

NATURAL SELECTIONS

BOOK LIST BY YEAR:

2019

- Jan. – Alan: Harari, Yuval Noah. Homo Deus.
Feb. – Mary: Childs, Craig. The animal dialogues : uncommon encounters in the wild.
Mar. – Rob: Doudna, Jennifer. A crack in creation.
Apr. – Aimee: Ackerman, Jennifer. The Genius of Birds.
May – Cindy: Thomas, Chris D. Inheritors of the earth; how nature is thriving in an age of extinction.
June – Karen: McDowell, Marta. All the presidents' gardens: Madison's cabbages to Kennedy's roses
July – Kay: Jenkins, McKay. Food Fight: GMOs and the Future of the American Diet
Aug. – Alan: Ryan, Frank. The Mysterious World of the Human Genome
Sept. – Donna: Fallon, Katie. Vulture: The Private Life of an Unloved Bird
Oct. – Gwen: Shivik, John. The predator paradox : ending the war with wolves, bears, cougars, and coyotes.
Nov. – Cindy: Hanson, Thor. The triumph of seeds : how grains, etc conquered the plant kingdom and shaped human history.
Dec. – Karen: Lear, Linda. Beatrix Potter; A Life in Nature.

2018

- Jan – Donna: Lamplugh, Rick. In the temple of wolves.
Feb. – Roz: Sapolsky, Robert M. A primate's memoir : a neuroscientist's unconventional life among the baboons
Mar. – Gwen: Runte, Alfred. National parks; the American experience.
Apr – Mary: Meloy, Ellen. Eating Stone: Imagination and the Loss of the Wild.
May – Alan: Harari, Yuval Noah. Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind.
June – Gwen: Tweed, Wm. Uncertain Path: A Search for the Future of National Parks [John Muir Trail].
July – Aimee: Mukherjee, Siddhartha. The gene: an intimate history.
Aug. – Cindy: Wulf, Andrea. The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World.
Sept. – Rob: Douglas, Marjory Stoneman. The Everglades: river of grass.
Oct. – Gwen: Manning, Robert E. A thinking person's guide to America's National Parks.
Nov. – Kay, Jim: Calvin, William. The River that flows Uphill: A Journey from the Big Bang to the Big Brain.
Dec. – Mary: Terry Tempest Williams. The Hour of Land: a personal topography of America's national parks.

2017

- Jan – Alan: Blaser, Martin J. Missing Microbes.
Feb. – Rob: Casey, Susan. Voices in the Ocean: a journey into the wild and haunting world of dolphins.
Mar. – Mary: Souder, William. On a farther shore : the life and legacy of Rachel Carson

Apr. – Roz: Safina, Carl. Beyond words; what Animals Think and Feel.
May – Cindy: Buchmann, Stephen L. The reason for flowers : their history, culture, biology, and how they change our lives.
June – Donna: LaFarge, Annik. On the High Line: Exploring America's Most Original Urban Park (Revised Edition)
July – Gwen: Hari, Johann. Chasing the scream : the first and last days of the war on drugs.
Aug. – Harry: Sapolsky, Robert. Why zebras don't get ulcers : an updated guide to stress, stress-related diseases, and coping.
Sept. – Gwen: Gifford, Bill. Spring chicken.
Oct. – Cindy: O'Connor, M. Resurrection science : conservation, de-extinction and the precarious future of wild things.
Nov. – Kay: Barber, Dan. The Third Plate: Field Notes on the Future of Food.
Dec. – Alan: Thomas, Lewis. The lives of a cell.

