

Parkdale Book Club

June 6 2018 – Book list for next year

Schedule

Date (10 am on 2nd Saturday)

One more book for this reading year:

June 9 ***One Brother Shy***, by Terry Fallis -- Joan

Then we get the summer off to read next year's selections!

Sept. 8 ***Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*** -- Lee

Oct. 13 ***The High Mountains of Portugal*** -- Sue

Nov. 10 ***No Time Like the Present:
Finding Freedom, Love, and Joy Right Where You Are*** -- Ruth

Dec. 10 ***The Housekeeper and the Professor*** -- Ida

Jan. 12 2019 ***Mao's Last Dancer*** -- Beth, Sharon

Feb. 9 ***A Fatal Grace*** -- Doreen

March 9 ***The Mother of All Questions*** -- Beth

April 13 ***Medicine Walk*** -- Ruth

May 11 ***A Rhinestone Button*** -- Lindsay

June 8 ***An Unnecessary Woman*** -- Lynn

Here are the winners of the vote for next year's reading with a proposed schedule. Several people commented that it was difficult to narrow down choices to 10 this

year, and I agree! Fourteen of us voted, and books with at least 7 votes made the cut. Thanks to everyone who previewed books, made recommendations, and took the

time to choose 10 from the varied list of potential reading for next year. Please let me know ASAP if you know you'll be away on the date your books is scheduled.

Saturday June 9:

One Brother Shy, by Terry Fallis – Joan.

One final discussion before summer, another wonderful book by Terry Fallis.

From Amazon: Few people know the real Alex MacAskill. Most of the world sees a painfully and chronically shy software engineer in his mid-20s, soft-spoken, a bit of a loner, and someone easy to escape notice wherever possible--and that's just the way Alex wants it. Because no matter how many years have passed, the incident known only as "Gabriel" in the MacAskill family is something

that still haunts him. But when his mother, one of the only people in the world who Alex felt comfortable as himself around, dies after a long illness, he suddenly has no choice but to face the very thing that he's been avoiding since that night in high school. In an instant, Alex finds himself trying to piece together the mystery of his identity, and on a search for parts of his family he never knew existed -- a search that takes him from Ottawa to London to Moscow, encountering along the way echoes of the Cold War, painful memories from his past, and even the 1972 Russian hockey team -- a search that ultimately helps Alex discover himself. With his trademark wit and captivating storytelling, Terry Fallis has written a novel unlike any of his others. **One Brother Shy** is at once poignant and humorous, heartbreaking and heartwarming, and readers will not soon forget Alex MacAskill