



## July Theme: *From Faraway Worlds*

### Featured Titles (Details available in library)

- *Sisi, Empress on Her Own* / Allison Pataki (Fiction 2016)
- *Cry of the Kalahari* / Mark & Delia Owens (Non Fiction 2021)
- *The Key to Rebecca* / Ken Follett (Fiction 2019)
- *Wave: Life & Memories After the Tsunami* Sonali Deraniyagala (Non Fiction 2013)

### Recommended Reading List

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

### Featured Author

Mandy Magro

### Recommendations From Other Readers

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

### Book Reviews:

- *Crows Nest* / Nikki Mottram
- *Convict Orphans* / Lucy Frost

### NEXT MEETING

**8<sup>th</sup> August**

Goondiwindi 10.00 a.m.

**15<sup>th</sup> August**

Inglewood 10.00 a.m.

## From Both Groups This Month

### *Anam* / Andre Dao Fiction 2023

Moving from 1930s Hanoi through a series of never-ending wars and displacements to Saigon, Paris, Melbourne and Cambridge, *Anam* is a novel about memory and inheritance, colonialism and belonging, home and exile.

### *Echo in the Memory* / Cameron Nunn Fiction 2021

What if memories never die? When fifteen-year-old Will is sent away to stay with his grandparents in rural New South Wales, he finds the isolated farm strangely familiar -- except the memories he's channeling are not his own.

### *The Independence of Miss Mary Bennet* / Colleen McCullough Fiction 2008

Everyone knows the story of Elizabeth Bennet, who married Mr. Darcy in *Pride and Prejudice*. But what about Elizabeth's sister Mary? Master storyteller Colleen McCullough imagines a life for Mary Bennet twenty years after the events of Jane Austen's novel.

### *The Lady's Mine* / Francine Rivers Fiction 2022

Everyone may be looking to strike it rich in this lawless boomtown, but it's a love more precious than gold that will ultimately save them all.

**Homecoming / Kate Morton Fiction 2023**

An epic story that spans generations, *Homecoming* asks what we would do for those we love, how we protect the lies we tell, and what it means to come home.

**Territory / Judy Nunn Fiction 2022**

The story of Henrietta Southern, a young Englishwoman who trades her war-torn homeland for a place of wild tropical storms and searing heat, crocodile-infested rivers and barren red wilderness.

**The Shipwreck/Larry Writer Non Fiction 2022**

The *Dunbar* was one of the most advanced and celebrated sailing ships of the mid-19th century. 1857, after an 81-day voyage from Plymouth, the *Dunbar* was caught by massive waves and storm-force winds near the cliffs of The Gap at Sydney's South Head and smashed to pieces on the rocks.

**East Essex Events / David Anscott**

Interesting snippets of a wealth of historical stories based around Essex.

**The Holy Roman Empire / (from Bishops)**

Pictorial and historical coverage from Charlemagne to Napoleon

**Veni, Vidi, Vici /Peter Jones NonFiction 2014**

"Everything you wanted to know about the romans but were afraid to ask."

"A rollicking guide to the Romans."

**Daring to Fly / Lisa Millar Non Fiction 2021**

Three decades as a journalist witnessing tragedy had a cost. And an ever-escalating fear of flying threatened to rob her of her ability to work at all. For that young girl from small-town Kilkivan, to the TV star, on facing fear and finding joy on a deadline.

**The Eastern Curlew / Harry Saddler Non Fiction 2019**

The extraordinary life of a migratory bird. A delightful and vivid portrait of a fascinating natural phenomenon and threatened species.

**Secrets My Father Kept / Rachel Giveny Fiction 2021**

Europe 1939. Fear, lies, love and protection of family all intertwine.

**Judi Dench** - Two biographies available:

*Behind the Scenes* (2014)

*And Furthermore* (2010)

**Emboldened / Belinda Alexandra Non Fiction 2023**

In a compelling and exquisite blend of memoir and history, Belinda shows that, no matter what challenge they might be facing, there is always the possibility of building a bold life full of meaning again from the ashes.

**The Convenience Store Woman / Sayaka Murata Fiction 2019**

With some laugh-out-loud moments prompted by the disconnect between Keiko's thoughts and those of the people around her, she provides a sharp look at Japanese society and the pressure to conform, as well as penetrating insights into the female mind.

**Not My Daughter / Barbara Delinsky Fiction 2010**

A pregnancy pact between three teenaged girls puts their mothers' love to the ultimate test in this emotionally wrenching story of love and forgiveness.

**Only in Australia / Ed: William O. Coleman Non Fiction 2016**

This edited volume is about the Australian difference and how Australia's economic and social policy has diverged from the approach of other countries.

**The Last Voyage of Mrs. Henry Parker / Joanna Nell Fiction 2019**

Why is it so hard to remember some things and so hard to forget others? And where is Henry? *The Last Voyage of Mrs. Henry Parker* is a love letter to the memories we make over the course of a lifetime, and how the heart remembers what matters, even when the mind has long forgotten.