2016:

Jan. – Louise: Kassinger, Ruth. A Garden of Marvels: How We Discovered that Flowers Have Sex, Leaves Eat Air, and Other Secrets of Plants.
Feb. – Mary: Greenberg, Paul. American Catch : the fight for our local seafood.
Mar. – Kay: Horowitz, Alexandra. On Looking: Eleven Walks with Expert Eyes.
Apr. – Chris. Roach, Mary. Gulp; adventures on the alimentary canal.
May – Donna. Darke, Rick & Doug Tallamy. The Living Landscape.
Jun. – Gwen. Miodownik, Mark. Stuff matters : exploring the marvelous materials that shape our man-made world.
Jul. – Aimee: Montgomery, Sy. The Soul of the Octopus: A Surprising Exploration Into the Wonder of Consciousness.
Aug. – Roz: Montaigne, Fen. Fraser's penguins: a journey to the future in Antarctica.
Sep. – Alan: Enders, Giulia. Gut: The Inside Story of Our Body's Most Underrated Organ.
Oct. – Harry: Lewis, Marc. The Biology of Desire.
Nov. – Rob: Cramer, Deborah. The Narrow Edge: A Tiny Bird, an Ancient Crab, and an Epic Journey.
Dec. – Cindy: Ackerman, Diana. The human age.

2015:

Jan – Alan: Ryan, Frank. *Virus X: tracking the new killer plagues*
Feb – Chris: Heinrich, Bernd. *The Nesting Season: Cuckoos, Cuckolds, and the Invention of Monogamy.*
Mar – Gwen: Weisman, Alan. *Countdown; our last, best hope for a future on earth?*
Apr – Mary: Williams, Terry. *Tempest. Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert.*
May – Roz: Matthiessen, Peter. *The Snow Leopard.*
Jun – Harry: Paabo, Svanta. *Neanderthal Man: In Search of Lost Genomes.*
Jul – Aimee: Birkhead, Tim. *The Wisdom of Birds: An illustrated History of Ornithology.*
Aug – Donna: Tallamy, Douglas. *Bringing Nature Home: how you can sustain wildlife with native plants.*

Sep – Rob: Dunne, Pete. *Prairie Spring*.
Oct – Aimee: Timberg, Craig. *Tinderbox How the West Sparked the AIDS Epidemic*.
Nov – Cindy: McCalman, Iain. *The reef : a passionate history*.
Dec – Kay: Kolbert, Elizabeth. *The sixth extinction: an unnatural history*

2014:

Jan. – Patti: Stewart, Amy. *Wicked Plants: The Weed That Killed Lincoln's Mother and Other Botanical Atrocities*.
February – Kay: Heacox, Kim. *The Only Kayak: A Journey into the Heart of Alaska*.
March – Chris: Kantner, Seth. *Shopping for Porcupine*.
April – Gwen: Fortey, Richard. *Horseshoe Crabs and Velvet Worms*.
May – Dick: Dunne, Pete. *Bayshore Summer; Finding Eden in a Most Unlikely Place*
June – Cindy: Roberts, Callum. *The Ocean of Life: The Fate of Man and the Sea*
July – Aimee: Mukherjee, Siddhartha. *The Emperor of all maladies: a biography of cancer* (Aimee's selection)
August – Rob: Darwin, Charles. *Origin of the Species* (Chapters 1-3 and last)
September – Donna: Haskell, David. *The Forest Unseen; A Year's Watch in Nature*.
October – Patti: Hiaasen, Carl. *Paradise Screwed*.
November – Roz: Weidensaul, Scott. *The Ghost with Trembling Wings; Science, Wishful Thinking and the Search for Lost Species*.
December – Mary: Heinrich, Bernd. *Summer world*

