

## GFWC-WI Addendum

### Epsilon Sigma Omicron Reading List

**Note:** The specific books on the GFWC reading list are just suggestions. Please feel free to choose books that match the category description and may not necessarily be on the specific GFWC reading list.

Along with the categories defined in the ESO Reading List, the GFWC-WI ESO program is being modified as follows:

#### **ESO Subject Category:**

Religion and Inspirational expanded to **Philosophy, Religion & Inspirational**

Science expanded to **Science and Nature**

Sports and Recreation expanded to **Sports, Recreation & Humor**

#### **GFWC WI Specific ESO Categories being added:**

##### **Wisconsin Authors**

Wisconsin fiction authors of two or more novels/collections who were born or have lived in Wisconsin for a significant period of time.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Atkins, Ellen</li><li>• Amos, Beth (also writes as Annelise Ryan and Allyson K. Abbott)</li><li>• Ansay, A. Manette</li><li>• Bakopoulos, Dean</li><li>• Benjamin, Chloe</li><li>• Bergland, Martha</li><li>• Bledsoe, Alex</li><li>• Blei, Norbert</li><li>• Bloch, Robert</li><li>• Bowen, Michael</li><li>• Brafman, Michelle</li><li>• Briggs, Hazel</li><li>• Buchholz, Benjamin</li><li>• Butler, Nickolas</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fogle, James</li><li>• Fromm, Pete</li><li>• Frucht, Abby</li><li>• Gale, Zone</li><li>• Gard, Robert</li><li>• Garland, Hamlin</li><li>• George, Margaret</li><li>• Giorgio, Kathie</li><li>• Gloss, Susan</li><li>• Griffin, Neal</li><li>• Hamilton, Jane</li><li>• Harms, Kelly</li><li>• Harris, Shaun</li><li>• Houston, Victoria</li><li>• Hunnicutt, Ellen</li><li>• Hunter, Maddy</li><li>• Kagan, Leslie</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Olds, Bruce</li><li>• Olsen, Theodore V.</li><li>• Perry, Michael</li><li>• Pesetsky, Bette</li><li>• Petrie, Nicholas</li><li>• Phillips, Larry</li><li>• Powers Schwartz, Anne</li><li>• Rasmussen, Rebecca</li><li>• Revoyr, Nina</li><li>• Rhodes, David</li><li>• Rothfuss, Patrick</li><li>• Ruchti, Cynthia</li><li>• Rusch, Kristine</li><li>• Savage, Sam</li><li>• Schwandt, Stephen</li><li>• Sharp, Paula</li></ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ceello, Erin</li> <li>• Cherry, Kelly</li> <li>• Chiaverini, Jennifer</li> <li>• Corbett, Elizabeth</li> <li>• Daly, Maureen</li> <li>• Derleth, August</li> <li>• Devita, James</li> <li>• De Weese, Gene</li> <li>• Dopp, Peggy</li> <li>• Dorner, Marjorie</li> <li>• Ellis, Mel</li> <li>• Engberg, Susan</li> <li>• Enright, Elizabeth</li> <li>• Ernst, Kathleen</li> <li>• Eunson, Dale</li> <li>• Ferber, Edna</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kittredge, Mary</li> <li>• Kubly, Herb</li> <li>• Logan, Ben</li> <li>• Magnuson, Mike</li> <li>• McLain, Paula</li> <li>• Meadows, Rae</li> <li>• Miller, Tom</li> <li>• Mitchard, Jacquelyn</li> <li>• Mitchell, Judith Claire</li> <li>• Monette, Sarah (also writes as Katherine Addison)</li> <li>• Moore, Lorrie</li> <li>• Mori, Kyoko</li> <li>• North, Sterling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schwarz, Christina</li> <li>• Schwandt, Stephen</li> <li>• Shaw, Janet Beeler</li> <li>• Simpson, Mona</li> <li>• Steuber, William</li> <li>• Straub, Peter</li> <li>• Swanson, Cynthia</li> <li>• Thalasinis, Andrea</li> <li>• Vreeland, Susan</li> <li>• Vukelich, George</li> <li>• Watson, Larry</li> <li>• Westcott, Glenway</li> <li>• Wick, Lori</li> <li>• Wilder, Thornton</li> <li>• Wildgen, Michelle</li> </ul>
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## Current Events, Politics & Government

### Fiction Genre: Historical

Suggested Reading List as of 7/22/20

A Light Shines Through Us, Joe Sweeny - COMING MAY 1, 2020! A Light Shines Through Us "This book is a loving, real life story about two unlikely friends who contemplate a wealth of spiritual wisdom to transform their lives in ways that can inspire greater love in your life too."

Alice Network, The, Kate Quinn, 528pp. two women—a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947—are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption.

The Book of Lost Names, Kristin Harmel - The records they keep in The Book of Lost Names will become even more vital when the resistance cell they work for is betrayed and Rémy disappears. An engaging and evocative novel reminiscent of The Lost Girls of Paris and The Alice Network , The Book of Lost Names is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of bravery and love in the face of evil.

