

Books for LWVSNM Book Club – AUGUST 2021

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BOOK CLUB MEETINGS ARE ON 1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Status	Book
Books Selected for Upcoming Meetings	
August 5	Antitrust: Taking on Monopoly Power from the Gilded Age to the Digital Age by Amy Klobuchar 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.
September 2	Zero Fail: The Rise and Fall of the Secret Service by Carol Leonnig Carol Leonnig has been reporting on the Secret Service for <i>The Washington Post</i> for most of the last decade, bringing to light the secrets, scandals, and shortcomings that plague the agency today—from a toxic work culture to dangerously outdated equipment to the deep resentment within the ranks at key agency leaders, who put protecting the agency's once-hallowed image before fixing its flaws.
October 7	After the Fall: Being American in the World We've Made by Ben Rhodes Why is democracy so threatened in America and around the world? And what can we do about it? A former White House aide to President Barack Obama travels the globe in a deeply personal, beautifully observed quest for answers. To understand what was happening in America, Rhodes decided to look outward. He traveled to dozens of countries, meeting with politicians, activists, and dissidents confronting the same nationalism and authoritarianism that was tearing America apart.
Candidate Books for Future Selection	
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	
1-22-21	On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century by Timothy Snyder 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.
1-22-21	Saving Justice: Truth, Transparency, and Trust by James Comey 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.
5-05-21	Persist by Elizabeth Warren Elizabeth Warren is a beacon for everyone who believes that real change can improve the lives of all Americans. Committed, fearless, and famously persistent, she brings her best game to every battle she wages. In <i>Persist</i> , Warren writes about six perspectives – mother, teacher, planner, fighter, learner, woman - that have influenced her life and advocacy
5-28-21	The Language of Liberty: A Citizen's Vocabulary (Paperback) by Edwin C. Hagenstein This book is a substantive lexicon of 101 political terms. These are not simply definitions, but explorations of each term's meaning in the broader context of American life and history. It amounts to an owner's manual for American government.
6-09-21	Hoax: Donald Trump, Fox News, and the Dangerous Distortion of Truth (Paperback) by Brian Stelter <i>New York Times</i> bestseller that reveals the collusion between Fox News and Donald Trump—with explosive new reporting covering the election and the January 6 riot. After the Trump presidency, many questions remain: Why was the COVID-19 pandemic so grossly mishandled? How did we get so very polarized? What caused white nationalist groups to come out of the shadows, and are they here to stay? The answers lie in the story of the relationship between Donald Trump and Fox News.
6-14-21	Coyote America: A Natural and Supernatural History (Paperback) by Dan Flores Legends don't come close to capturing the incredible story of the coyote In the face of centuries of campaigns of annihilation employing gases, helicopters, and engineered epidemics, coyotes didn't just survive, they thrived, expanding across the continent from Alaska to New York. (From Dale Yeo) The issue tucked into this engaging book is public environmental policy. The author is a well-respected historian who lives in the Santa Fe area.

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7-19-21	<p>An Ugly Truth: Inside Facebook's Battle for Domination by Sheera Frenkel & Cecilia Kang</p> <p>Award-winning <i>New York Times</i> reporters Sheera Frenkel and Cecilia Kang unveil the tech story of our times in a riveting, behind-the-scenes exposé that offers the definitive account of Facebook's fall from grace. Once one of Silicon Valley's greatest success stories, Facebook has been under constant fire for the past five years, roiled by controversies and crises. It turns out that while the tech giant was connecting the world, they were also mishandling users' data, spreading fake news, and amplifying dangerous, polarizing hate speech.</p>
7-19-21	<p>First Friends: The Powerful, Unsung (And Unelected) People Who Shaped Our Presidents by Gary Ginsburg</p> <p>Here are the riveting histories of myriad presidential friendships, among them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abraham Lincoln and Joshua Speed: Speed saved his friend from a crippling depression. • Harry Truman and Eddie Jacobson: Jacobson intervened at just the right moment with just the right words to steer the president's decision. • Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Daisy Suckley: Unassuming and overlooked during her lifetime, Daisy Suckley was in reality FDR's most trusted, constant confidant • John Kennedy and David Ormsby-Gore: They met as young men. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, Ormsby-Gore became the president's unofficial, but most valued foreign policy advisor.