2013

Jan - Alan: Lorenz, Konrad. *King Solomon's Ring*.
Feb - Roz: Prager, Ellen. *Sex, drugs and sea slime*.
Mar – cancelled
Apr - Cindy: Stuart, Tristram. *Waste: uncovering the global food scandal*.
May -. Kay: Safina, Carl. *View from the Lazy Point*
Jun - Mary: Askins, Renée. *Shadow Mountain: A Memoir of Wolves, a Woman, and the Wild*.
Jul - Gwen: Stolzenburg, William. *Rat island : predators in paradise and the world's greatest wildlife rescue*.
Aug - Dick: Owen, David. *Green Metropolis: Why living smaller, living closer and driving less are the keys to sustainability*.
Sep - Rob: Humes, Edward. *Monkey Girl; evolution, education, religion, and the battle for America's soul*.
Oct - Aimee: Mukherjee, Siddhartha. *The emperor of all maladies: a biography of cancer*.
Nov – Donna - Hohn, Donovan. *Moby Duck: the true story of 28,000 bath toys lost at sea and of the beachcombers, oceanographers, environmentalists, and fool, including the author, who went in search of them*.
Dec - Harry: Wilson, Edward. *The Social Conquest of the Earth*

2012

Jan. - Carol: Todd, Kim. *Chrysalis: Maria Sibylla Merian and the Secrets of Metamorphosis*.

Feb. – Roz: Ackerman, Jennifer. *Ah-Choo. The uncommon life of the common cold.*
Mar. – Gwen: Florio, Tony. *Progger.*
Apr. – Mary: *The Wild Muir. Twenty-two of John Muir's greatest adventures.*
May – Kay: Streever, Bill: *Cold : adventures in the world's frozen places.*
Jun – Dick: Greenberg, Paul. *Four Fish: the future of the last wild food; cod, sea bass, tuna and salmon.*
July – Gwen: Williams, William. *Man and nature in Delaware; an environmental history of the first state, 1631-2000.*
Aug. – Aimee: Finch, Robert. *The Norton book of nature writing.*
Sep. – Rob: Wilson, E. O. *Creation*
Oct. – Cindy: Fishman, Charles. *The big thirst: the secret life & turbulent future of water.*
Nov. – Rob: Williams, Wendy. *Kraken; The Curious, Exciting, and Slightly Disturbing Science of Squid.*
Dec. – Roz: Ackerman, Diane: *The Moon by Whale Light Adventures among bats, penguins, crocodiles and whales.*

2011

Jan. - Roz: L. Spelman & T. Mashima. *The Rhino with Glue-on Shoes.*
Feb. - Mary: Longgood, William. *The Queen Must Die and Other Affairs of Bees and Men*
Mar. - Dick: Wilson, E.O..Anthill; a novel
Apr. - Kay: Poole, Joyce *Coming of Age with Elephants*
May - Mary: Peterson, Brenda. *Sightings: The Gray Whales' Mysterious Journey*
Jun - Cindy: Verlyn Klinkenborg. *Timothy, or, Notes of an Abject Reptile.*
July - Roz/Mary: Stolzenburg, Wm. *Where the Wild Things Were*
Aug. - Aimee & Gwen: Leslie, Clare Walker. *Keeping a nature journal: discover a whole new way of seeing the world.* Pollan. Michael. *Food rules: an eater's manual.*
Sep. - Gwen: Lynch, Jim. *The highest tide*
Oct. – 10th anniversary
Nov. - Gwen: Goodall, Jane. *Hope for animals and their world; how endangered species are being rescued*
Dec. - Rob: Skloot, Rebecca. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.*

2010

Jan. - Cindy: Heinrich, Bernd. *Winter world: the ingenuity of animal survival.*
Feb. - Carroll: Garte, Seymour. *Where We Stand.*
Mar. - Rob: Louv, Richard. *Last child in the woods: saving our children from nature-deficit disorder*
April – Dick: Koepfel, Dan. *Banana: The Fate of the Fruit That Changed the World.*
May - Kay: Angier, Natalie. *The canon; a whirligig tour of the beautiful basics of science.*
June – Aimee: Finch, Robert. *The Norton book of nature writing.*
July –Roz: Morton, Alexandra. *Listening to Whales: What Orcas have taught us.*
Aug. - Gary: Quammen, David. *Wild Thoughts from Wild Places.*
Sept. - Cindy: Warwick, Hugh. *The Hedgehog's Dilemma.*
Oct. - Gwen: Weisman, Alan. *The world without us*

