

Books Selected for Future Meetings

As of June 1, 2020

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| <p>June 25 via Zoom</p> | <p>Tough Love: My Story of the Things Worth Fighting For by Susan Rice</p> <p>Recalling pivotal moments from her dynamic career on the front lines of American diplomacy and foreign policy, Susan E. Rice - national security adviser to President Barack Obama and US ambassador to the United Nations - delivers an inspiring account of a life in service to family and country. Often mischaracterized by political opponents, Rice emerges as neither a villain nor victim but a strong, compassionate leader.</p> |
| <p>July 23 via Zoom</p> | <p>Deep Medicine: How Artificial Intelligence Can Make Healthcare Human Again By Eric Topol</p> <p>One of America's top doctors reveals how AI will empower physicians and revolutionize patient care. Medicine has become inhuman, to disastrous effect. The doctor-patient relationship - the heart of medicine - is broken: doctors are too distracted and overwhelmed to truly connect with their patients, and medical errors and misdiagnoses abound. Eric Topol reveals how artificial intelligence can help. AI has the potential to transform everything doctors do, from notetaking and medical scans to diagnosis and treatment, greatly cutting down the cost of medicine and reducing human mortality. By freeing physicians from the tasks that interfere with human connection, AI will create space for the real healing that takes place between a doctor who can listen and a patient who needs to be heard.</p> |
| <p>August 27</p> | <p>The World: A Brief Introduction by Richard Haas</p> <p>Like it or not, we live in a global era, in which what happens thousands of miles away has the ability to affect our lives. This time, it is a Coronavirus known as Covid-19, which originated in a Chinese city many had never heard of but has spread to the corners of the earth. Next time it could well be another infectious disease from somewhere else. Twenty years ago it was a group of terrorists trained in Afghanistan. Like it or not, we live in a global era, in which what happens thousands of miles away has the ability to affect our lives. <i>The World</i> is designed to provide readers of any age and experience with the essential background and building blocks they need to make sense of this complicated and interconnected world.</p> |
| <p>September 24</p> | <p>Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson</p> <p>Just Mercy is not brand new (2014) but is a clarion call to fix our still broken system of justice. It is a NY Times best seller and an inspiration to thousands of people. The book has won awards and accolades and its reviews are a rarity in that thousands have given it five stars. Although academic discussion is there, the book is strongest when telling the tragic stories of prisoners suffering systemic abuse. While the book is a bit hard to read, there are many (relatively) happy endings.</p> |