

# Flossmoor Community Church Discovery Book Club Master List

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| 1. <i>At Home in Mitford</i> by Jan Karon                       | community, faith                          |
| 2. <i>Saving Grace</i> by Lee Smith                             | fundamentalism, grace, forgiveness        |
| 3. <i>The All of it</i> by Jeanette Haien                       | forgiveness, grace                        |
| 4. <i>Atticus</i> by Ron Hansen                                 | prodigal son, forgiveness, faith          |
| 5. <i>I Heard the Owl Call My Name</i> by Margaret Craven       | faith, courage                            |
| 6. <i>Cold Mountain</i> by Charles Frazier                      | courage, faith, forgiveness               |
| 7. <i>A Prayer for Owen Meany</i> by John Irving                | faith, courage, community, grace          |
| 8. <i>The Bean Trees</i> by Barbara Kingsolver                  | love, community                           |
| 9. <i>A Lesson Before Dying</i> by Ernest Gaines                | community, faith, courage, justice        |
| 10. <i>The Poisonwood Bible</i> by Barbara Kingsolver           | pride, forgiveness, love                  |
| 11. <i>Four Letters of Love</i> , by Niall Williams             | love, forgiveness community, grace        |
| 12. <i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry                              | love, community, courage                  |
| 13. <i>Traveling Mercies</i> by Anne LaMott                     | love, faith, courage, grace, community    |
| 14. <i>A New Song</i> by Jan Karon                              | faith, community                          |
| 15. <i>The Testament</i> by John Grisham                        | faith, grace, forgiveness                 |
| 16. <i>Saint Maybe</i> by Anne Tyler                            | forgiveness                               |
| 17. <i>Quarantine</i> by Jim Crace                              | allegory, miracles, pilgrimage            |
| 18. <i>Mr. Ives' Christmas</i> by Oscar Hijuelos                | grief, forgiveness, love, habits of faith |
| 19. <i>Roxanna Slade</i> by Reynolds Price                      | forgiveness, faith                        |
| 20. <i>Patchwork Planet</i> by Anne Tyler                       | love, community                           |
| 21. <i>Saints and Villains</i> by Denise Giardina               | discipleship, courage (Bonhoeffer)        |
| 22. <i>Kaaterskill Falls</i> by Allegra Goodman                 | legalism, faith, community                |
| 23. <i>Keeping Faith</i> by Jodi Picoult                        | faith, fear, corporate religion           |
| 24. <i>A Gift from the Sea</i> by Anne M. Lindbergh             | solitude, family, courage, faith          |
| 25. <i>Chocolat</i> by Joanne Harris                            | faith, community, love                    |
| 26. <i>Friendship Cake</i> by Lynne Hinton                      | faith, church, trust, forgiveness         |
| 27. <i>Mitten Strings for God</i> by Katrina Kennison           | time, serenity, family                    |
| 28. <i>Diary of a Country Priest</i> by Georges Bernanos        | grace, faith, courage                     |
| 29. <i>Samurai's Garden</i> by Gail Tsukiyama                   | grace, courage, forgiveness               |
| 30. <i>Ladies' Auxiliary</i> by Tova Mirvis                     | legalism, forgiveness                     |
| 31. <i>The Chosen</i> by Chaim Potok                            | faith, forgiveness                        |
| 32. <i>We Were the Mulvaney</i> by Joyce Carol Oates            | grace, forgiveness                        |
| 33. <i>The Red Tent</i> by Anita Diamant                        | Biblical history, women, faith            |
| 34. <i>Velma Still Cooks in Leeway</i> by Vinita Hampton Wright | grace, community                          |
| 35. <i>Nine Parts of Desire</i> by Geraldine Brooks             | fundamentalism, interpretation            |
| 36. <i>Year of Wonders</i> by Geraldine Brooks                  | time, faith, grace, forgiveness           |
| 37. <i>Secret Life of Bees</i> by Sue Monk Kidd                 | time, forgiveness                         |
| 38. <i>Some Wildflower in My Heart</i> by Jamie L. Turner       | time, grace, evangelism                   |
| 39. <i>Things Seen and Unseen</i> by Nora Gallagher             | time, faith, grief, community             |
| 40. <i>A Gathering of Old Men</i> by Ernest Gaines              | time, courage, justice                    |
| 41. <i>The Solace of Leaving Early</i> by Haven Kimmel          | grief, faith, grace, time                 |
| 42. <i>Pope Joan</i> by Donna Woolfolk Cross                    | church history, faith                     |
| 43. <i>Girl Meets God</i> by Lauren Winner                      | time, faith, sabbath                      |
| 44. <i>Peace Like a River</i> by Leif Enger                     | faith, miracles, love                     |
| 45. <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> by Kate Di Camillo             | community, gifts, love                    |
| 46. <i>The Mammoth Cheese</i> by Shari Holman                   | community, faith, integrity               |

