

## Books for LWVSNM Book Club – MAY 2021

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**BOOK CLUB MEETINGS ARE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**

Status	Book
<b>Books Selected for Upcoming Meetings</b>	
<b>May 6, 2PM</b>	<p><b>How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need</b> By Bill Gates</p> <p>With the help of experts in the fields of physics, chemistry, biology, engineering, political science, and finance, he has focused on what must be done in order to stop the planet's slide to certain environmental disaster. He lays out a concrete, practical plan for achieving the goal of zero emissions, suggesting policies that governments should adopt and what we as individuals can do to keep our government, our employers, and ourselves accountable in this crucial enterprise.</p>
<b>June 3, 2PM</b>	<p><b>The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race</b> by Walter Isaacson</p> <p>An account of how Nobel Prize winner Jennifer Doudna and her colleagues launched a revolution that will allow us to cure diseases, fend off viruses, and have healthier babies. They turned a curiosity of nature into an invention that will transform the human race: an easy-to-use tool that can edit DNA. Known as CRISPR, it opened a brave new world of medical miracles and moral questions.</p>
<b>Candidate Books for Future Selection</b>	
Date in left column is the date on which the book was added to this list; books on the list for 6 months and not selected for discussion are deleted	
<b>12-07-20</b>	<p><b>The System: Who Rigged It, How We Fix It</b> By Robert Reich</p> <p>An urgent analysis of how the "rigged" systems of American politics and power operate, how this status quo came to be, and how average citizens can enact change. With the characteristic clarity and passion that has made him a central civil voice, Robert B. Reich shows how wealth and power have interacted to install an elite oligarchy, eviscerate the middle class, and undermine democracy.</p>
<b>1-22-21</b>	<p><b>On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century</b> by Timothy Snyder</p> <p>The Founding Fathers tried to protect us from the threat they knew, the tyranny that overcame ancient democracy. Today, our political order faces new threats, not unlike the totalitarianism of the twentieth century. <i>On Tyranny</i> is a call to arms and a guide to resistance, with invaluable ideas for how we can preserve our freedoms in the uncertain years to come.</p>
<b>1-22-21</b>	<p><b>Saving Justice: Truth, Transparency, and Trust</b> by James Comey</p> <p>James Comey uses his long career in federal law enforcement to explore issues of justice and fairness in the US justice system. He knows better than most just what a force for good the US justice system can be, and how far afield it has strayed during the Trump Presidency.</p>
<b>4-31-21</b>	<p><b>Antitrust: Taking on Monopoly Power from the Gilded Age to the Digital Age</b> by Amy Klobuchar</p> <p>Antitrust enforcement is one of the most pressing issues facing America today—and Amy Klobuchar, the senior senator from Minnesota, is leading the charge. This fascinating history of the antitrust movement shows us what led to the present moment and offers achievable solutions to prevent monopolies, promote business competition, and encourage innovation. Klobuchar argues for swift, sweeping reform in economic, legislative, social welfare, and human rights policies, and describes plans, ideas, and legislative proposals to strengthen antitrust laws and antitrust enforcement.</p>