



A Short Description of Books for Reading; September 2017 to June 2018

September 11 – The Millionaire and the Bard; by Andrea Mays.

The miraculous and romantic story of Shakespeare's First Folio. *To be presented by Meriel Bradford*

October 2 – KIM; by Rudyard Kipling.

To be presented by Lynn Bernard

November 6 – Sapiens: a Brief History of Humankind; by Yuval Harari.

Destined to become a modern classic in the vein of Guns, Germs, and Steel, Sapiens is a lively, groundbreaking history of humankind told from a unique perspective. *To be presented by Richard Remillard*

December 4 – Hostages to Fortune: The Empire Loyalists and the Making of Canada; by Peter C. Newman.

Esteemed Canadian author Peter C. Newman recounts the dramatic journey of the United Empire Loyalists—their exodus from America, their resettlement in the wilds of British North America, and their defense of what would prove to be the social and moral foundation of Canada. *To be presented by Charles Barrett*

January 8 – Passionate Minds: The Great Enlightenment Love Affair; by David Bodanis.

It was 1733 when the poet and philosopher Voltaire met Emilie du Châtelet, a beguiling—and married—aristocrat who would one day popularize Newton's arcane ideas and pave the way for Einstein's theories. In an era when women were rarely permitted any serious schooling, this twenty-seven-year-old's nimble conversation and unusual brilliance led Voltaire, then in his late thirties, to wonder, "Why did you only reach me so late?" They fell immediately and passionately in love. *To be presented by Fredericka Gregory*

February 5 – Rogue Heros: SAS (Special Air Service); by Ben MacIntyre.

Ben MacIntyre's latest book of derring-do and wartime intrigue reveals the incredible story of the last truly unsung secret organization of World War II -- Britain's Special Air Service, or the SAS. Facing long odds and a tough slog against Rommel and the German tanks in the Middle East theatre, Britain turned to the brainchild of one its most unlikely heroes -- David Stirling, a young man whose aimlessness and almost practiced ennui belied a remarkable mind for strategy. *To be presented by Peter Cameron*

March 5 – Path Between The Sea: The Creation of the Panama Canal, 1870-1914; by David McCullough.

The National Book Award-winning epic chronicle of the creation of the Panama Canal, a first-rate drama of the bold and brilliant engineering feat that was filled with both tragedy and triumph, told by master historian David McCullough. *To be presented by John Curtis*

April 9 – The Undoing Project: A Friendship that Changed Our Minds; by Michael Lewis

Forty years ago, Israeli psychologists Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky wrote a series of breathtakingly original studies undoing our assumptions about the decision-making process. Their papers showed the ways in which the human mind erred, systematically, when forced to make judgments in uncertain situations. Their work created the field of behavioral economics, revolutionized Big Data studies, advanced evidence-based medicine, led to a new approach to government regulation, and made much of Michael Lewis's own work possible. Kahneman and Tversky are more responsible than anybody for the powerful trend to mistrust human intuition and defer to algorithms.

To be presented by Gerald McGarvie

May 7 – The Attention Merchants: The Epic Scramble to Get Inside Our Heads; by Dr. Tim Wu.

From Tim Wu, author of the award-winning *The Master Switch* (a *New Yorker* and *Fortune* Book of the Year) and who coined the term "net neutrality"—a revelatory, ambitious and urgent account of how the capture and re-sale of human attention became the defining industry of our time. *To be presented by Andrew Sharpe*

June 4 – Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and a Culture in Crisis; by J.D. Vance.

From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a powerful account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class. *To be presented by Hugh Dale-Harris*

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