47. *The Winter Seeking* by Vinita Hampton Wright
48. *The Kite Runner* by Khalid Hosseini
49. *The Art of Mending* by Elizabeth Berg
50. *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson
51. *The Preservationist* by David Maine
52. *Joshua* by Joseph Girzone
53. *A Change of Heart* by Philip Gulley
54. *Child of My Heart* by Alice McDermott
55. *A Thread of Grace* by Mary Doria Russell
56. *Broken for You* by Stephanie Kallos
57. *The Known World* by Edward P. Jones
58. *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak
59. *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
60. *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards
61. *Light on Snow* by Anita Shreve
62. *A Song I Knew by Heart* by Bret Lott
63. *Saving Fish from Drowning* by Amy Tan
64. *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson
65. *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky
66. *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khalid Hosseini
67. *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen
68. *Everything Good Will Come* by Sefi Atta
69. *Abide with Me* by Elizabeth Strout
70. *The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint* by Brady Udall
71. *The Yiddish Policeman's Union* by Michael Chabon
72. *Here If You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup
73. *My Soul to Keep* by Davis Bunn
74. *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid
75. *The Faith Club* by Idliby, Oliver, and Warner
76. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*  
by Mary Anne Shaffer and Annie Barrows
77. *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan
78. *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks
79. *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout
80. *Gardens of Water* by Alan Drew
81. *The Invisible Wall* by Harry Bernstein
82. *Stalking the Divine* by Kristin Ohlson
83. *Liar's Club* by Mary Karr
84. *The Emperor of Ocean Park* by Stephen Carter
85. *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave
86. *Acts of Faith* by Eboo Patel
87. *Tallgrass* by Sandra Dallas
88. *The Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver
89. *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson
90. *Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry
91. *The Girl Who Fell From the Sky* by Heidi Durrow
92. *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry
93. *This Odd and Wondrous Calling* by L. Daniel & M. Copenhaver
94. *Devotion* by Dani Shapiro
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atonement, forgiveness  
memory, forgiveness, grief  
faith, forgiveness, Prodigal son allegory  
Noah, faith, obedience  
faith, discipleship  
grace, faith, forgiveness  
faith, loss, forgiveness  
courage, faith, atonement  
atonement, community  
slavery, faith, sin  
love, atonement, words  
survival, courage, truth  
guilt, truth, forgiveness  
truth, fear, grief  
Book of Ruth, grief  
atonement, consequences  
service, discipleship  
good and evil, war  
love, forgiveness, sacrifice  
Jacob, evil, memory  
identity, courage, truth  
atonement, community, grief,  
grief, forgiveness, gossip  
forgiveness, guilt, words  
Messiah, boundaries, sacrifice, Abraham  
faith, grief, service  
faith at work  
grief, identity, nationalism  
faith, truth, peace, pluralism  
community, sacrifice, love,  
courage  
justice, compassion, forgiveness  
tolerance, pluralism, faith  
forgiveness  
faith, forgiveness  
faith, forgiveness, love, prejudice  
finding faith, community  
forgiveness, justice, faith  
faith, grief, mystery, greed  
atonement, forgiveness, evil  
pluralism, community, faith, service  
justice, prejudice, community, forgiveness  
identity, racism, justice, connection  
prejudice, pride, love  
community, grief, faith, peace  
identity, justice, race, fear  
heaven, community, faith, war,  
Bible, ministry, religion  
ministry, vocation, call  
meditation, grief, forgiveness, religion

