

UU Casper/UU Laramie Joint Service, June 28, 2020

“Books With Impact”

This annual summer favorite program of the UU Laramie congregation was translated to a Zoom program in 2020. More than 30 participants shared their favorite books in response to a series of prompts. The range of genres represented was impressive – from contemporary nonfiction to spiritual classics, from poetry to science fiction, and beyond.

Although not everyone had the chance to talk about their selections, the titles were captured in the chat box and are listed here – in the order in which they appeared – for your future reading pleasure. Enjoy!

A Book That Shaped Your View of the World

- *American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America* - Colin Woodard
- *The Way It Is* - William Stafford
- *Non-Violent Communication, a Language of Life* - Marshall Rosenberg
- *Walden* - Henry David Thoreau
- *The Grapes of Wrath* - John Steinbeck
- *Exodus* - Leon Uris
- *Podkayne on Mars* - Robert Heinlein
- *Worlds Together, Worlds Apart* - Robert Tignor et al. (world history textbook)
- *Go Set a Watchman* - Harper Lee
- *Black Like Me* - John Howard Griffin
- *Tao Te Ching* - translated by Stephen Mitchell
- *The Jungle* - Upton Sinclair
- *Exodus* - Leon Uris

A Book with a Powerful Spiritual Message

- *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* - Rabbi Harold S. Kushner
- *Wisdom Rising* - Lama Tsultrim
- *Star Thrower* - Loren Eiseley
- *The Powers That Be* - Anne McCaffery
- *Inferno: An Escape From Hell* - Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle
- *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* - Robert M. Pirsig
- *Lightningbolt* - Hyemeyohsts Storm
- *A God Who Looks Like Me* - Patricia Lynn Reilly
- *Building Your Own Theology* - Richard S. Gilbert (UUA publication)
- *The Book of Lights* - Chaim Potok
- *Time Enough for Love* - Robert Heinlein

A Book That Led You to Your Profession or Your Passion

- *Time Enough for Love* - Robert A. Heinlein
- *A Sand County Almanac* - Aldo Leopold
- Poems of the First World War - various authors
- *In a Different Voice* - Carol Gilligan
- *Muckraking: the Journalism that Changed America* - Judith Serrin, ed.
- *Miracle of Equation* - Hal Elrod
- *Grasshopper Dreaming* - Jeff Lockwood
- The Lazarus Long Series - Robert Heinlein

A Childhood Favorite

- *Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch* – Alice Hegan Rice
- *Great Expectations* – Charles Dickens
- Ferdinand the Bull - Munro Leaf
- *Wind in the Willows* – Kenneth Grahame
- *Dragon Riders of Pern series* – Anne McCaffrey
- *Cautionary Verses* - Hilaire Belloc
- *The Velveteen Rabbit* – Margery Williams
- *The Secret Garden* – Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *Little House on the Prairie series* – Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *Anne of Green Gables* – Lucy Maud Montgomery
- *Bedtime for Francis* – Russell Hoban
- *The Hobbit* – J. R. R. Tolkien
- *Little Women* – Louisa May Alcott
- Beatrix Potter books
- *Lord of the Rings* – J. R. R. Tolkien
- Grimms' Fairy Tales
- *Winnie the Pooh* – A. A. Milne
- *A Wrinkle in Time* - Madeline L'Engle
- *A Little Princess* – Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *The Little Prince* - Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Miscellany

**other nonfiction, detective and mystery, sci fi and fantasy,
guilty pleasures, favorite series, favorite authors**

- *The Grand Complication* - Allen Kurzeil
- *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe* - Douglas Adams
- *Shock Doctrine* - Naomi Klein
- *Education of an Idealist* - Samantha Power
- *The Power of Now* - Eckhart Tolle
- *The Human Age* - Diane Ackerman
- *Fahrenheit 451* - Ray Bradbury

- *A Clockwork Orange* - Anthony Burgess
- *American God* - Neil Gaiman
- *Women Who Run with the Wolves* - Clarissa Pinkola Estes
- *The Black Cauldron* - Lloyd Alexander

SERIES

- *Maps of the West* - Reed Rosenthal
- *Ladies No. 1 Detective Agency* – Alexander McCall Smith
- *Sherlock Holmes*- Arthur Conan Doyle

AUTHORS

- Chaim Potok
- John Grisham
- Jim Butcher
- Robert Jordan
- Isaac Asimov