Saint Catherine's Book Group Selections for 2021-2022

Meeting from 2:00-4:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month except December, July and August  
If meeting is on Zoom, use ID 828 0993 7143, Pass code: 714995

September 16, 2021

Where the Crawdads Sing, by Delia Owens, fict., 381 pgs., FVRL 29, CPL 3, PMPL 6

A little girl is abandoned by her family and grows up alone in the lush marshes of the North Carolina coast, eventually falling in love and experiencing the anguish of a broken heart.

October 21, 2021

Between Blade and Bullet. by Margaret Franz, non fict., ., FVRL 2, CPL 1, PMPL 1

The story of the passionate life and heroic death of Mary Steinhauser, Canadian peace officer, psychiatric nurse, social worker and prison justice advocate.

November18, 2021

A Gentleman In Moscow, by Amor Towles, hist. fict., 462 pgs., FVRL 22, CPL 5, PMPL 2

A Count is sentenced to house arrest for life in a hotel across the street from the Kremlin, where he lives in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history unfold.

January 20, 2022

Be kind, Be Calm, Be Safe : Four Weeks That Shaped a Pandemic by Dr. Bonnie Henry & Lynn Henry, non fict., 207 pgs., FVRL 35, CPL 6, PMPL

A personal account of the first weeks of COVID-19

February 17, 2022

American Dirt by Jennie Cummins, fict., 386 pgs., FVRL 54, CPL 7, PMPL 5

A mother and child are forced to flee from drug lords as Mexican migrants.

March 17, 2022

Five Little Indians, by Michelle Good, fict., 292 pgs., FVRL 79, CPL10, PMPL 4

Five Indigenous children are taken from their families, placed in a residential school, and eventually released into society without any families or other support.

April 21, 2022

Murder by Milkshake by Eve Lazarus, non fict., 274 pgs., FVRL 8, CPL 3, PMPL 5,

An astonishing true story of adultery, arsenic and charismatic killer.

May 19, 2022

All Our Relations: Finding the Path Forward,  by Tanya Talaga, non fict., 258 pgs., FVRL 6, CPL 1, PMPL 1

The author argues that the aftershocks of cultural genocide have resulted in a disturbing rise in youth suicides in Indigenous communities in Canada and beyond.

June 16, 2022

What Makes Olga Run? by Bruce Grierson, bio., 256 pgs., FVRL 1,CPL 0, PMPL 2

A 94 year-old track star (not retired) teaches us how to live longer, happier lives.

Select 9 books for 2022-2023

FVRL= Fraser Valley Regional Library, CPL= Coquitlam Public Library, PMPL= Port Moody Public Library.