

# Lodi Book Club 2013 Reading List

7-8pm at Lodi Library; [lodilibrarynj@gmail.com](mailto:lodilibrarynj@gmail.com) for more info

## Tuesday February 12, 2013



### ***Home Front* by Kristin Hannah (Fiction, 2012)**

Like many couples, Michael and Jolene Zarkades have to face the pressures of everyday life as their twelve-year marriage is falling apart. Then an unexpected deployment sends Jolene deep into harm's way and leaves defense attorney Michael at home, unaccustomed to being a single parent to their two girls. War will change Jolene in ways that none of them could have foreseen. An honest look at modern marriage and a dramatic exploration of the toll war takes on an American family.

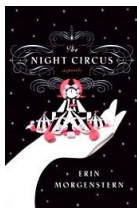
## Tuesday March 12



### ***Mennonite in a Little Black Dress* by Rhoda Janzen (Memoir, 2009)**

A hilarious and moving memoir - in the spirit of Anne Lamott and Nora Ephron - about a woman who returns home to her close-knit Mennonite family after a personal crisis. Not long after Rhoda Janzen turned forty, her world turned upside down. It was bad enough that her husband of 15 years left her for Bob, but that same week a car accident left her with serious injuries. What was a gal to do? Rhoda packed her bags and went home.

## Tuesday April 9



### ***The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern (Fiction, 2011)**

Magical realism at its most fun. The circus arrives without warning. Within the black-and-white striped canvas tents is an utterly unique experience of breathtaking amazements. It is called *Le Cirque des Rêves*, and is only open at night. The storyline pits two young magicians (and two schools of thought) in a mysterious battle set in the night circus. The other story line involves a young boy who visits the circus and returns as a young man.

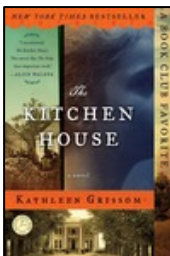
## Tuesday May 14



### ***The Snowman* by Jo Nesbo (International Thriller, 2011)**

Acclaimed Scandinavian crime writer Jo Nesbø's antihero police investigator, Harry Hole, is back: in a bone-chilling thriller that will take Hole to the brink of insanity. In Oslo, after the first snow of the season has fallen, a woman disappears, and a sinister snowman is left in her wake. As irascible detective Harry Hole realizes that this is only one of multiple disappearances, he begins to think a serial killer may be at work--and may be drawing in Hole personally and intentionally.

## Tuesday June 11



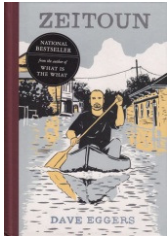
### ***The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom (Historical Fiction, 2010)**

Seven-year-old Lavinia arrives from Ireland at a tobacco plantation where she is to live and work with the slaves of the kitchen house. Under the care of Belle, Lavinia becomes bonded to her adopted family. When Lavinia is accepted into the world of the big house, where the master is absent and the mistress battles opium addiction, Lavinia finds herself straddling two very different worlds.

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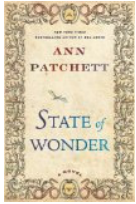
## Tuesday July 16



### **Zeitoun by Dave Eggers (Nonfiction, 2009 American Book Award )**

When Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, Abdulrahman Zeitoun, a prosperous Syrian-American and father of four, chose to stay through the storm to protect his house and contracting business. In the days after the storm, he traveled the flooded streets in a secondhand canoe, passing on supplies and helping those he could. A week later, on September 6, 2005, Zeitoun abruptly disappeared. What happens in the following months, reads more like fiction than the terrible events that did occur.

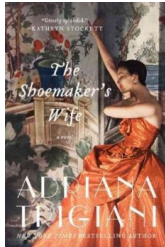
## Tuesday August 13



### **State of Wonder by Ann Patchett (Fiction, 2011)**

Research scientist Dr. Marina Singh is sent to Brazil to track down her former mentor, Dr. Swenson, who has disappeared in the Amazon while working on a valuable new drug. The last person who was sent to find her died before he could complete his mission. Marina embarks on an odyssey into the jungle in hopes of finding answers to the questions about her friend's death, her company's future, and her own past.

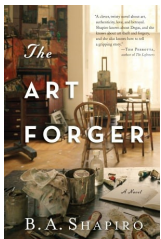
## Tuesday September 10



### **The Shoemaker's Wife by Adriana Trigiani (Historical Fiction, 2012)**

Trigiani's page-turning newest, drawn upon the author's own family history, is a sweeping saga that stretches across the World Wars, from Italy to America and back again. More than an epic romance, this sumptuous work pays homage to the tribulations of the immigrant experience, and the love that makes the journey and hardships

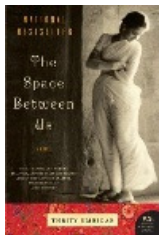
## Tuesday October 8, 2013



### **The Art Forger by B.A. Shapiro (Fiction, 2012)**

Making a living reproducing famous artworks and desperate to improve her situation, Claire is lured into a Faustian bargain with Aiden Markel, a powerful gallery owner. She agrees to forge a painting—a Degas masterpiece stolen from the Gardner Museum—in exchange for a one-woman show in his gallery. But when that same long-missing Degas painting is delivered to Claire's studio, she begins to suspect that it may itself be a forgery. Her desperate search for the truth leads Claire into a labyrinth of deceit.

## Tuesday November 12



### **The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar (International Fiction, 2007)**

A poignant novel about a wealthy woman and her downtrodden servant, offers a revealing look at class and gender roles in modern day Bombay. Alternatively told through the eyes of Sera, a Parsi widow whose pregnant daughter and son-in-law share her elegant home, and Bhima, the elderly housekeeper who must support her orphaned granddaughter, Umrigar does an admirable job of creating two sympathetic characters whose bond goes far deeper than that of employer and employee.

## Tuesday December 10 Holiday Party and Book Selection meeting for 2014