

**Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
Women's Book Club Reading List
October 2021 to November 2022**

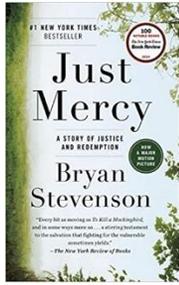
RPCB Women's Book Club has been meeting continuously since 2005. All woman aged 18 and above are welcome. One night each month we gather for a soup and salad dinner, warm fellowship, and a lively discussion of the book for the month. Various women volunteer to host, prepare food, and facilitate the discussions, and we strive to discuss the themes and context of each book from a Christian and reformed perspective. You do not have to have read the book to come – come for the fellowship (and yummy food)!

Women's Book Club utilizes Sign-Up Genius to organize each month's meeting. With the link to the Sign-Up Genius, you can sign up to come and volunteer to contribute to the meal. If you would like to be added to the Sign-Up Genius, please email Amy Ramsey at ramseyfamily53@msn.com.

Book selection happens at the end of the summer. Hostesses and discussion leaders are identified after the list has been set. If you are interested in being part recommending books, being a hostess or leading a discussion, please speak with Deb Evans at debraruthie@hotmail.com.

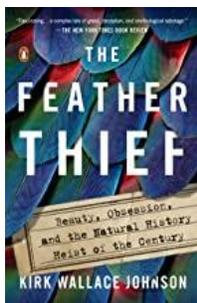
Book List for 2021-2022

Book Club Night	Author and Title	Hostess	Discussion Leader
10/05/2021	<i>Just Mercy</i> , Bryan Stevenson	Rachel Fix	Becky Hackett
11/02/2021	<i>The Feather Thief</i> , Kirk Johnson	Becky Hackett	Ginger Schollenberger
12/07/2021	<i>Miss Pym Disposes</i> , Josephine Tey	Kathie Bernitt	Ginger Schollenberger
01/04/2022	<i>The One True Gift</i> , Tim Chester	Deb Evans	Tricia Bloomberg
02/01/2022	<i>Miss Benson's Beetle</i> , Rachel Joyce	Barbara Curtis	Rachel Fix
03/01/2022	<i>The Spy and the Traitor</i> , Ben McIntyre	Jen Lawing	Becky Hackett
04/05/2021	<i>When Harry Became Sally</i> , Ryan Anderson	Edie Greenip	Abigail Corbett
05/03/2022	<i>Delighting in the Trinity</i> , Michael Reeves	Ginger Schollenberger	Ginger Schollenberger
09/06/2022	<i>The Splendid and the Vile</i> , Eric Larson	OPEN	Becky Hackett



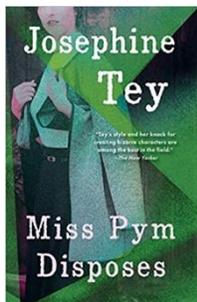
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson, autobiography/ culture and politics, for discussion in October 2021.

J Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.



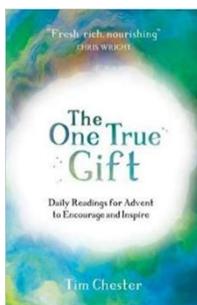
The Feather Thief by Kirk Johnson, historical nonfiction, for discussion in November 2021.

What do a student of London's Royal Academy of Music, Charles Darwin, the founder of the List Project to Resettle Iraqi Allies, and Lord Rothschild have in common? Author Kirk W. Johnson writes about all of them as he explores the 2009 theft of thousands of dollars' worth of feathers from a museum in England.



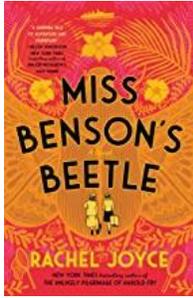
Miss Pym Disposes by Josephine Tey, mystery, for discussion in December 2021.

After Miss Pym accidentally becomes a best-selling author, she takes on the role of a short-term guest lecturer at a physical training college. Although all of the girls seem healthy and normal, some of the regular staff question whether they are as normal as they seem. Author Josephine Tey explores the question of responsibility as events unfold on campus.



