

## 2025 – 2026 Women of the Church Book Group Reading List

All identifying as women are invited to participate –  
please RSVP by email to the host who will send you directions – thank you.  
*Questions?* Please contact Penny Rieley at pennshell@gmail.com

### Mon. Sept. 22: 1:30pm

RSVP to host: Bobbi Holzel  
[agneschamplain@gmail.com](mailto:agneschamplain@gmail.com)  
Presenter: Bobbi

### **The Ride of Her Life: The True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey Across America**

by Elizabeth Letts

**Goodreads:** The incredible true story of a woman who rode her horse across America in the 1950s, fulfilling her dying wish to see the Pacific Ocean, from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Perfect Horse* and *The Eighty-Dollar Champion* .

### Mon. Oct. 27: 1:30 pm

RSVP to host: Dianne Griffiths  
[ctdianne@gmail.com](mailto:ctdianne@gmail.com)  
Presenter: Dianne

### **The Berry Pickers** by Amanda Peters

**Goodreads:** A four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a tragic mystery that haunts the survivors, unravels a community, and remains unsolved for nearly fifty years.

### Mon. Nov. 24: 1:30

RSVP to host:  
Janice Clements  
[Jancllem25@gmail.com](mailto:Jancllem25@gmail.com)  
Presenter: Janice

### **Gather** by Kenneth M. Cadow

**Goodreads:** A resourceful teenager in rural Vermont struggles to hold on to the family home while his mom recovers from addiction in this striking debut novel.

### Mon. January 26: 1:30pm

RSVP to host:  
Nancy McClellan  
[edouglas2000@hotmail.com](mailto:edouglas2000@hotmail.com)  
Presenter: Nancy

### **What You Are Looking For Is in the Library**

by Michiko Aoyana

**Goodreads:** For fans of *The Midnight Library* and *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*, this charming Japanese novel shows how the perfect book recommendation can change a reader's life.  
to help them find it.

### Mon. Feb. 23: 1:30pm

RSVP to host Patty Thomas  
[gpj1416@gmail.com](mailto:gpj1416@gmail.com)  
Presenter: Patty

### **The Many Lives of Mama Love** by Lara Love Hardin

**Goodreads:** New York Times bestselling author Lara Love Hardin recounts her slide from soccer mom to opioid addict to jailhouse shot-caller and her unlikely comeback as a highly successful ghostwriter in this harrowing, hilarious, no-holds-barred memoir.

**Mon. March 23: 1:30pm**

RSVP to host: Donna Lee  
[Donnaleelee2009@aol.com](mailto:Donnaleelee2009@aol.com)  
Presenter: Donna

**Becoming Madame Secretary** by Stephanie Dray

**Goodreads:** *She took on titans, battled generals, and changed the world as we know it... New York Times* bestselling author Stephanie Dray returns with a captivating and dramatic new novel about an American heroine Frances Perkins.

**Mon. April 27: 1:30pm**

RSVP to host: Judy Gerber  
[JudithRGerbet@gmail.com](mailto:JudithRGerbet@gmail.com)  
Presenter: Rosemary Wolpe

**The Design of Childhood: How the Material World Shapes Independent Kids** by Alexandra Lange

**Goodreads:** From building blocks to city blocks, an eye-opening exploration of how children's playthings and physical surroundings affect their development.

**Mon. May 18: 1:30pm**

RSVP to host: Joan Goodell  
[joanpgoodell@gmail.com](mailto:joanpgoodell@gmail.com)  
Presenter: Penny Rieley

**The Secret Library** by Kekla Magoon

**Goodreads:** An instant New York Times bestseller! Travel through time with National Book Award Finalist Kekla Magoon in a page-turning fantasy adventure about family secrets and finding the courage to plot your own life story.