatens to upend his entire world.
9. **Raising Hare: A Memoir** (2026) by Chloe Dalton Story of a British story of a political writer and speechwriter sidelined by long COVID for 3 years and a baby hare that transforms her life. Many accolades.
10. **An Inconvenient Widow: The Torment, Trial, and Triumph of Mary Todd Lincoln** (2026) by Lois Romano Mary Todd Lincoln has been often vilified and misunderstood. This biography sets the record straight.
11. **1929: Inside the Greatest Crash in Wall Street History--and How It Shattered a Nation** (2025) by Andrew Ross Sorkin. As the review says "a tale of power, psychology, and

the seductive illusion that this time is different. It's about disregarded alarm bells, financiers who fell from grace, and skeptics who saw the crash coming—only to be dismissed until it was too late.”

12. **Marble Hall Murders** (2026) by Anthony Horowitz, an engrossing and challenging mystery novel, a story within a story. Freelancing book editor Susan Ryland agrees to edit a manuscript for a new author, who disguises his own family and its secrets in the novel culminating in murder.

13. **Prologue to Revolution: Sources and Documents on the Stamp Act Crisis 1764-1766** (1973) Editor Edmond S. Morgan. Read the original words of American colonists that opposed the Sugar Act and Stamp Act of the British Parliament. This little book has the back-and-forth arguments, as they crossed the Atlantic in the form of letters and proclamations, and much more.