



Reality Check Book Discussion
2015-2018

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2015

1. **The Man He Became: How FDR Defied Polio to Win the Presidency** *by James Tobin*
2. **The Black Swan: the Impact of the Highly Improbable** *by Nassim Nicholas Taleb*
3. **Kitty Genovese: the Murder, the Bystanders, the Crime that Changed America** *by Kevin Cook*
4. **The Lady and Her Monsters: a Tale of Dissections, Real-Life Dr. Frankensteins, and the Creation of Mary Shelley's Masterpiece** *by Roseanne Montillo*
5. **The Girls of Atomic City: the Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II** *by Denise Kiernan*
6. **Dogtripping: 25 Rescues, 11 Volunteers, and 3 RVs on Our Canine Cross-Country Adventure** *by David Rosenfelt*
7. **No Place to Hide: Edward Snowden, the NSA, and the US Surveillance State** *by Glenn Greenwald*
8. **The Promise of a Pencil: How an Ordinary Person Can Create Extraordinary Change** *by Adam Braum*
9. **Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End** *by Atul Gawande*
10. **Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail** *by Cheryl Strayed*
11. **The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics** *by Daniel James Brown*
12. **Following Atticus: Forty-eight High Peaks, One Little Dog, and an Extraordinary Friendship** *by Tom Ryan*

2016

1. **In the Kingdom of Ice: the Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS *Jeannette*** by *Hampton Sides*
2. **Red Notice: a True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man's Fight For Justice** by *Bill Browder*
3. **The Sixth Extinction: an Unnatural History** by *Elizabeth Kolbert*
4. **The Road to Character** by *David Brooks*
5. **When Books Went to War: the Stories that Helped Us Win World War II** by *Molly Guphill Manning*
6. **America's Women: 400 Years of Dolls, Drudges, Helpmates, and Heroines** by *Gail Collins*
7. **Why Not Me?** by *Mindy Kaling*
8. **Rosemary: the Hidden Kennedy Daughter** by *Kate Clifford Larson*
9. **Pirate Hunters: Treasure, Obsession, and the Search for a Legendary Pirate Ship** by *Robert Kurson*
10. **Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America** by *Ari Berman*
11. **He Wanted the Moon** by *Mimi Baird with Eve Claxton*

2017

1. **The Tao of Martha: My Year of LIVING; Or, Why I'm Never Getting All That Glitter Off of the Dog** by *Jen Lancaster*
2. **The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: and Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts** by *Joshua Hammer*
3. **Originals: How Non-Conformists Move the World** by *Adam Grant*
4. **Undivided: A Muslim Daughter, Her Christian Mother, Their Path to Peace** by *Patricia Raybon and Alana Raybon*

5. **Another Day in the Death of America: A Chronicle of Ten Short Lives** *by Gary Younge*
6. **Between You & Me: Confessions of a Comma Queen** *by Mary Norris*
7. **The Girl with the Lower Back Tattoo** *by Amy Schumer*
8. **Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race** *by Margot Lee Shetterly*
9. **Art of the Pie: A Practical Guide to Homemade Crusts, Fillings, and Life** *by Kate McDermott*
10. **The Lonely City: Adventures in the Art of Being Alone** *by Olivia Laing*
11. **Irena's Children: the Extraordinary Story of the Woman Who Saved 2,500 Children from the Warsaw Ghetto** *by Tilar J. Mazzeo*
12. **The Man Who Invented Christmas: How Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol Rescued His Career and Revived Our Holiday Spirits** *by Les Standiford*

2018

1. **Gratitude Diaries** *by Janice Kaplan*
2. **What I Found in a Thousand Towns** *by Dar Williams*
3. **City of Scoundrels** *by Gary Krist*
4. **Choosing Civility** *by P.M. Forni*
5. **Daring to Drive** *by Manal al-Sharif*
6. **Bobby Kennedy: a raging spirit** *by Chris Matthews*
7. **Janesville: An American Story** *by Amy Goldstein*
8. **Murder in Greenwich: Who Killed Martha Moxley** *by Mark Fuhrman*
9. **Evicted: Poverty & Profit in an American City** *by Matthew Desmond*
10. **Daughters of the Witching Hill** *by Mary Sharratt*
11. **A Girl Named Zippy** *by Haven Kimmel*
12. **Mr. Dickens and His Carol** *by Samantha Silva*