

# Aelfric's Readers Book List 2018-19

## **September 11- *Lincoln in the Bardo: A Novel* by George Saunders**

Lincoln in the Bardo is hilariously funny, horribly sad, and utterly surprising. If you can fight past an initial uncertainty about the identity of its narrators, you may find that it's the best thing you've read in years

## **October 9 - *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine: A Novel* by Gail Honeyman**

Office worker Eleanor adheres to a strict routine that has insulated her from the memories of her traumatic childhood but has not shielded her from loneliness. But after she meets Raymond, she attempts to rediscover her memories and in the process learns how relationships (including those with friends, lovers, and colleagues) operate and that other people can be a source of joy rather than destruction.

## **November 13 - *Theophilus: A Novel* by Michael O'Brien**

St. Luke addressed his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles to a man named Theophilus.

Who was Theophilus? Scripture scholars do not know, making him a fit subject for Michael O'Brien's vivid imagination. In this fictional narrative, Theophilus is the skeptical but beloved adoptive father of St. Luke.

## **December 11 - *Less (Winner of the Pulitzer Prize): A Novel* by Andrew Sean Greer**

A struggling novelist travels the world to avoid an awkward wedding in this hilarious Pulitzer Prize-winning novel full of "arresting lyricism and beauty" (New York Times Book Review).

## **January 8 - *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn**

The true story of a World War I female spy ring serves as the skeleton of this fast paced book filled with intrigue, brokenness, and courage.

## **February 12 - *A Place for Us: A Novel* by Fatima Farheen Mirza**

"The book dives into the lives of a Muslim-American family, opening on the eve of the eldest daughter's marriage, and examines the intricacies of a family straddling two very different cultures." — Vanity Fair

## **March 12 - *Quartet in Autumn* by Barbara Pym**

...story about four friends in an office nearing the age of retirement. They are people who have lived unspectacularly, but who have conjured a sense of themselves from the quartet's unity. Things start to change when two of them retire.

## **April 9 - *White Chrysanthemum* by Mary Lynn Bracht**

...the heartbreaking history of Korea is brought to life in this deeply moving and redemptive debut that follows two sisters separated by World War II.

## **May 14 - *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover**

Heart-wrenching . . . a beautiful testament to the power of education to open eyes and change lives." — Amy Chua, The New York Times