#### 1. September: "Same Bright Moon" by Wendy Bashant

- Host: Linda Stedman
- Review: "The author creatively weaves together the multiple voices of her young Chinese students with her own challenges of living and working in a foreign country during the pandemic.."

#### 2. October: "Mad Honey" by Jodi Picoult

- Host: Cheri Patterson
- Review: " Mad Honey is a riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and a moving and powerful exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take in order to become ourselves.."

#### 3. November: "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante

- Host: Suzette Ligon
- Review: "A captivating portrait of friendship and coming-of-age set in post-war Naples. Ferrante's vivid prose and richly drawn characters transport you to the streets of 1950s Italy, where the bond between Elena and Lila is tested by jealousy, ambition, and societal expectations."

## 4. December: "Berlin Letters" by Katherine Reay

- Host: Linda Young
- Review: "Alternating storylines between Luisa and her father, The Berlin Letters shows the tumultuous early days of the wall, bringing Berlin, the epicenter of the Cold War, to life while also sharing one family's journey through secrets, lies, and division to love, freedom, and reconciliation."

## 5. January: "Black Cake" by Charmaine Wilkerson

- Host: Roberta Beutel
- Review: "Charmaine Wilkerson's debut novel is a story of how the inheritance of betrayals, secrets, memories, and even names can shape relationships and history."

# 6. February: "Measure" by Nikki Erlick

- Host: Lynn Walters
- Review: "A thought-provoking exploration of identity, memory, and the nature of reality. 'Measure' challenges readers to question the boundaries of perception and truth, weaving together multiple narrative threads into a mesmerizing tapestry of interconnected lives."

## 7. March: "First Ladies" by Marie Benedict

- Host: Emily Simms
- Review: "A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune—an unlikely friendship that changed the world."

# 8. April: "Yellowface" by R.F. Kuang

Host: Susan Scott

 Review: "A powerful examination of race, identity, and cultural appropriation in contemporary America. 'Yellowface' tackles sensitive issues with wit and intelligence, challenging readers to confront their own prejudices and assumptions about race and representation."

## 9. May: Book Selection

Host: Susan Scott

### 10. June: Cookbook & Recipes

Host: Lynn Walters