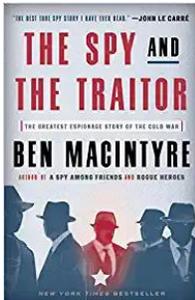
The One True Gift by Tim Chester, Advent and Christmas, for discussion in January 2022.

A book of advent readings meant to encourage reflection, prayer, and application during the Christmas season. This book came to Tricia's attention when she heard Alistair Begg mention it.



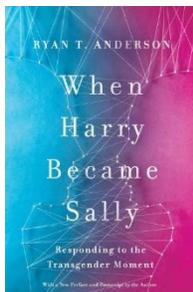
Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce, fiction/comedy, for discussion in February 2022.

An uplifting novel about two British women who are strangers to each other when they set out together on a life-changing adventure to find a rare golden beetle in New Caledonia. On this quest they must risk everything, break all the rules, and discover their best selves - together. At its heart it is a story about the power of friendship!"



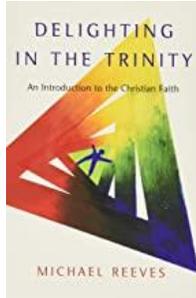
The Spy & The Traitor: The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War by Ben MacIntyre, historical nonfiction, for discussion in March 2022.

If anyone could be considered a Russian counterpart to the infamous British double-agent Kim Philby, it was Oleg Gordievsky. The son of two KGB agents and the product of the best Soviet institutions, the savvy, sophisticated Gordievsky grew to see his nation's communism as both criminal and philistine. He took his first posting for Russian intelligence in 1968 and eventually became the Soviet Union's top man in London, but from 1973 on he was secretly working for MI6. For nearly a decade, as the Cold War reached its twilight, Gordievsky helped the West turn the tables on the KGB, exposing Russian spies and helping to foil countless intelligence plots, as the Soviet leadership grew increasingly paranoid at the United States's nuclear first-strike capabilities and brought the world closer to the brink of war. Desperate to keep the circle of trust close, MI6 never revealed Gordievsky's name to its counterparts in the CIA, which in turn grew obsessed with figuring out the identity of Britain's obviously top-level source. Their obsession ultimately doomed Gordievsky: the CIA officer assigned to identify him was none other than Aldrich Ames, the man who would become infamous for secretly spying for the Soviets.



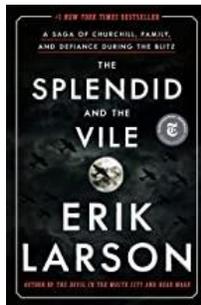
When Harry Became Sally by Ryan Anderson, culture and politics, for discussion in April 2022.

In this book Ryan Anderson takes a critical look at the transgender movement and how it is affecting individuals and our nation as a whole. The media cheers on those who want to transition but those who do are often left worse off than they were before. What is behind it all? Is there a better way? What about the public policies that effect the rest of us?



Delighting in the Trinity by Michael Reeves, theology, for discussion in May 2022.

What role does the relationship between the Persons of the Trinity play in redemption? How can a better (although never complete) understanding of the Trinity help us live more godly lives every day? This is a small book that will deepen your awe of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.



The Splendid & The Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family and Defiance During the Blitz by Erik Larson, historical nonfiction, for discussion in September 2022.

In *The Splendid and the Vile*, Erik Larson shows, in cinematic detail, how Churchill taught the British people “the art of being fearless.” It is a story of political brinkmanship, but it’s also an intimate domestic drama, set against the backdrop of Churchill’s prime-ministerial country home, Chequers; his wartime retreat, Ditchley, where he and his entourage go when the moon is brightest and the bombing threat is highest; and of course 10 Downing Street in London. Drawing on diaries, original archival documents, and once-secret intelligence reports—some released only recently—Larson provides a new lens on London’s darkest year through the day-to-day experience of Churchill and his family: his wife, Clementine; their youngest daughter, Mary, who chafes against her parents’ wartime protectiveness; their son, Randolph, and his beautiful, unhappy wife, Pamela; Pamela’s illicit lover, a dashing American emissary; and the advisers in Churchill’s “Secret Circle,” to whom he turns in the hardest moments.