

# 2011 Book Talk

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|    | <p><b>June 30</b>     <b><u>Major Pettigrew's Last Stand</u></b> by <i>Helen Simonson</i>.<br/><i>Wry and often comedic story with romantic twists about older British major and his family's trials and tribulations. 384 pages.</i></p>   |
|    | <p><b>July 7</b>     <b><u>You Know When The Men Are Gone</u></b> by <i>Siobhan Fallon</i>.<br/><i>Contemporary short stories about US Army wives and families at Fort Hood base. Fiction but written by an army wife. 240 pages.</i></p>   |
|    | <p><b>July 14</b>     <b><u>The Glass Castle: A Memoir</u></b> by <i>Jeanette Walls</i>.<br/><i>Story of growing up with eccentric and artistic but nomadic parents. Walls makes childhood hardships seem like adventures. 288 pages.</i></p>   |
|    | <p><b>July 21</b>     <b><u>That Old Cape Magic</u></b> by <i>Richard Russo</i>.<br/><i>Story of a middle-aged man, his marriage and all that ties that bind (or unbind) a family. Thoughtful, introspective, rueful and at times hilarious. 272 pages.</i></p>   |
|   | <p><b>July 28</b>     <b><u>Room: A Novel</u></b> by <i>Emma Donoghue</i>.<br/><i>Mother and son survive creatively and courageously in single room in which they are held captive. Story told from perspective of 5-year-old boy born into captivity. Imaginative. Provocative. Controversial. Slow start, fast-paced finish. 336 pages.</i></p> |
|  | <p><b>August 4</b>     <b><u>Shanghai Girls</u></b> by <i>Lisa See</i>.<br/><i>Two sisters emigrate from China to Los Angeles in 1930s under unusual circumstances. 336 pages.</i></p>  |
|  | <p><b>August 11</b>     <b><u>The Grace That Keeps This World</u></b> by <i>Tom Bailey</i>.<br/><i>Story of Adirondack family living in a hardscrabble rural town, raised in old traditions of living off land. Story centers around tragic opening day of deer hunting season. 320 pages.</i></p>  |
|  | <p><b>August 18</b>     <b><u>Here If You Need Me</u></b> by <i>Kate Braestrup</i>.<br/><i>Contemporary stories of being a chaplain for Maine Warden Service. 224 pages.</i></p>  |

Come to discuss featured book and to share other books you have enjoyed.  
Thursday mornings 9:00 am—10:00am. Check the Breeze for weekly locations.  
Limited copies of weekly featured book will be available in the library.

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# 2011 Teen Book Talk

Teens ages 12 to 16.

Hosted by teens Geoff and Julia Blike and their parents.

Designed to help teens develop or expand knowledge of foreign cultures and history, primarily through non-fiction reading and group discussion.

**July 7**     **Red Scarf Girl** by Ji-Li Jiang.

*Focus on China, particularly in the 1900s and during time of the Cultural Revolution. Non-fiction. 272 pages.*

**July 21**     **Samik and Yonatan** by Daniella Carmi. Fiction. 183 pages.

Or **Tasting the Sky** by Ibtisam Barakat. Non-fiction. 171 pages.  
*Focus on contemporary Palestine and Israel.*

**August 4**     **A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier** by Ishmael Beah.

*Focus on contemporary Sierra Leone. 226 pages.*

**August 18**     **Persepolis** by Marjane Satrapi.

*Focus on Iran during mid-1900s, particularly during time of the Islamic Revolution. Non-Fiction graphic novel. 153 pages.*

**Thursday evenings. 7:00 pm—8:00pm. Check the Breeze weekly for locations.**

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