

## **Books Discussed during 8May2025 Friends Book Club**

### **Made in the Shade: A Humorous Paranormal Women's Fiction – Deborah Wilde**

Featuring a slow burn shifter romance and intelligent snark, this clever mix of urban fantasy and mystery will take you on a wild ride.

### **Who Is Government? The Untold Story of Public Service - Michael Lewis**

"Who works for the government and why does their work matter? An urgent and absorbing civics lesson from an all-star team of writers and storytellers."--

### **Merlin's Tour of the Universe, Revised and Updated for the Twenty-first Century: A Traveler's Guide to the Blue Moons and Black Holes, Mars, Stars, and Everything Far - Neil deGrasse Tyson**

The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* takes readers on an entertaining and edifying tour of the universe. *Merlin's Tour of the Universe* is perfect for anyone who harbors burning questions on how the cosmos works.

### **The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World – Melinda French Gates**

When you lift up women, you lift up everybody - families, communities, entire countries... In her book, Melinda tells the stories of the inspiring people she's met through her work all over the world, digs into the data, and powerfully illustrates issues that need our attention... I've called Melinda an impatient optimist and that's what she delivers here - the urgency to tackle these problems and the unwavering belief that solving them is indeed possible.' Barack Obama

### **The Next Day: Transitions, Change, and Moving Forward – Melinda French Gates**

Philanthropist and bestselling author of *The Moment of Lift*, Melinda French Gates offers you her wisdom and warmth for coping with change.

### **The Rainbow Comes and Goes – Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt**

A touching and intimate correspondence between Anderson Cooper and his mother, Gloria Vanderbilt, offering timeless wisdom and a revealing glimpse into their lives

## **Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World – and Why Things are Better Than You Think** – Anna Rosling Ronnlund, Hans Rosling, and Ola Rosling Hans Rosling

Factfulness, a 2018 book by Hans Rosling and his family, encourages readers to base their opinions on facts and logic, not emotions or preconceived ideas. The book explores how human instincts distort our perception of reality and make us believe the world is worse than it is. Rosling uses decades of data to challenge common beliefs, such as the world is becoming more violent or that poverty is increasing.

## **The Fourth Wing** – Rebecca Yarros

A [new adult fantasy romance](#) novel written by the American author [Rebecca Yarros](#). It is the first book in the Empyrean series, <sup>[1]</sup> following the journey of Violet Sorrengail, who is forced by her mother, General Sorrengail, to join the Basgiath War College and become a dragon rider in the kingdom of Navarre. Even though she has been trained her entire life to enter the [Scribe](#) Quadrant, Violet must endure deadly quests and competitions that push her to her limits while trying to avoid being killed by one of the most powerful riders in the quadrant, Xaden Riorson.

## **How to Solve Your Own Murder: A Novel** - Kristen Perrin

In 1965, Frances Adams is at an English country fair where a fortune-teller makes a bone-chilling prediction: One day, Frances will be murdered. It is a prediction that sparks her life's work—trying to solve a crime that hasn't happened yet.

## **All you can ever know: A Memoir** - Nicole Chung

Nicole Chung's memoir, *All You Can Ever Know*, is a moving account of her experiences as a transracial Korean adoptee raised by a white family in Oregon. The book follows two timelines, one of Chung's childhood and the other of her adult life. It explores themes of adoption, race, family, and identity. Chung details her childhood struggles with racism and feeling like an outsider in both her white community and Asian heritage

## **One Thousand White Women** - Jim Fergus

*One Thousand White Women* is the story of May Dodd and a colorful assembly of pioneer women who, under the auspices of the U.S. government, travel to the western prairies in 1875 to intermarry among the Cheyenne Indians. The covert and controversial "Brides for Indians" program, launched by the administration of Ulysses S. Grant, is intended to help assimilate the Indians into the white man's world. Toward that end May and her friends embark upon the adventure of their lifetime. Jim Fergus has so vividly depicted the American West that it is as if these diaries are a capsule in time.