

ACH BOOK CLUB: BOOKS READ c.2000–2025

(People choosing the books are shown from late 2007 onwards; no records before then)

Pre-2000?

The English Patient (Ondaatje)
Chocolat (Harris)
A Painted House (Grisham)
Mystic River (Lehan)
We Were the Mulvaneys (Oates)
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (Rowling)
A Confederacy of Dunces (Toole)
Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (Wells)
The Poisonwood Bible (Kingsolver)

2000

Perfume (Suskind)
Snow Falling on Cedars (Guterson)
The Map of Love (Soueif)
Patty Jane's House of Curl (Landvik)
Mist of Avalon (Bradley)
Emma (Austen)
White Oleander (Fitch)

2001

The Memory Box (Forster)
Possession (Byatt)
Catfish and Mandala (Pham)
Memoirs of a Geisha (Golden)
Gap Creek (Morgan)
The Love of Stones (Hill)
White Teeth (Smith)
The Red Tent (Diamant)
Ordinary Men (Browning)

2002

Daughter of Fortune (Allende)
The Girl with the Pearl Earring (Chevalier)
Music and Silence (Tremain)
Atonement (McEwan)
The Future Homemakers of America (Graham)
The Lovely Bones (Sebold)
The Cutting Room (Welsh)
Plain and Simple (Bender)

2003

Ghostwritten (Mitchell)

The House of the Blue Mangoes (Davidar)
The House of Sand and Fog (Dubus)
The Secret Life of Bees (Monk)
Year of Wonders (Brooks)
Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire (Foreman)
Life of Pi (Martel)
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time (Haddon)

2004

The Da Vinci Code (Brown)
The Crimson Petal and the White (Faber)
The Reading Group (Noble)
The Five People You Meet in Heaven (Albom)
Rebecca (du Maurier)
Elegance (Tessaro)
A Round-Heeled Woman (Juska)

2005

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (McCall Smith)
I Captured the Castle (Smith)
The Time Traveller's Wife (Niffenegger)
Telling Tales (Gordimer)
North and South (Gaskell)
An Equal Music (Seth)
The Kite Runner (Hosseini)

2006

We Need to Talk About Kevin (Shriver)
Lady Chatterley's Lover (Lawrence)
Gilead (Robinson)
A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian (Lewycka)
Little Women (Alcott)
Cold Skin (Sanchez)
Falling Leaves (Yen Mah)

2007

Testament of Youth (Brittain)
Saving Fish from Drowning (Tan)
Never Let Me Go (Ishiguro)
The Interpretation of Murder (Rubenfeld)
My Sister's Keeper (Picoult)
The Islamist (Husain)
Spring Snow (Yishima) – Donna
Things Fall Apart (Achebe) – Christy
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan (See) – Raquel

2008

The Hindi-Bindi Club (Pradhan) – Sarah-Jane
Diplomatic Baggage (Keenan) – Samantha
The Road (McCarthy) – Sheri
The Glass Castle (Walls) – Alicia
Under the Banner of Heaven (Krakauer) – Mary
Till the Sun Grows Cold (McCune) – June
The Mayor of Casterbridge (Hardy) – Sarah
Breathing Lessons (Tyler) – Alison

2009

Love in the Time of Cholera (Marquez) – Donna
Jigsaw (Bedford) – Raquel
The Uncommon Reader (Bennett) – Christy
The Rose Labyrinth (Hardie) – Sarah-Jane
Cooking for Kings: The Life of Antonin Carême (Kelly) – Samantha
Eat, Pray, Love (Gilbert) – Donna
The Red Leather Diary (Koppel) – June
The Jewel in the Crown (Scott) – Alison
On Agate Hill (Smith) – Lauryn

2010

Water for Elephants (Gruen) – Sarah-Jane
No Way Home (Acosta) – Samantha
Important Artefacts and Personal Property (Shapton) – Donna
Her Fearful Symmetry (Niffenegger) – Sarah-Jane
Cider with Rosie (Lee) – Alison
Wedlock (Moore) – Sarah
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society (Barrows & Shaffer) – June
Old Filth (Gardam) – Samantha
Bel Canto (Patchett) – Alison

2011

Spanish Steps (Moore) – Christy
Three Cups of Tea (Mortenson and Relin) – Lauryn
Standing in the Rainbow (Flagg) – Heidi
Somewhere Towards the End (Athill) – Donna
The Way I Found Her (Tremain) – Alison
Brooklyn (Tóibín) – Alison
The Tiger's Wife (Obreht) – Christy
The Piano Teacher (Lee) – June
The Hare with Amber Eyes (de Waal) – Sarah-Jane

2012

And When Did You Last See Your Father? (Morrison) – Gaby
The Crimson Rooms (McMahon) – Samantha
Any Human Heart (Boyd) – Paula
The Return (Hislop) – Raquel

The Snow Child (Ivey) – Sarah-Jane
The Story of My Life (Keller) – Lauryn
The Lacuna (Kingsolver) – Christy
Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont (Taylor) – Alison
When God Was a Rabbit (Winman) – June

2013

Daughter of Smoke and Bone (Taylor) – Sarah-Jane
A History of England in 100 Places (Norwich) – Alison
The Road Home (Tremain) – Alison
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks (Skloot) – June
The Girl Who Played Go (Shan Sa) – Paula
Skios (Frayn) – Samantha
Let It Go (Shirley) – Raquel
Gone Girl (Flynn) – Sarah-Jane, Christy
Selected Stories (Munro) – Alison

2014

The Housekeeper and the Professor (Ogawa) – Donna, June
Cloud Street (Winton) – Sue
The Fishing Fleet (de Courcy) – June
Garden of Evening Mists (Tan Twan Eng) – Sarah-Jane
The Testament of Mary (Tóibín) – Lauryn
Life After Life (Atkinson) – Christy
The Yellow Birds (Powers) – Sarah-Jane
The Shock of the Fall (Filer) – June
My Antonia (Cather) – Raquel

