



Goondiwindi Regional Council

LIBRARY BOOK LOVERS' GROUP

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June 2024

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June Theme: *Technology*

Featured Titles (Details available in library)

- *Factory 19* / Dennis Glover
(Fiction 2020)
- *This Fragile Earth* / Susannah Wise
(Fiction 2020)
- *Books, Banks, Buttons, and Other Inventions From the Middle Ages*
Chiara Frugoni (Non Fiction) 2003
- *Man-Made : How the Bias of the Past is Being Built into the Future*
Tracey Spicer (Non Fiction) 2023

Recommended Reading List

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

Featured Author

Alexis wright

Recommendations From Other Readers

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

NEXT MEETING

2nd July

Goondiwindi 10.00 a.m.

Theme: *Mysteries*

16th July

Inglewood 10.00 a.m.

Book Reviews:

- *Has Anyone Seen Charlotte Salter?*
Nicci French Fiction 2024
- *Bennelong & Phillip* / Kate Fullagar
Non Fiction 2023



Goondiwindi to visit Inglewood

We will be taking a couple of cars from Goondiwindi to join in with the Inglewood group on Tuesday 16th July. If you are interested in coming along, let me know!

From Both Groups This Month

Night in Passchendaele / Scott Bennett Fiction 2023

One bloody night. One lone survivor. One chance of redemption. France, 1919. One year after the guns fell silent across the Western Front, Lieutenant Wilfred Rhodes receives his final classified mission before he can return to Australia. He must end the command of Captain Charles Kingsley, the unhinged radical leader of the Graves Recovery Unit.

The Washerwoman's Dream / Hilarie Lindsay Non Fiction 2018

The epic true story of the indomitable Winifred Steger and her extraordinary life in 19th century outback Australia.

Three Trunks and a Cardboard Case

Maria Bianco Non Fiction 2014

More than a family story, this creative non-fiction memoir emerges from an era on the verge of sugar mechanisation. Set in the context of world, national and local historical events, it depicts a vanished way of life, in an area now prized for its tranquillity and beauty.

Payback in Death / J.D. Robb F 2023

When a retired police officer is found shot dead in his home, Eve and the team are called to the scene to investigate. Set in a mid-21st century New York City.

Klara and the Sun / Kazuo Ishiguro F 2021

This is the story of Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, who, from her place in the store, watches carefully the behaviour of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass in the street.

The Kennedy Curse / James Patterson and Cynthia Fagen Non Fiction 2020

The Kennedys have occupied a unique place in the American imagination: charmed, cursed, at once familiar and unknowable.

Restless Dolly Maunder / Kate Grenville Fiction 2023

Born into a poor farming family in country New South Wales at the end of the nineteenth century, a world of limits and obstacles, she was able, at a cost, to make a life for herself. Her battles and triumphs helped to open doors for the women who came after.

A Room Made of Leaves / Kate Grenville Fiction 2020

What if Elizabeth Macarthur – wife of the notorious John Macarthur, wool baron in early Sydney – had written a shockingly frank secret memoir? A playful dance of possibilities between the real and the invented.

Ten Feet Tall and Not Quite Bulletproof Cameron Hardiman NF 2020

One policeman's extraordinary true story of drug busts and helicopter rescues and the toll it takes.

Lillian's Story / Kate Grenville F 1985

Loosely inspired by the legendary Sydney bohemian Bea Miles, this novel recounts the life of the irrepressible Lillian Una Singer: from wealthy middle-class girlhood under the rule of a monstrous father, to outspoken independence in adulthood, and eventually sleeping rough on the city's streets in later years, her spirit undaunted.

Bennelong & Phillip : a history unravelled Kate Fullagar Non Fiction 2023

Bennelong and Phillip were leaders of their two sides in the first encounters between Britain and Indigenous Australians. The first full biography of Bennelong of any kind, it challenges many misconceptions. Fullagar relates events in reverse, moving beyond the limitations of typical Western ways of writing about the past.

Murphys Creek Murders / Judy Laurie Non Fiction 2018

An Australian true crime cold case. These murders are yet to be solved. Seven "persons of Interest" were originally blamed, but none has ever been charged for these murders. Several other girls still missing.

