

# **TRIED & TRUE BOOK CLUB FAVORITES**

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North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, Highland Park, IL

*And After the Fire* by Lauren Belfer (Harper Perennial, 2016)

*The Betrayers* by David Bezmozgis (Little Brown, 2014)

➤ See Also: *Natasha and Other Stories* (2005)

*The Hours Count* by Jillian Cantor (Riverhead Books, 2015)

*The Third Daughter* by Talia Carner (William Morrow, 2019)

➤ See Also: *The Impure* (2017 documentary)

*The Cloister* by James Carroll (Nan A Talese, 2018)

*Moonglow* by Michael Chabon (HarperCollins, 2016)

*The Two-Family House* by Lynda Cohen Loigman (St. Martins, 2016)

*On Division* by Goldie Goldbloom (Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2019)

*A Backpack, a Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka* by Lev Golinkin (Doubleday, 2014)

*The Liar* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen; translated by Sondra Silverston (Little Brown, 2019)

➤ See Also: *Waking Lions* (2017)

*An Officer and a Spy* by Robert Harris (Knopf, 2014)

*The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman (Simon & Schuster, 2015)

➤ See Also: *The Dovekeepers* (2011)

*The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017)

*By Fire, By Water* by Mitchell James Kaplan (Other Press, 2010)

*Second Person Singular* by Sayed Kashua; translated by Mitch Ginsburg (Grove, 2012)

*The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit* by Lucette Lagnado (Ecco, 2007)

➤ See Also: *The Arrogant Years* (2011)

*The Family: Three Journeys into the Heart of the 20th Century* by David Laskin (Viking, 2013)

*After Abel and Other Stories* by Michal Lemberger (Prospect Park, 2015)

*The Day of Atonement* by David Liss (Random House, 2014)

*The Last Watchman of Cairo* by Michael David Lukas (Spiegel & Grau, 2018)

➤ See Also: *From Cairo to the Cloud* (2018 documentary)

*Three Floors Up* by Eshkol Nevo; translated by Sondra Silverston (Other Press, 2017)

*My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew* by Abigail Pogrebin (Fig Tree Books, 2018)

*Windy City Blues* by Renee Rosen (Berkley, 2017)

*Memento Park* by Mark Sarvas (Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2018)

*My Russian Grandmother and Her American Vacuum Cleaner* by Meir Shalev;  
translated by Evan Fallenberg (Schocken, 2011)

*Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro (Knopf, 2019)

*House of Gold* by Natasha Solomons (Putnam, 2018)

*The Best Place on Earth* by Ayelet Tsabari (Random House, 2016)

*The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker (HarperCollins, 2013)

*The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem* by Sarit Yishai-Levi; translated by Anthony Berris  
(Thomas Dunne, 2016)

**Sydney Taylor Book Award Winners for Children & Teens:**

[www.sydneytaylorbookawards.org](http://www.sydneytaylorbookawards.org)

*Sweep* by Jonathan Auxier (Abrams, 2018)

*The Inquisitor's Tale* by Adam Gidwitz (Dutton, 2016)

*Refugee* by Alan Gratz (Scholastic, 2017)

*The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz (Candlewick, 2015)

**2020-2021 Book Club Possibilities:**

*The Nesting Dolls* by Alina Adams (Harper, 7/2020)

*Florence Adler Swims Forever* by Rachel Beanland (Simon & Schuster, 7/2020)

*I Want You to Know We're Still Here* by Esther Safran Foer (Tim Duggan Books, 2020)

*The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl* by Marra Gad (Agate, 2019)

*The Lost Shtetl* by Max Gross (HarperCollins, 10/2020)

*The World That We Knew* by Alice Hoffman (Simon & Schuster, 2019)

*Diary of a Lonely Girl* by Miriam Karpilove; translated from Yiddish by Jessica Kirzane (Syracuse, 2020)

*Three* by D.A. Mishani; translated by Jessica Cohen (Europa, 2020)

*The Imperfects* by Amy Meyerson (Park Row, 2020)

*The Book of V.* by Anna Solomon (Henry Holt, 2020)

*Becoming Eve* by Abby Stein (Seal Press, 2019)

*Mrs. Everything* by Jennifer Weiner (Atria Books, 2019)

**Book Club Resources:**

**Women's League Reads**

<https://www.wlci.org/2015/01/womens-league-reads/>

**Jewish Book Council**

<https://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/book-clubs>

**Jewish Women's Archives**

<https://jwa.org/programs/bookclub>