2015

An Officer and a Spy (Harris) – Alison
The Remains of the Day (Ishiguro) – June
The Birth of Venus (Dunant) – Alison
The Trial (Kafka) – Lauryn
The Power and the Glory (Greene) – Raquel
The Miniaturist (Burton) – Alison
Her Brilliant Career (Cooke) – Samantha
The Zhivago Affair (Couvée and Finn) – Donna
Kolymsky Heights (Davidson) – Sarah-Jane

2016

Cutting for Stone (Verghere) – Kathy
The Orchardist (Koplin) – Amy
The Price of Salt (Highsmith) – Donna
A Tale for the Time Being (Ozeki) – Sarah-Jane
Just Mercy (Stevenson) – Alison
Wide Sargasso Sea (Rhys) – Alison
All the Light We Cannot See (Doerr) – June

The King's General (du Maurier) – Sue
The Invention of Wings (Kidd) – Lauryn
The Stone Virgin (Unsworth) – Alison

2017

People of the Book (Brooks) – Kathy
A Little Life (Yanagihara) – Sarah-Jane
Proof of Heaven (Alexander) – June, Donna
Midnight in Broad Daylight (Sakamoto) – June
Crooked Heart (Evans) – Carolyn
The Bookshop (Fitzgerald) – June
A Man Called Ove (Bachman) – Liz
Us (Nicholl) – Liz
The Sympathizer (Nguyen) – Kathy, Samantha
Barkskins (Proulx) – Sarah-Jane

2018

The Ashes of London (Taylor) – Sarah-Jane
Bread of Angels (Afshar) – Lauryn
The Brain (Eagleman) – Alison
The Art of Possibility (Zander and Stone) – Donna
The Bees (Paull) – Sarah-Jane
Golden Hill (Spufford) – Alison
The Whispering Land (Durrell) – Patrick
Out of the Easy (Sepetys) – Lauryn
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine (Honeyman) – June
The Sealwoman's Gift (Magnusson) – Amy

2019

Island of a Thousand Mirrors (Munaweera) – Lauryn
Pachinko (Lee) – June, Donna
Lilla (Robinson) – Alison
Americanah (Adichie) – Lauryn, Liz
Gut (Enders) – Sarah-Jane
The Mermaid and Mrs Hancock (Gowar) – Alison
The Tale of the Unknown Island (Saramago) – Raquel
The Binding (Collins) – Sue
Becoming (M. Obama) – Donna, June
Home Fire (Shamsie) – June
The Silence of the Girls (Barker) – June

2020

City of Girls (Gilbert) – Samantha
Burial Rites (Kent) – Mary
The Salt Path (Winn) – Sue, Stephanie
The Woman in the White Kimono (Johns) – Stephanie
Unorthodox (Feldman) – June, Lauryn

The Pursuit of Love (Mitford) – Carolyn
Olive Kitteridge (Strout) – Alison
Where the Crawdads Sing (Owens) – Stephanie

2021

Girl, Woman, Other (Evaristo) – June
Old Baggage (Evans) – Lauryn
The Giver of Stars (Moyes) – Samantha
Code Name Hélène (Lawhon) – Lauryn
American Dirt (Cummins) – Amy
The Dutch House (Patchett) – Laura
The Midnight Library (Haig) – Sue
The Promise (Galgut) – Sarah-Jane
The Secrets of Strangers (Norman) – Stephanie

2022

The Dry (Harper) – Sarah-Jane
A Gentleman in Moscow (Towles) – Alison
Still Life (Winman) – Sarah-Jane
Kololo Hill (Shah) – Liz
Soldiers of Salamis (Cercas) – Raquel
Hamnett (O’Farrell) – Laura
The Go-Between (Hartley) – Stephanie
The Island of Missing Trees (Shafak) – Stephanie
Lessons in Chemistry (Garmus) – Sarah-Jane
The Noise of Time (Barnes) – Alison

2023

The Little Paris Bookshop (George) – Samantha
The SS Officer’s Armchair (Lee) – Laura
The Beekeeper of Aleppo (Lefteri) – Stephanie
The Marmalade Diaries (Aitken) – June
Appetite for America (Fried) – Carolyn
Fresh Water for Flowers (Perrin) – Sue, Sarah-Jane
Under the Frog (Fischer) – Mary
Act of Oblivion (Harris) – Alison
Trespasses (Kennedy) – Liz
Le Petit Prince (Saint-Exupéry) – Sarah-Jane

2024

Demon Copperhead (Kingsolver) – June
The Braid (Colombani) – Sarah-Jane
Small Things Like These (Keegan) – Alison
My Cousin Rachel (du Maurier) – Mary
A Single Rose (Barbery) – Sarah-Jane
In the Shadow of the Yali (Dervis) – Mary
The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo (Reid) – Sue

Orbital (Harvey) – Sue
The Postcard (Berest) – Sarah-Jane

2025

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings (Angelou) & Their Eyes Were Watching God (Hurston) –
Laura
Educated (Tara Westover) – Jen
What You Are Looking for is in the Library (Michiko Aoyama) – Carolyn
The Heart's Invisible Furies (John Boyne) – Sue
The Lost Man (Jane Harper) – Stephanie
The Safekeep (Yael Van der Wouden) – June
The Painter's Daughters (Emily Howes) – June
Piranesi (Susanna Clarke) – Amy
Weyward (Emilia Hart) – Mary
42 Cathedrals Step by Step (Barbara Foster) – Alison

2026

Taste (Stanley Tucci)