Nov. - Mary: Wilson, Diane. *An unreasonable woman : a true story of shrimpers, politicians, polluters, and the fight for Seadrift, Texas*

Dec. - Carole: Dinerstein, Eric. *Tigerland and other unintended destinations.*

2009

Jan. - Roz. Heller, Peter. *The Whale Warriors: The Battle at the bottom of the world to Save the planets largest mammals.*

Feb. - Gwen. Ackerman, Jennifer. *Sex sleep eat drink dream: a day in the life of your body*

Mar. - Kay. Ackerman, Diane. *A Natural History of the Senses*

Apr. - Cindy. Preston, Richard. *The Wild Trees: A Story of Passion and Daring*

May - Roz. Badger, C. D. *A Natural History of Quiet Waters*

Jun - Carole. Teale, Edwin Way. *A Walk Through the Year*

Jul. - Kay. Safina, Carl. *Song for the Blue Ocean*

Aug. - Aimee. Finch, Robert. *The Norton book of nature writing*

Sept. - Cindy. Pollan, Michael. *Omnivores Dilemma*

Oct. - Aimee. Hay, Robert. *Great House of Birds: Classic Writings About Birds*

Nov. - Stevie. Shubin, Neil. *Your Inner Fish*

Dec. - Dick. Royte, Elizabeth. *Bottlemania: How Water Went on Sale and Why We Bought It*

2008

Jan. - Ackerman, Diane. *Cultivating delight.* (Roz)

Feb. - Barker, Rodney. *And the waters turned to blood* (Roz)

Mar. - de Villiers, Marq. *Water: The Fate of our most Precious Resource.* (Cindy)

April - Peiffer, Katrina. *Coyote at Large: Humor in American nature Writing.* (Kay)

May - Weidensaul, Scott. *Mountains of the Heart: a Natural History of the Appalachian.* (Roz)

June - Finch, Robert, ed. *The Norton book of nature writing.* (Aimee)

July - Kingsolver, Barbara. *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle.* (Gwen)

Aug. - Wilson, Edward O. *Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge.* (Gwen)

Sept. - Weidensaul, Scott. *Return to wild America: A Yearlong Search for the Continent's Natural Soul.* (Carole)

Oct. - Weidensaul, Scott. *Living on the wind; across the Hemisphere with migratory birds.* (Cornelia)

Nov. - Royte, Elizabeth. *The Tapir's Morning Bath; Mysteries of the Tropical Rain Forest* (Dick)

Dec.- Horton, Tom. *An Island Out of Time; A Memoir of Smith Island in the Chesapeake* (Rob)

2007

Jan. - Hay, John. *The Great House of Birds* (Aimee)

Feb. - Teale, Edwin Way. *Wandering through winter* (Kay)

Mar. - *Beak of the Finch* – Jonathan Weiner (Rob)

Apr. - *An Inconvenient Truth* – Al Gore (Roz)

May - *The Flamingo's Smile* – Stephen Jay Gould (Stephanie)

June - *Going Wild* – Winkler (Cindy)

July - *Evolution vs. Creationism* - Eugenie C. Scott (Carroll)
Aug. - *Guns, Germs and Steel* – Diamond (Cindy)
Sep. - *Healers on the Mountain* - Teresa Pijoan (Aimee)
Oct. - *Red Sky at Morning* – Speth (Gwen)
Nov. - *Between Ocean and Bay: A Natural History of Delmarva*– Jane Scott (Dick)
Dec. - *Why Sex Is Fun* - Jared Diamond (Rob)

