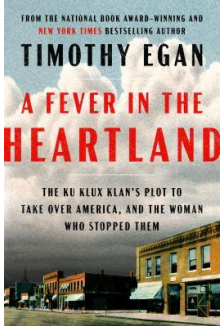


## Stranger Than Fiction Book Group 2024-25

**Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm (unless otherwise noted)**  
“Stranger than Fiction” is a book club specifically for those who enjoy reading non-fiction.

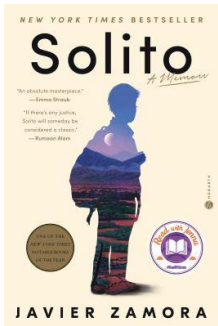
### September 9<sup>th</sup>: READING ROUND-UP



### October 7<sup>th</sup>\*: **Fever in the Heartland: the Ku Klux Klan's plot to take over America, and the woman who stopped them by Timothy Egan**

A historical thriller by the Pulitzer and National Book Award-winning author that tells the riveting story of the Klan's rise to power in the 1920s, the cunning con man who drove that rise, and the seemingly powerless woman who stopped them.

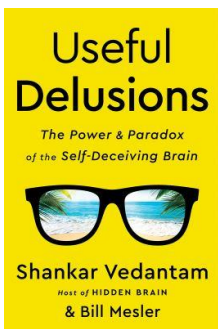
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### November 4<sup>th</sup>\*: **Solito by Javier Zamora**

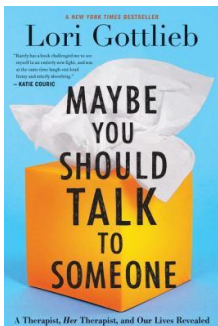
A young poet reflects on his 3,000-mile journey from El Salvador to the United States when he was nine years old, during which he was faced with perilous boat trips, relentless desert treks, pointed guns, arrests and deceptions during two life-altering months alongside a group of strangers who became an unexpected family.

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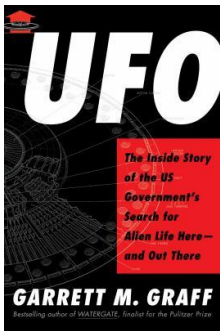
### December 9<sup>th</sup>: **Useful Delusions: the power and the paradox of the self-deceiving brain by Shankar Vedantam and Bill Mesler**

The lies we tell ourselves sustain our daily interactions with friends, lovers, and coworkers. They can explain why some people live longer than others, why some couples remain in love and others don't, why some nations hold together while others splinter.



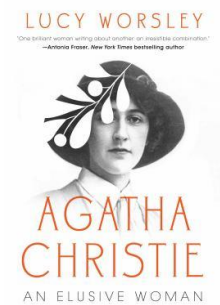
### January 13<sup>th</sup>: **Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: a therapist, HER therapist, and our lives revealed by Lori Gottlieb**

The national advice columnist presents a behind-the-scenes tour of a therapist's world from the perspective of both a patient and a psychotherapist who found answers in her client's journeys.



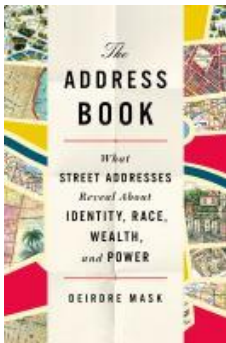
**February 10<sup>th</sup>: UFO: the inside story of the US government's search for alien life here—and out there by Garrett M. Graff**

This thrilling story of science, the Cold War, Nazi research, atomic anxieties, secret spy planes and the space race draws on original archival research, declassified documents and interviews to present a narrative history of humanity's hunt for alien life, including the military and CIA's secret, decades-long quest to study UFOs.



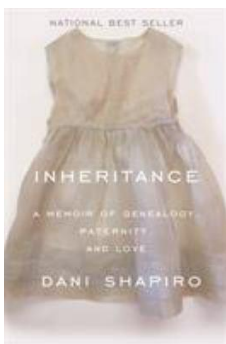
**March 10<sup>th</sup>: Agatha Christie: an elusive woman by Lucy Worsley**

She went surfing in Hawaii, she loved fast cars, and she was intrigued by the new science of psychology, which helped her through devastating mental illness. So why—despite all the evidence to the contrary—did Agatha present herself as a retiring Edwardian lady of leisure? A new, fascinating account of the life of Agatha Christie from celebrated literary and cultural historian Lucy Worsley.



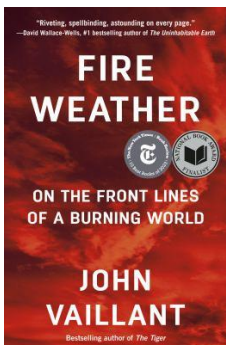
**April 14<sup>th</sup>: Address Book: what street addresses reveal about identity, race, wealth, and power by Deirdre Mask**

Tells the story of how streets got their names and houses their numbers, and why something as seemingly mundane as an address can save lives or enforce power.



**May 12<sup>th</sup>: Inheritance: a memoir of genealogy, paternity, and love by Dani Shapiro**

A memoir about identity, paternity, and family secrets—a real-time exploration of the staggering discovery Shapiro made about her father, and her struggle to piece together the hidden story of her own life.



**June 9<sup>th</sup>: Fire Weather: a true story from a hotter world by John Vaillant**

In May 2016, the city of Fort McMurray in Alberta, Canada, burned to the ground, forcing 88,000 people to flee their homes. It was the largest evacuation ever of a city in the face of a forest fire, raising the curtain on a new age of increasingly destructive wildfires. This book is a suspenseful account of one of North America's most devastating forest fires—and a stark exploration of our dawning era of climate catastrophes.