

## Inigo Book Group – 2018 Reading Selections and Summaries

Month	Book	Facilitator
February	<b>no meeting</b>	
March	<p><b><u>The Alchemist</u></b>, Paulo Coelho</p> <p>This book was written 25 years ago by a Brazilian author. It chronicles the story of a young man, an Andalusian shepherd, named Santiago, who travels from his Spanish homeland to the pyramids in Egypt in search of an unknown treasure. The young shepherd, Santiago, realizes that there is a much larger world "out there", in contrast to the hillsides of Andalusia. During his adventures, travelling from Spain to Egypt, he encounters many people who either help or hinder his quest for his "Personal Legend." HarperCollins, 25th Anniversary edition.</p>	Brenda Johnson
April	<p><b><u>The Nightingale</u></b>, Kristen Hannah</p> <p>With courage, grace, and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of World War II and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. <i>The Nightingale</i> tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women.</p>	Mary Shukie
May	<p><b><u>Born A Crime</u></b>, Trevor Noah</p> <p>This memoir by television commentator and comedian Trevor Noah is the story of his experiences growing up as mixed-race in South Africa during the apartheid era, a place and time in which being mixed-race, or the offspring of a mixed-race relationship, could be perceived as a criminal offense. As his narrative explores his close, complicated relationship with his mother and his boundary-pushing maturation into young adulthood, the author also explores issues related to growing up under the constant threat of violence, as well as those related to the nature and value of independence, and religious faith.</p>	Terry Chaklos
June	<p><b><u>The Rent Collector</u></b>, Camron Wright</p> <p>Survival for Ki Lim and Sang Ly is a daily battle at Stung Meanchey, the largest municipal waste dump in all of Cambodia. They make their living scavenging recyclables from the trash. Life would be hard enough without the worry for their chronically ill child, Nisay, and the added expense of medicines that are not working. Just when things seem worst, Sang Ly learns a secret about the bad-tempered rent collector who comes demanding money – a secret that sets in motion a tide that will change the life of everyone it sweeps past. <i>The Rent Collector</i> is a story of hope, of one woman's journey to save her son and another woman's chance at redemption.</p>	Patti Vining
July	<b>no meeting</b>	
August	<p><b><u>Barking to the Choir</u></b>, Greg Boyle SJ</p> <p>In his first book, <i>Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion</i>, Gregory Boyle introduced us to Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention program in the world. Now, after the successful expansion of Homeboy Industries, Boyle returns with <i>Barking to the Choir</i> to reveal how compassion is transforming the lives of gang</p>	Will Howard

members. In a nation deeply divided and plagued by poverty and violence, *Barking to the Choir* offers a snapshot into the challenges and joys of life on the margins. This book is guaranteed to shake up our ideas about God and about people with a glimpse at a world defined by more compassion and fewer barriers.

September

**Rebecca**, Daphne du Maurier

Bill Paznekas

Du Maurier called the 1938 novel “a study in jealousy.” The book sold ~3 million copies in its first 30 years and has never gone out of print. Set between the two world wars, the narrator is a young woman without family making her way as a female companion, going on to marriage becoming the second Mrs. de Winter - this is the only name given her in the book. The first Mrs. de Winter, Rebecca of the title, haunts the story and her memory is preserved by the malevolent housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers. The tale has its similarities to *Jane Eyre* and begins with one of the most notable sentences in literature, "Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again."

October

**Green Shadows/White Whale**, Ray Bradbury

Bll/Sue Paznekas

A novel of Bradbury’s adventures making *Moby Dick* with John Huston in Ireland.

November

**Planning Meeting**

December

**no meeting**

January 2019

**Things Fall Apart**, Chinua Achebe

Neil Kenney

First published in 1958, *Things Fall Apart* has never been out of print, has been translated into more than fifty languages, and sells in the hundreds of thousands every year bracket. Set at the turn of the nineteenth-twentieth centuries, the book is the story of one man’s encounter with a changing world—the “European scramble for Africa”-- and the ensuing cultural conflicts. In telling the story of his protagonist and the history of what is today Nigeria, Achebe addresses subjects familiar to readers attempting to keep pace with the unprecedented changes of our time.