

RIVERSIDE READS BOOK CLUB

January 10 Where'd You Go, Bernadette: A Novel Maria Semple

A misanthropic matriarch leaves her eccentric family in crisis when she mysteriously disappears in this "whip-smart and divinely funny" novel. (*New York Times*).

February 14 Maid Stephanie Land

First-time author Land chronicles her years among the working poor as a single mother with only a high school diploma trying to earn a living as a minimum-wage housecleaner. (Kirkus Reviews).

March 13 Blue Bird, Blue Bird Attica Locke

A "heartbreakingly resonant" thriller about the explosive intersection of love, race, and justice. (USA Today).

April 10 The Midnight Library Matt Haig

Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. To see how things would be if you had made other choices . . . Would you have done anything different, if you had the chance to undo your regrets? A novel about all the choices that go into a life well lived. (Goodreads).

May 8 The Things They Carried Tim O'Brien

A classic work of American literature that has not stopped changing minds and lives since it burst onto the literary scene, *The Things They Carried* is a ground-breaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling. (Goodreads).