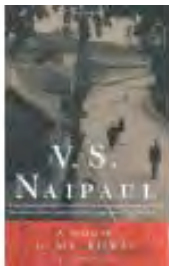


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BOOK GROUP

meets

the 2nd Monday of each month, 7 to 8:30 pm  
discussion leader is Catherine Riordan  
Redding resident and Ph.D. in English Literature

Fall 2010 theme: the 100 Best Books of the 20th Century, cont.



A HOUSE FOR  
MR. BISWAS  
(1961)

V. S. Naipaul

September 13

When he marries into the domineering Tulsi family on whom he indignantly becomes dependent, Mr. Biswas embarks on an arduous - and endless - struggle to weaken their hold over him and purchase a house of his own. A heartrending, dark comedy of manners.

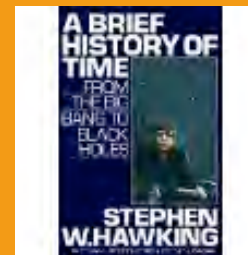


RAGTIME  
(1975)

E. L. Doctorow

October 11

Captures the spirit of America in the era between the turn of the century and the First World War. Historical figures cross paths with fictional characters, including an immigrant peddler and a ragtime musician from Harlem whose insistence on a point of justice drives him to revolutionary violence.

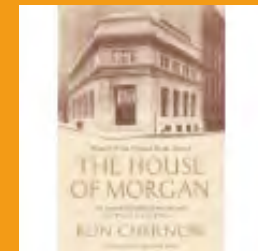


A BRIEF  
HISTORY OF  
TIME  
(1988)

Stephen Hawking

November 8

Has guided non-scientists everywhere to confront the supreme questions of the nature of time and the universe, taking them to distant galaxies, black holes, alternate dimensions - as close as man has ever ventured to the mind of God.



THE HOUSE  
OF MORGAN  
(1990)

Ron Chernow

December 13

The rich, panoramic story of four generations of Morgans and the powerful, secretive firms they spawned....an essential book for understanding the money and power behind the major historical events of the last 150 years