



### Science

April 28, 7:00 p.m.

Host: Maggie Keshen

*The Thing with Feathers: The Surprising Life of Birds* by Noah Strycker

Birds are fascinating, and the more we study them, the more similarities we find between ourselves and them.



### Historical Fiction

May 26, 7:00 p.m.

Host: Linda Sifferd/Leader: Will Thomen

*The Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende

In the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War, a pregnant widow flees to Chile with her brother-in-law, a Republican army doctor. They enter a marriage of convenience to survive as they learn what being in exile really means.



### History

June 23, 7:00 p.m.

Host: Monique and Eric Sattler

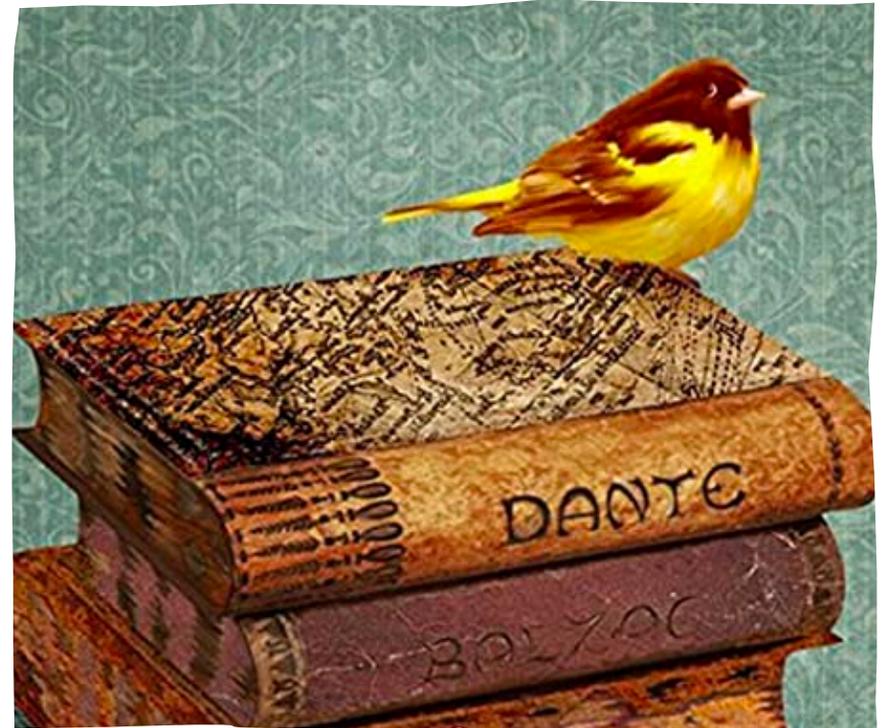
*The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo* by Tom Reiss

Novelist Alexandre Dumas used his father's story to create some of the best loved heroes of literature. Hidden behind the swashbuckling adventures was a secret: the real hero was the son of a black slave who rose high in the white world.

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# St. Luke Book Group

## 2021-2022



Hosted by our members, book discussions begin at 7 p.m. and end by 9 p.m.

Books may be found in public libraries or purchased in bookstores or online.

Meetings are open to all. Please join us!

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# Our Book Discussions

St. Luke Book Club discussions are relaxed, friendly gatherings open to all. Come to as many as you wish. We would be happy to have you join us.



## Contemporary Issues

September 23, 7:00 p.m.

Host: Lis Henderson

***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents***  
by Isabel Wilkerson

Wilkerson investigates the origins, evolution, and inner workings of America's "unspoken" caste system, and finds parallels to the caste systems of India and Nazi Germany.



## Religion

October 28, 7:00 p.m.

Host: Amy Smith

***The Black Church: This is Our Story, This is Our Song***  
by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

In the companion volume to the PBS documentary, Gates delivers an insightful look at how the Black church has succored generations of African Americans.



## Contemporary Fiction

December 2, 7:00 p.m.

Host: Al and Sherry Baldwin

***Of Women and Salt*** by Gabriela Garcia

Set in present-day Miami, Jeanette is battling addiction. Daughter of a Cuban immigrant, she is determined to learn more about her family history from her reticent mother, so she travels to Cuba to see her grandmother and reckon with secrets from the past.



## Economics and Business

January 27, 7:00 p.m.

Host: Susie Khan

***The Secret Life of Groceries*** by Benjamin Lorr

Lorr goes on a deep dive into our grocery experience, revealing how products are marketed, get into stores nationwide, and how intertwined our consumption is with human trafficking and dangerous farming practices.



## Historical Fiction

February 24, 7:00 p.m.

Host: Bonnie Reid and Rick Roche

***Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague*** by Maggie O'Farrell

Set in 16th century Stratford, O'Farrell imagines the emotional, domestic, and artistic repercussions when a famous playwright and his wife lose their only son to the bubonic plague, examining their marriage and the impact of grief.



## Nonfiction

March 24, 7:00 p.m.

Host: Stephanie Milen

***The Salt Path*** by Raynor Winn

Days after learning her husband is terminally ill, Winn's house, farm and livelihood are taken away. They make the impulsive decision to walk 630 miles of England's South West Coast Path. The book becomes a portrayal of how home can be rediscovered.