Wild Places / Christian White F 2021

In the summer of 1989, a local teen goes missing from the idyllic suburb of Camp Hill in Australia. As rumours of Satanic rituals swirl, schoolteacher Tom Witter becomes convinced he holds the key to the disappearance. When the police won't listen, he takes matters into his own hands with the help of the girl's father and a local neighbourhood watch group.

Vodka and Apple Juice / Jay Martin NF 2018

When Jay's husband lands a diplomatic job in Warsaw, she jumps at the opportunity to escape her predictable life in Canberra for a three-year adventure in the heart of central Europe. Jay throws herself into life as a diplomatic wife and between glamorous cocktail parties and ambassadorial hard slog, Jay sets out to get know quirky, difficult, fascinating Poland. It's a challenge even for an intrepid traveller with a willing heart.

***Because of You* / Dawn French F 2020**

Tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock... midnight. The old millennium turns into the new. In the same hospital, two very different women give birth to two very similar daughters. Hope leaves with a beautiful baby girl. Anna leaves with empty arms. Seventeen years later, the gods who keep watch over broken-hearted mothers wreak mighty revenge, and the truth starts rolling, terrible and deep, toward them.

***Dear Fatty* / Dawn French NF 2008**

Dawn has achieved massive mainstream success while continuing to push boundaries and challenge stereotypes. This chronicles the extraordinary, hilarious rise of a complex, dynamic and unstoppable woman.

(audio recommended as she reads it herself)

***The Drowning* / Bryan Brown F 2023**

The body of a local teenage boy is found on the beach of a sleepy northern New South Wales town. Leila, a young backpacker, doesn't turn up for her shift at the local café - there'll be another one. One of the locals, Adrian, has been a help to Benny. He's found him a nice little sideline. Not exactly legal. Is that all Adrian is arranging on the coast?

(audio recommended as he reads it himself)

***All The Words We Know* / Bruce Nash F 2024**

Rose is in her eighties and has dementia, but she's not done with life just yet. Alternately sharp as a tack and spectacularly forgetful, she spends her days roaming the corridors of her aged-care facility, ruminating on the staff and residents and enduring visits from her emotionally distant children. But when her friend is found dead after an apparent fall from a window, Rose embarks on an eccentric and deeply personal investigation to discover the truth and exposes all manner of secrets - even some from her own past.

***That One Patient : doctors and nurses' stories of the patients who changed their lives forever* / Ellen de Visser NF 2022**

There is always that one patient who, often unwittingly, has a lasting impact on their doctor's life.

Tomorrow Will Be a Good Day

Captain Sir Tom Moore NF 2020

At the height of the COVID pandemic, ninety-nine-year-old WWII veteran Captain Tom Moore began walking laps of his garden to raise 1000 pounds for the NHS. By the time of his 100th birthday, he'd reached 32 million pounds and captured the hearts of the nation. In his official autobiography, announced alongside the creation of the Captain Tom Foundation, he tells us not only of his long life, serving in Burma in the war and racing motorbikes, but also how an old soldier with a can-do, never-give-up attitude inspired a nation to believe anything is possible by reminding us it is never too late.

Previously listed

One Hundred Years of Solitude

Gabriel Garcia Marquez Fiction 1967

Love in the Time of Cholera

Gabriel Garcia Marquez Fiction 1985

Home to Biloele : The Story of the Tamil Family That Captured Our Hearts

Priya Nadesalingam Non Fiction 2023

Not in Rural Libraries Qld catalogue

***Born Fighter* / Ruqsana Begum NF 2020**

Ruqsana Begum's account of how she rose to become a Muay Thai world champion.

***Silencing Dissent* / Clive Hamilton and Sarah Maddison NF 2024**

Discusses how the Australian Government is Controlling Public Opinion and Stifling Debate

***The Search for WondLa* / Tony DiTerlizzi**

Fantasy Fiction – first in trilogy 2010

***How Things Work* / Chartwell Books NF 2019**

An illustrated guide to the mechanics in the world around us.

In Trust: A New Zealand Story explores the journey of a far-sighted idea becoming a reality.