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| 95. <i>The Summer Book</i> by Tove Jansson                             | death, aging, fear, love, prayer               |
| 96. <i>Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close</i> by Jonathan Safran Foer | grief  |
| 97. <i>Madonnas of Leningrad</i> by Debra Dean                         | memory, loss, war, love, grief                 |
| 98. <i>Okay for Now</i> by Gary Schmidt                                | community                                      |
| 99. <i>Half of a Yellow Sun</i> by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie            | war, hope                                      |
| 100. <i>House of Prayer No. 2</i> by Mark Richard                      | faith, forgiveness, call                       |
| 101. <i>Flunking Sainthood</i> by Jana Riess                           | practicing faith                               |
| 102. <i>Between Shades of Gray</i> by Ruta Sepetys                     | forgiveness, grief                             |
| 103. <i>Safe from the Sea</i> by Peter Geye                            | prodigal son, forgiveness, grief               |
| 104. <i>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</i> by Rachel Fry        | grief, forgiveness                             |
| 105. <i>Caleb's Crossing</i> by Geraldine Brooks                       | Calvinism, education                           |
| 106. <i>A Land More Kind Than Home</i> by Wiley Cash                   | evil, religion, forgiveness                    |
| 107. <i>Wonder</i> by R. J. Palacio                                    | hospitality, kindness                          |
| 108. <i>A Good American</i> by Alex George                             | forgiveness                                    |
| 109. <i>Salvage the Bones</i> by Jesmyn Ward                           | love, family, poverty, race, grief             |
| 110. <i>American Born Chinese</i> by Gene Luen Yang                    | identity, stereotyping, self-acceptance, faith |
| 111. <i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> by Julia Spencer-Fleming            | doubt, faith, fear                             |
| 112. <i>Ordinary Grace</i> by William Kent Krueger                     | grief, peace, forgiveness                      |
| 113. <i>Sojourn</i> by Andrew Krivak                                   | sacrifice, love, forgiveness                   |
| 114. <i>The Lighthouse Road</i> by Peter Geye                          | forgiveness, community, evil                   |
| 115. <i>Burial Rites</i> by Hannah Kent                                | justice, faith, transformation                 |
| 116. <i>The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry</i> by Gabrielle Zevin         | grief, isolation, love                         |
| 117. <i>My Grandfather's Blessings</i> by Rachel Naomi Rehm            | Jewish blessings                               |
| 118. <i>Just Mercy</i> by Bryan Stevenson                              | justice, mercy                                 |
| 119. <i>Benediction</i> by Kent Haruf                                  | grace, dying, forgiveness, church              |
| 120. <i>Patrix</i> by Nadia Bolz-Weber                                 | theology, forgiveness, recovery                |
| 121. <i>Go Set a Watchman</i> by Harper Lee                            | justice, acceptance                            |
| 122. <i>The Cleaner of Chartres</i> by Salley Vickers                  | labyrinth, love, faith                         |
| 123. <i>The Fisherman</i> by Chigozie Obioma                           | love, grief, evil, Cain & Abel                 |
| 124. <i>This Boy's Life</i> by Tobias Wolff                            | forgiveness, family                            |
| 125. <i>The Red Notebook</i> by Antoine Laurain                        | love, hope, grief                              |
| 126. <i>The Underground Railroad</i> by Colson Whitehead               | justice, courage                               |
| 127. <i>The Woman Next Door</i> by Yewande Omotoso                     | race, justice, forgiveness                     |
| 128. <i>La Rose</i> by Louise Erdrich                                  | atonement, grief, forgiveness                  |

The Discovery Forum has focused extensive study on the following books:

1. *Plain and Simple: A Journey to the Amish* by Sue Bender
2. *Freedom of Simplicity* by Richard Foster
3. *Embracing the Love of God* by James Bryan Smith
4. *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* by Richard Foster
5. *What's So Amazing about Grace?* by Philip Yancey
6. *Receiving the Day: Christian Practices for Opening the Gift of Time* by Dorothy Bass
7. *Reaching for the Invisible God* by Philip Yancey
8. *The Christian Life, a geography of God* by Michael Lindvall
9. *Bread of Angels* by Barbara Brown Taylor
10. *What it Means to Be Human* by Michelle J. Bartel
11. *The Holy Spirit* by Mateen Ellass
12. *So Much More: an Invitation to Christian Spirituality* by Debra Rienstra
13. *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis
14. *Speaking of Faith* by Krista Tippett
15. *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor
16. *Beginner's Grace* by Kate Braestrup
17. *The Welcoming Congregation: Roots and Fruits of Christian Hospitality* by Henry G. Brinton
18. *The Twible* by Jana Riess
19. *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans
20. *Names for the Messiah* by Walter Brueggemann
21. *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving
22. *Meeting in the Margins* by Cynthia Trenshaw