

History Book Group topics

January 2027 the Russian revolution 1900 to 1925.

What are we reading? Animal farm, by George Orwell; Dr Zhivago by Boris Pasternak; a book on the UK Russian expedition; The last of the tsars: Nicholas II and the Russian revolution, by Robert Service; Sashenka (The Moscow Trilogy, 1) by Simon Sebag Montefiore;

November 2026 India in the 20th century

What are we reading? A Fine Balance by Rohinton Misty; Broken threads: my family from Empire to independence by Mishal Husain; Passage to India by E M Forster; Jewel in the crown, by Paul Scott; Kim by Rudyard Kipling; A rising man, by Abir Mukherje

September 2026 Transport during the Industrial Revolution

What did we read? London's lost route to Midhurst: The Earl of Egremont's navigation by P A L Vine; The history of the Trent and Mersey canal; The Lunar men: The inventors of the modern world 1730-1810 by Jenny Uglar; Boater, by Jo Bell; The Manchester /Bridgewater canal; Dombey and son, by Charles Dickens; The Severn Valley railway by Michael E Vann

July 2026 Spain in the 20th century

What did we read? Alison - Gernica by Dave Boling; A moment of war by Laurie Lee; Homage to Catalonia by George Orwell: For whom the bell tolls by Ernest Hemingway; The transformation of Spain: from Franco to the constitutional monarchy by David Gilmour. The Nurse Who Became a Spy: Madge Addy's war against fascism by Chris Hall; Guernica: Painting the End of the World by James Attlee

May 2026 the civil rights movement in the USA

What did we read? Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom" by David W Blight; To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee: The Tulsa Race Massacre by Scott Ellsworth; Rosa Parkes and her Protest for Civil Rights' by Philip Steele; Meridian by Alice Walker; Native Americans; The Last House on the Street, by Diane Chamberlain

March 2026 The making of the modern Middle East

What did we read? A line in the sand: the struggle that shaped the Middle East by James Barr; Jerusalem: the bibliography. A history of the Middle East by Simon Sebastian Montefiore; Cyprus 1950-74; Cultural legacy of the Ottomans by Diana Darke; The sunrise by Victoria Hislop; The Sykes-Picot agreement from the book Lion of Jordan by Avi Shlaim

January 2026 Remarkable women of the 20th century

What did we read? Books on Eleanor Roosevelt, Freya Stark, Ani Patchen, Sue Ryder, Virginia Woolf, Marie Curie, Elizabeth Anscombe, Philippa Foot, Mary Midgley and Iris Murdoch,