



### Feb 26, 2024 Book Group

1. ***The Echo Maker*** (2006) by Richard Powers. A fictional work exploring role of psychiatry in a case of a man with brain injury after an accident that removes his emotion from relationships, a rare case of Capgras Syndrome. Excellent writing and surprises.
2. ***The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA*** (2023) by Lisa Mundy. The CIA was started just after WWII. This is the story of the women who started as clerks but moved into positions of information tracking. They were the first to warn about the danger of Osama bin Ladin and Al-Qaeda.
3. ***The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder*** (2023) by David Grann. This book has been recommended previously. It is about a British crew seeking to capture gold-laden ships who were shipwrecked on an island near Patagonia.
4. ***The Last Stargazers*** (2022) by Emily Levesque a memoir and a collection of writings by an astrophysicist, sharing a personal perspective, research, and good storytelling in a narrative nonfiction book.
5. ***American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America*** (2012) by Collin Woodard. The author, who is an historian, asserts that America is really made up of 11 nations each with its own historical roots and that each region upholds its own cultural norms. An explanation for the divisions in America.
6. ***Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning*** (2023) by Liz Cheney tells her story and defends her stand against Trump after January 6.
7. ***Enough*** (2023) by Cassidy Hutchinson Explains the background of this woman who decided to tell the truth after January 6 to the Jan 6 Committee.
8. ***Saving Democracy; a user's manual for every American*** (2023) by David Pepper. The first half of the book covers attempts to roll back democracy in America. But the good news is that the extreme positions espoused by some are in minority. The rest of the book outlines how to use your own footprint of connections to mobilize and get out the vote. (Info also available on his website).
9. ***Fluke: Chance, chaos and why everything we do matters*** (2024) by Brian Klaas A nonfictional book that talks about how, because the world is so connected that every action we take in life matters. Combined with *Saving Democracy*, means we can make a difference!
10. ***The Periodic Table*** (translated in 1984 from Italian) by Primo Levi, nonfiction. Levi was an Italian Jew and this book recounts his experiences during WWII prior to his internment in a concentration camp. He was a free-lance chemist in those years—strange, and beautiful work recounting his interactions with others in unique situations.
11. ***If This Is Man*** (1947, 1959) by Primo Levi. Levi's first-hand experience after capture as an Italian Jew, and being sent to Auschwitz. Horrifying tale of the holocaust. (I had to order this from inter-library loan).
12. ***The Escape Artist: The Man Who Broke Out of Auschwitz to Warn the World*** (2023) by Jonathan Freedland The story of two men who escaped from a concentration camp.