

ST. STEPHEN'S BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE Sept 2011 – May 2012

Date	Book Title & Description <i>(All titles are available from the Contra Costa Library system.)</i>	Reviewer & Discussion Leader	Hostess	Refreshments <i>(2 co-hostesses)</i>
Sept. 27, 2011 10 AM	BATTLE HYMN OF THE TIGER MOTHER by Amy Chua. Awe-inspiring, often hilarious, and unerringly honest story of one mother's exercise in extreme parenting, revealing the rewards (and the costs) of raising her children the Chinese way. Eye-opening exploration of differences in Eastern and Western parenting – and the lessons parents and children everywhere teach one another. <i>Biography, 237 pages. Hardcover. Contra Costa library system has 30 books.</i>	Liz Kingsley	St. Stephen's Undercroft	Luita Lynch & Liz Kingsley
Oct. 25, 2011 10 AM	SUMMER AT TIFFANY by Marjorie Hart. Memoir of summer of 1945, when two Kappa sorority sisters from Iowa somehow talked their way into positions as the first women to ever work on the sales floor of Tiffany & Co. <i>Light non-fiction, 258 pages. Paperback available; library has 9 books (including 3 large type).</i>	Luita Lynch	St. Stephen's Undercroft	Shirley Parker Ruth Harrington
Nov. 22, 2011 10 AM	WHEN THE CROCODILE EATS THE SUN BY Peter Godwin. A vivid portrait of the profound strength of the human spirit and the enduring power of love. A stirring memoir of a family's struggles amid the chaos of a collapsing country, Zimbabwe. <i>Biography, 344 pages. Paperback available; library has 10 books.</i>	Shirley Parker	St. Stephen's Undercroft	Marilyn Van Story Mary Stephenson
Jan. 24, 2012 10 AM	THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN by Garth Stein. A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope – a captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life, as only a dog could tell it. <i>Fiction, 336 pages. Paperback available; library has 26 books.</i>	Nancy Dupuis	St. Stephen's Undercroft	Dulcie Wright Joan Ullrich
Feb. 28 2012 10 AM	LITTLE BEE by Chris Cleave. A haunting novel about the tenuous friendship that blooms between two disparate strangers – one an illegal Nigerian refugee, the other a recent widow from suburban London. <i>Fiction, 271 pages. Paperback available; library has 30 books and 8 audio CDs.</i>	Jan Holland	St. Stephen's Undercroft	Jean Wilkerson Patsy Ronat
Mar. 27, 2012 10 AM	SAVING CEE CEE HONEYCUTT by Beth Hoffman. <i>Steel Magnolias</i> meets <i>The Help</i> in this Southern debut novel sparkling with humor, heart, and feminine wisdom. Explores the strengths of female friendship and gives us the story of a young girl who loses one mother and finds many others. <i>Fiction, 306 pages. Paperback available; library has 26 books.</i>	Patsy Ronat	St. Stephen's Undercroft	
Apr. 24, 2012 10 AM	HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER AND SWEET by Jamie Ford. Heartwarming (as well as bitter and sweet) novel set in Seattle's ethnic neighborhoods during WW II and Japanese American internment camps of the era, a story of loyalty, prejudice, friendship, love, loss and family. <i>Fiction/historical, 290 pages. Paperback available; library has 31 books (including 5 large type) plus 8 audio CDs.</i>	Mary Stephenson	St. Stephen's Undercroft	Liby Zachariah
May 22, 2012 11:30 AM	I REMEMBER NOTHING: AND OTHER REFLECTIONS by Nora Ephron. Author takes a cool, hard, hilarious look at the past, present, and future. Short takes on life and ageing; amusing and mostly light hearted. <i>Non-fiction humor, 137 pages. Paperback available; library has 36 books (including 9 large type) and 4 audio CDs.</i>	Roundtable discussion	Potluck Salad Luncheon at St. Stephen's	