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania, Erik Larson, 450pp. it is a story that many of us think we know but don't. Full of glamour and suspense, Dead Wake brings to life a cast of evocative characters, from famed Boston bookseller Charles Lauriat to pioneering female

architect Theodate Pope to President Woodrow Wilson, a man lost to grief, dreading the widening war but also captivated by the prospect of new love.

*Flight of the Sparrow*, Amy Belding Brown, 354pp. Based on the compelling true narrative of Mary Rowlandson, *Flight of the Sparrow* is an evocative tale that transports the reader to a little-known time in early America and explores the real meanings of freedom, faith, and acceptance.

*Forgotten Seamstress, The*, Liz Trenow, 336pp. A shy girl with no family, Maria knows she's lucky to have landed in the sewing room of the royal household. Before World War I casts its shadow, she catches the eye of the Prince of Wales, her life takes a darker turn, and soon all she has left is a fantastical story about her time at Buckingham Palace. Decades later, Caroline Meadows discovers a beautiful quilt in her mother's attic. When she can't figure out the meaning of the message embroidered into its lining, she embarks on a quest to reveal its mystery, Caroline pieces together the secret history of the quilt, she comes closer and closer to the truth about Maria.

*Georgia*, Dawn Tripp, 337pp. A breathtaking work of the imagination, *Georgia* is the story of a passionate young woman, her search for love and artistic freedom, the sacrifices she will face, and the bold vision that will make her a legend.

*Hamilton Affair, The*, Elizabeth Cobbs, 408pp. Set against the dramatic backdrop of the American Revolution, and featuring a cast of legendary characters, The sweeping, tumultuous, true story of Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler, from passionate and tender beginnings to his fateful duel on the banks of the Hudson River.

*Her Last Flight*, Beatriz Williams - Beatriz Williams is a master at historical fiction and this book is a true gem. In *Her Last Flight*, Williams weaves together the stories of two strong female heroines, Irene Foster and Janey Everett, in a dual timeline alternating between the 1920s and 1940s. Williams always breathes life into her subjects in a way that makes them three dimensional.

*Kiss Carlo*, Adriana Trigiani, 549pp. Told against the backdrop of some of Shakespeare's greatest comedies, this novel brims with romance as long buried secrets are revealed, mistaken identities are unmasked, scores are settled, broken hearts are mended and true love reigns. Trigiani's consummate storytelling skill and her trademark wit, along with a dazzling cast of characters will enthrall readers. Once again, the author has returned to her own family garden to create an unforgettable feast. *Kiss Carlo* is a jubilee, resplendent with hope, love, and the abiding power of la famiglia.

*Memory of Violets, A*, A Novel of London's Flower Sellers, Hazel Gaynor, 432pp. Step into the world of Victorian London, where the wealth and poverty exist side by side. This is the story of two long-lost sisters, whose lives take different paths, and the young woman who will be transformed by their experiences.

*Midwife's Revolt, The*, Jodi Daynard, 427pp. On a dark night in 1775, Lizzie Boylston is awakened by the sound of cannons. From a hill south of Boston, she watches as fires burn in Charlestown, in a battle that claimed her husband's life. Alone in a new town, Lizzie grieves privately but takes comfort in her friendship with Abigail Adams. Word spreads of Lizzie's extraordinary midwifery and healing skills. When two traveling patriots are poisoned, Lizzie suspects a political plot intended to harm Abigail and her family. Determined to uncover the truth, Lizzie becomes entangled in a conspiracy that could destroy her livelihood, her chance at finding love again but also lead to the downfall of a new nation.

*Minds of Winter*, Ed O'Loughlin 500pp., In a narrative that crosses time and space, O'Loughlin delves deep into the history of Franklin's expedition through the eyes of the explorers themselves, addressing questions that have intrigued historians and readers for centuries. What motivated these men to strike out on dangerous campaigns in search of the unknown? What was at stake for them, and for those they left behind? And when things went wrong--things that couldn't be shared--what would they do to protect themselves and their discoveries?

*Stars are Fire, The* Anita Shreve, 257pp. an exquisitely suspenseful new novel about an extraordinary young woman tested by a catastrophic event and its devastating aftermath--based on the true story of the largest fire in Maine's history.

*Swans of Fifth Avenue*, Melanie Benjamin, 341pp. Of all the glamorous stars of New York high society, none blazes brighter than Babe Paley. Enter Truman Capote. This diminutive golden-haired genius with a larger-than-life personality explodes onto the scene, setting Babe and her circle of Swans aflutter.

*These is My Words, The Diary of Sarah Agnes Prime 1881- 1901*, Nancy E. Turner, 402pp. A moving, exciting, and heartfelt American saga inspired by the author's own family memoirs, these words belong to Sarah Prine, a woman of spirit and fire who forges a full and remarkable existence in a harsh, unfamiliar frontier. Scrupulously recording her steps down the path Providence has set her upon—from child to determined young adult to loving mother—she shares the turbulent events, both joyous and tragic, that molded her, and recalls the enduring love with cavalry officer Captain Jack Elliot that gave her strength and purpose.

*Under the Wide and Starry Sky*, Nancy Horan, 498pp. tells the improbable love story of Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson and his tempestuous American wife, Fanny.

*The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue

*Trouble the Saints* by Alaya Dawn

*Her Last Flight* by Beatriz Williams

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