BGBG 2023-24 Book list

September 6 Hostess: Susan Scott

**Book: *The Walking Drum* by Louis L’Amour**
Warrior, lover, and scholar, Kerbouchard is a daring seeker of knowledge and fortune bound on a journey of enormous challenge, danger, and revenge. Across Europe, over the Russian steppes, and through the Byzantine wonders of Constantinople, Kerbouchard is thrust into the treacheries, passions, violence, and dazzling wonders of a magnificent time.

October 4 Hostess: Linda Young

 **Book: *Sisters In Arms* by Kaia Alderson**

Kaia Alderson's debut historical fiction novel reveals the untold, true story of the Six Triple Eight, the only all-Black battalion of the Women's Army Corps, who made the dangerous voyage to Europe to ensure American servicemen received word from their loved ones during World War II.

November 1 Hostess: Heather Thompson at Lynne Walter’s

 **Book: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt**

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt is a heartwarming, charming, and unconventional story about the friendship between a lonely widow (Tova), a down on his luck young man (Cameron), and a giant Pacific octopus (Marcellus). The way the author intersected the lives of these three characters was beyond clever.

December 6 Location TBD. Juel will lead discussion

 **Book: *But Have Your Read the Book: 52 Literary Gems* by Kristen Lopez**

Within these pages, Turner Classic Movies offers an endlessly fascinating look at 52 beloved screen adaptations and the great reads that inspired them. Author Kristen Lopez explores just what makes these works classics of both the page and screen, and why each made for an exceptional adaptation—whether faithful to the book or exemplifying cinematic creative license.

January 3 Hostess: Cheri Patterson

 **Book: *Fellowship Point* Alice Elliott Dark**

The masterful story of a lifelong friendship between two very different women with shared histories and buried secrets, tested in the twilight of their lives, set across the arc of the 20th century.

February 7 Hostess: Roberta

 **Book: *Three Girls from Bronzeville* by Dawn Turner**

Memoir explores how racism and violence impacted 'Three Girls from Bronzeville' Journalist Dawn Turner revisits her own past, and tells the story of her sister, who died at 24 from chronic alcoholism, and her childhood best friend, who served 20 years in prison for murder.

March 6 Hostess: Alissa

**Book: The Life Council: 10 Friends Every Woman Needs by Laura Tremaine**

Offering a path for a new way to think about friendships, The Life Council will inspire and equip you to be a better friend, make new friends, and appreciate how different types of friendships can bring a richness to your life like never before.

April 3 Hostess: Suzanne

 **Book: *A Circle of Quiet (The Crosswicks Journals Book 1)* by Madeleine L'Engle**

The beloved author of A Wrinkle in Time takes an introspective look at her life and muses on creativity in this memoir, the first of her Crosswicks Journals.

AAUW 4/ 9 Hostess: Judy Griffin

 **Book: *Lessons in Chemisty* by Bonnie Garmus**

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • GMA BOOK CLUB PICK • Meet Elizabeth Zott: “a gifted research chemist, absurdly self-assured and immune to social convention” (The Washington Post) in 1960s California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show.

May 1 Hostess: Susan Scott

 Book Selection

June 5 Hostess Juel at Hollybrook to watch the movie together (fingers crossed)

 **Book & Movie: *Giant* by Edna Ferber**

The basis for the classic film starring James Dean, Elizabeth Taylor, and Rock Hudson, Giant is Pulitzer Prize-winning author Edna Ferber's sweeping generational tale of power, love, cattle barons, and oil tycoons, set in Texas during the first half of the twentieth century.