2006

Jan. - Teale, Edwin Way. *North with the Spring*
Feb. - Carroll, David M. *The Swampwalker's Journal: a Wetlands Year*
Mar. - Heinrich, Bernd. *Mind of the Raven: Investigations and Adventures with Wolf-Birds.*
April - Royte, Elizabeth. *Garbage Land* (Cindy)
May - Fletcher, Colin. *The Man Who Walked Through Time.*
June - Ridley, Matt. *Genome: Autobiography of Species in 23 Chapters*
July - Abbey, Edward. *Desert Solitaire.* (Kay and I). I led.
Aug. - Winn, Marie. *Red-Tails in Love: A wildlife Drama in Central Park* (Gwen)
Sept. - Warner, Wm. *Beautiful Swimmers: Watermen, Crabs and the Chesapeake Bay.*
Oct. - *The Wolf, the Woman, the Wilderness: a True Story of Returning Home.* (Kay)
Nov. - Masson, Jeffrey. *When Elephants Weep.*
Dec. - Heinrich, Bernd. *The Trees in My Forest.*

2005

Jan. - Mowat, Farley. *Never Cry Wolf : Amazing True Story of Life Among Arctic Wolves*
Feb. - Peterson, Russell. *Rebel with a conscience.*
Mar. - Oliver Sachs. *Oaxaca Journal* by
April - Mark Obmascik *The Big Year*
May - Arno Karlen *Biography of a Germ*
June/July - Samuel P. Hays *Environmental Politics*
Aug. - Grace Marmor Spruch, *Squirrels at My Window: Life With a Remarkable Gang of Urban Squirrels*
Sept. - Ryden Hope. *Lily Pond: Four Years with a Family of Beavers.*
Oct. - Daniel Glick. *Monkey Dancing*
Nov. - John Hay *The Great House of Birds.*
Dec. - Bian Jacques. *Redwall (Book 1)*

2004

Jan. - Wilson, E.O. *The Naturalist,*
Feb. - Gordon, Deborah. *Ants at Work,*
Mar. - Peter Jenkins. *Along the Edge of America.*
April - Teale, Edwin Way. *Journey into Summer.*
May/June Gould, Stephen Jay. *Bully for Brontosaurus: Reflections in Natural History*
July - Martel, Yann. *Life of Pi*
Aug. - Abbey, Edward. *Monkey Wrench Gang*
Sept. - Pyle, Robert. *Chasing Monarchs*

Oct. - Quammen, David. *The Flight of the Iguana: A Sidelong View of Science and Nature*

Nov. - Teale, Edwin Way. *Autumn Across America*

Dec. - Sargent, William. *Crab Wars: A Tale of Horseshoe Crabs, Bioterrorism and Human Health*

2003

July – *Small Wonder* Barbara Kingsolver

Aug. – *Their Eyes Were Watching God* Zora Neale Hurston

Sept. – *Plunder of Paradise* Michael D'Orso

Oct. – *Silent World* Jacques Cousteau

Nov. – *Waiting for Aphrodite* Sue Hubbell

Dec. – *Silent Spring* Rachel Carson

2001, October - June 2003

Jennifer Ackerman. *Notes from the Shore*

Nevada Barr. *Mysteries* selected by members.

Henry Beston. *Outermost House* [October 2001]

Bill Byrant. *A Walk in the Woods*

Annie Dillard. *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*

Marjory Stoneman Douglas. *Everglades: River of Grass*

David Gessner. *Return of the Osprey; A Season of Flight and Wonder.*

Sue Hubbell. *From a Country Year: Living the Questions*

Sarah Orne Jewett. *Country of Pointed Firs*

Barbara Kingsolver. *Prodigal Summer*

Mike Kurlansky. *Cod*

Aldo Leopold. *Sand County Almanac*

Dudley Lunt. *Taylor's Gut*

John McPhee. *Pine Barrens*

John Muir. *Thousand Mile Walk to the Gulf*

Susan Orlean. *Orchid Thief*

Michael Pollan. *Botany of Desire*

John & Mildred Teal. *Life and Death of a Salt Marsh*

Edwin Way Teale. *Wandering Through Winter*