





Book Club Dates and Books - September 2025 to July 2026



3 September	<p>A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini Pages: 432 Amazon nl: €7.99, Audio book available on Nextory Mariam is only fifteen when she is sent to Kabul to marry the troubled and bitter Rasheed, who is thirty years her senior. Nearly two decades later, in a climate of growing unrest, tragedy strikes fifteen-year-old Laila, who must leave her home and join Mariam's unhappy household. Laila and Mariam are to find consolation in each other, their friendship to grow as deep as the bond between sisters, as strong as the ties between mother and daughter. With the passing of time comes Taliban rule over Afghanistan, the streets of Kabul loud with the sound of gunfire and bombs, life a desperate struggle against starvation, brutality and fear, the women's endurance tested beyond their worst imaginings. Yet love can move people to act in unexpected ways, lead them to overcome the most daunting obstacles with a startling heroism. In the end it is love that triumphs over death and destruction. A Thousand Splendid Suns is a portrait of a wounded country and a story of family and friendship, of an unforgiving time, an unlikely bond, and an indestructible love.</p>	tbc
1 October	<p>Around the World in 72 Days by Nellie Bly 152 pages BOL: paperback 8, e-book 1.99 audiobook on various platforms Nellie Bly was the pen name of Elizabeth Jane Cochrane, one of America's best-known female journalists in the 19th century. She was a pioneer in the field of investigative journalism and gained fame going undercover as a patient in an insane asylum and by setting a world's record racing around the world. Inspired by Jules Verne's bestselling novel Around the World in 80 Days, Bly set out to better Verne's fictional hero Phileas Fogg by traveling the 25,000 mile journey around the world in less than 80 days. Her travels were chronicled by her newspaper, the New York World. Up until this time, circling the world in such a short time had never actually been attempted. Hearing of Bly's around the world attempt, a competing newspaper the Cosmopolitan, sponsored its own reporter to beat the times of both Fogg and Bly. The race was on. Setting off on the same day, both reporters took advantage of any and all modes of travel available to them in the 1880s. Bly traveled from New York to Europe, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, China, Japan, and across the American frontier completing the race in just 72 days beating her rival and establishing a world record. This book chronicles her travels and adventures.</p>	tbc
5 November	<p>Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men by Caroline Criado Perez 432 pages Ebook: 10,99 on Bol.com, Paperback: 9.99, Audio Book Available Imagine a world where...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Your phone is too big for your hand· Your doctor prescribes a drug that is wrong for your body· In a car accident you are 47% more likely to be injured. <p>If any of that sounds familiar, chances are you're a woman. From government policy and medical research, to technology, workplaces, and the media. Invisible Women reveals how in a world built for and by men we are systematically ignoring half of the population, often with disastrous consequences. Caroline Criado Perez brings together for the first time an impressive range of case studies, stories and new research from across the world that illustrate the hidden ways in which women are forgotten, and the profound impact this has on us all.</p>	tbc

3 December	<p>Flowers Of War Auteur: Geling Yan Taal: Engels 256 pagina's E-book €8,99, Luisterboek €10,99, Paperback €30,99 Run by Father Engelmann, an American priest who has been in China for many years, the church is supposedly neutral ground in the war between China and Japan. Full of wonderful characters, from the austere priest to the irreverent prostitutes, it is a story about how war upsets all prejudices and how love can flourish amidst death. December 1937. The Japanese have taken Nanking. A group of terrified schoolgirls hides in the compound of an American church. Among them is Shujuan, through whose thirteen-year-old eyes we witness the shocking events that follow. Run by Father Engelmann, an American priest who has been in China for many years, the church is supposedly neutral ground in the war between China and Japan. But it becomes clear the Japanese are not obeying international rules of engagement. As they pour through the streets of Nanking, raping and pillaging the civilian population, the girls are in increasing danger. And their safety is further compromised when prostitutes from the nearby brothel climb over the wall into the compound seeking refuge. Short, powerful, vivid, this beautiful novel transports the reader to 1930s China. Full of wonderful characters, from the austere priest to the irreverent prostitutes, it is a story about how war upsets all prejudices and how love can flourish amidst death.</p>	tbc
7 January	<p>The Nightingale, Kristin Hannah, Pages: 442 Amazon nl €8.99, Audio book available on Nextory Goodreads Choice Award Winner for Readers' Favorite Historical Fiction (2015) With courage, grace, and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of World War II and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. The Nightingale tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.</p>	tbc
4 February	<p>A Life on Our Planet: My Witness Statement and a Vision for the Future David Attenborough 272 pages Paperback and ebook 10.99 on bol.com. Also available as an audiobook. With a new afterword, Why You Are Here: A speech on the opening of the COP26 climate summit. I am 94. I've had an extraordinary life. It's only now that I appreciate how extraordinary. As a young man, I felt I was out there in the wild, experiencing the untouched natural world - but it was an illusion. The tragedy of our time has been happening all around us, barely noticeable from day to day - the loss of our planet's wild places, its biodiversity. I have been witness to this decline. A Life on Our Planet contains my witness statement, and my vision for the future - the story of how we came to make this, our greatest mistake, and how, if we act now, we can yet put it right. We have the opportunity to create the perfect home for ourselves and restore the wonderful world we inherited. All we need is will to do so.</p>	tbc
4 March	<i>There will be another round of suggestions and voting in December.</i>	tbc
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6 May	<i>There will be another round of suggestions and voting in December.</i>	tbc
3 June	<i>There will be another round of suggestions and voting in December.</i>	tbc
1 July	 <i>No book – meal out in Eindhoven</i> 	
August	<i>No book - Holiday!</i>	