

WOMEN WRITERS OF THE WORLD: UNIFEM/USA GULF COAST BOOK CLUB

The U.S. Committee for the United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM/USA) Gulf Coast Chapter launched a Book Club in 2005 that focuses, for the most part, on women writers from developing countries. Because the club's well-read and well-traveled participants choose books that illustrate the challenges and strengths of such women, the club has become a friendly learning forum. Meeting at Sarasota's North County Library every second Monday of the month, the following books provided memorable experiences.

Aboulela, Leila: Minaret

Adams, Lorraine: Harbor

Ali, Monica: Brick Lane

Alvarez, Julia: In the Time of Butterflies

Ba, Mariama: So Long a Letter

Banks, Russell: The Darling

Bell, Beverly: Walking on Fire

Bhutto, Benazir: Reconciliation: Islam, Democracy and the West

Chayes, Sarah: The Punishment of Virtue: Inside Afghanistan after the Taliban

Cooper, Helene: The House at Sugar Beach: In Search of a Lost African Childhood

Danticat, Edwidge: The Farming of Bones

Divakaruni, Chitra: Sister of My Heart

Divakaruni, Chitra: Vine of Desire

Fonseca, Isabella: Bury Me Standing: The Gypsies and Their Journey

Fuller, Alexandra: Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight

Scribbling the Cat

Gilchrist, Ellen: A Dangerous Age

Gordimer, Name: Get a Life

Holloway, Kris: Monique and the Mango Rains

Hosseini, Khaled: The Kite Runner

Ilibagiwa, Immaculee: Left to Tell: Discovering God amidst the Rwandan Holocaust

Johnson Sirleaf, Ellen: This Child Is Great

Lightfoot-Klein: A Woman's Odyssey into Africa

Levy, Andrea: Small Island

Manicka,Rani: The Rice Mother

Maathai, Wangari: **Unbowed**

Mda, Zakes: The Madonna of Excelsior

Miller, Carol: Lola's Luck: My Life among the California Gypsies

Min, Anchee: Empress Orchid

Muller, Hertha: The Land of Green Plums/The Appointment

Nemirovsky, Irene: Suite Francaise

Pamuk, Orhan: My Name Is Red

Patchett, Ann: Bel Canto

Rezvani, Amir: The Blood of Flowers

Salak, Kira: Four Corners

Salbi, Zainab: The Other Side of War: Women's Stories of Survival and Hope

Sasoon, Jean: The Princess

Schlink, Bernard: The Reader

Scroggins, Deborah: Emma's War

See, Lisa: Peony

See, Lisa: Snow Flower and the Secret Fan

Shafak, Elif: The Bastard of Istanbul

Seierstad, Asne: The Bookseller of Kabul

Suri, Manil: The Age of Shiva

Tan, Amy: Saving Fish from Drowning

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