

## Selections: February 2024



### Clickquot Book Club

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BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
<b>First Lie Wins</b> <sup>RBC</sup>	Ashley Elston	Sandra	Mystery
<b>Rebecca, Not Becky</b>	Christine Platt & Catherine Wigginton Greene	Sandra	Fiction
<b>The Berry Pickers</b>	Amanda Peters	Sandra	Fiction
<b>The Future</b>	Naomi Alderman	Sandra	Fiction
<b>The Honor of Your Presence</b>	Dave Eggers	Sandra	Fiction
<b>The Last Love Note</b> <sup>ZB</sup>	Emma Gray	Sandra	Fiction
<b>The Mystery Guest</b>	Nita Prose	Sandra	Mystery
<b>The Night Watchman</b> <sup>PP</sup>	Louise Erdrich	Sandra	Historical Fiction
<b>The Storm We Made</b> <sup>GMA</sup>	Vanessa Chan	Sandra	Historical Fiction
<b>What We Kept to Ourselves</b>	Nancy Jooyan Kim	Sandra	Fiction
<b>Sisters Under the Rising Sun</b>	Heather Morris	Sandra	Historical Fiction
<b>The Other Princess</b>	Denny S. Bryce	Sandra	Historical Fiction

#### NOTES:

**GMA:** Good Morning America Book Club or Book Buzz Pick

**RBC:** Reese's Book Club

**RWJ:** Read with Jenna

**FBC:** First for Women Book Club

**ZB:** A Zibby Book

**PP:** Pulitzer Prize

#### **First Lie Wins** by Ashley Elston

AMAZING. What I learned: to be a good liar, you must always tell the truth. A fast-paced game of cat and mouse, I'm looking forward to what she writes next!

#### **The Berry Pickers** by Amanda Peters

A haunting and beautiful story of a young girl that goes missing and the impact and influence on her life and those around her. One desperate act changes the course of two families forever: that of the family that never gave up hope and the family that never told why.

#### **The Honor of Your Presence** by Dave Eggers

Sweet novella. Helen's business is to create invitations for events. When her Uncle Peter dares her to use an invitation to crash one of the events, hilarity ensues. Feel good fiction.

**The Last Love Note** by Emma Gray

Sweet note on love after death.

**The Mystery Guest** by Nita Prose

Molly Gray has returned as the quirky and delightful maid at the Regency Grand Hotel. When a renowned writer is killed there, Molly must defend her job and the other people who work there and the work of the other housekeepers who become prime suspects. I loved Molly's sayings, especially "tissues for your issues". A charming sequel, I enjoyed this one immensely.

**The Storm We Made** by Vanessa Chan

Informative historical fiction of the Japanese takeover of Malaysia during WWII. One woman's actions before the start of the war have long lasting ramifications for her family and those in her orbit.

**What We Kept to Ourselves** by Nancy Jooyan Kim

Gripping family novel of an immigrant family filled with secrets from Korea and how it affects the present day.

**Sisters Under the Rising Sun** by Heather Morris

Astonishing historical fiction account of the bravery and heroism of the Australian nurses and British citizens captured by the Japanese and interred in Indonesia during WWII. The author's note at the end of the novel really puts things in perspective. I usually say I'm done with WWII books, however, I love learning something new and the bravery of Nesta and Norah should be known by the entire world.

**The Other Princess** by Denny S. Bryce

Gorgeous historical fiction novel about the African princess Sara Forbes Bonetta, Queen Victoria's ward and goddaughter. This book tells her story from the richness of her African birth, to the horror of her enslavement by the Dahomey, to her being a "gift" to the Queen. Sara's life is told through the pages with elegant detail and is refreshingly honest in the portrait of what it meant to be Black girl among Britain's royal confines.