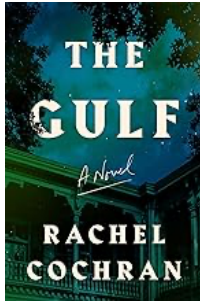


2024-2025 Trinity Women's Reading Group Book List

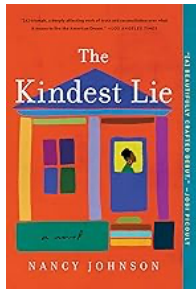
September 9



Rachel Cochran's **The Gulf**.

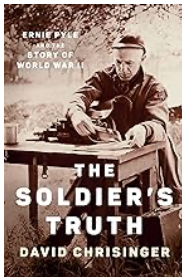
It's OUR Rachel! In this electrifying debut literary thriller, set on the gulf coast of Texas in the 1970s at the height of the women's liberation movement, a closeted young woman attempts to solve her surrogate mother's murder in a tight-knit, religious small town. Kirkus Reviews says, "this novel is a slow burn. The pacing works wonderfully" and "The constant reversal of certainty is masterfully executed" and calls this "A thoughtful novel with a hint of mystery. Its still waters run deep." I'm including these quotes because it's a big deal to garner this type of praise in Kirkus, and I'm just so proud of Rachel!

October 14



Nancy Johnson, **The Kindest Lie**. In a time when race weighs heavily on our minds and emotions, Nancy Johnson's debut novel offers a refreshing look at two families in a factory town in Indiana—one Black, one White—whose lives are intertwined, with similarities and differences. *The Kindest Lie* is a tale of race in small-town America, but it is neither trite nor predictable. The narrative delves deeply into the inner lives of two sets of grandparents who raise their grandchildren, immersing readers in their struggle to address educational gaps, sacrifices, work ethics, pain, and loss.

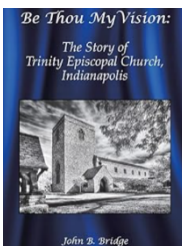
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David Crisinger, **The Soldier's Truth**

The compelling story of "America's most beloved war correspondent," who lost his life recording soldiers' real experiences. A moving tribute to an ordinary American hero whose impact on the war is still too little understood, and a powerful account of that war's impact and how it is remembered. Ernie Pyle was the voice for American during WW2 whose influence on American morale at home and compassion for the soldiers abroad can only be compared to Eleanor Roosevelt's. Americans *loved* Ernie Pyle and it's going to be wonderful to remember him together.

December 9

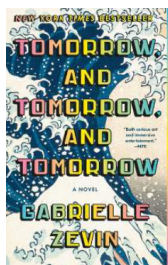


John Bridge, **Be Thou My Vision: The Story of Trinity Episcopal Church**

This very engaging book by Trinity parishioner Joh Bridge details the history of both Trinity church and Indianapolis. Will lead to a great book club discussion about the history and people all around us. I read it in one sitting; the history of Trinity and the parallel growth and development of Indianapolis make for great storytelling! Bring a wrapped favorite book, new or very gently used, for the gift exchange with book club members. Everyone leaves the meeting with a great book! Or read the companion book: The recently published *Changing Mission, Unchanging Faith: Episcopalians and Influence in Indianapolis* by Lee Little.

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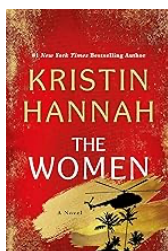
January 13



Gabrielle Zevin, **Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Tomorrow**

Book Club members frequently say, “I’m so glad that book was on the reading list or I wouldn’t have read it.” This may be one of those books. We’ve seen it around, maybe read about it, have heard it’s great, but wonder if it’s for me? This is the perfect book for our group to read and discuss together!

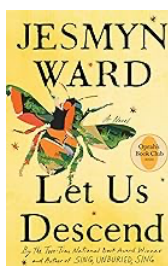
February 10



Kristin Hannah, **The Women**

From master storyteller Kristin Hannah, bestselling author of *The Nightingale* and *The Four Winds*, comes the story of a turbulent, transformative era in America: the 1960s. This is the story of a woman coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided by war and broken by politics, of a generation both fueled by dreams and lost on the battlefield.

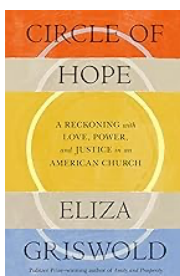
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Jesmyn Ward, **Let Us Descend**

Jesmyn Ward's *Let Us Descend* is a superb historical-fiction novel sprinkled with supernatural elements that pulls readers into the life of an enslaved person on a long, painful journey. Trinity’s Book Club previously read *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by this popular author.

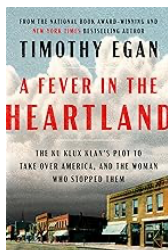
April 14



Eliza Griswold, **Circle of Hope**

An intimate portrait of a Philadelphia church, its radical mission, and its riveting crisis. Immersive, explosive, and tender-hearted, Pulitzer Prize winner Eliza Griswold offers an American allegory full of urgent questions: How do we commit to one another and our better selves in a fracturing world? Where does power live? Can it be shared? How do we make “the least of these” welcome?

May 12



Timothy Egan, **Fever in the Heartland**

This may be a hard read, but it is an important book, especially for Hoosiers interested in our state history and social justice and reconciliation. 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 woman who stopped them.