#### Aurora United Church

#### Book Club Roster 2021-2022

## (Book Club meets the third Tuesday of the month-September to June @ 7pm.)

#### October 19/21: A Town Called Solace (Mary Lawson)

Ontario, 1972. Clara's sister is missing. Eight-year old Clara is grief-stricken. Within hours, Liam Kane, newly divorced and unemployed-new in town is visited by police; what crime has he committed? Elizabeth Orchard is thinking about a crime too, one that happened 30 years ago bearing tragic consequences, particularly for one small child. She needs to make amends.

### **November 16/21: Murdered Midas** (Charlotte Gray)

A Millionaire, His Gold Mine, and a Strange Death on an Island Paradise. The glittering life and brutal murder of Sir Harry Oakes is newly investigated.

## **December 21/21: A Man Called Ove** (Fredrik Backman)

A curmudgeonly 59-year old widower who lashes out at his neighbours (and everybody else) when they violate his very strict perception of how things ought to be. A few months after his wife passes away, he decides to kill himself...but his neighbours persist in bothering him...

## **January 18/22: The Forgotten Home Child** (Genevieve Graham)

Historic novel about the English orphans that were sent to Canada to work on farms and find a new life. Some did better than others. Five children who come to Toronto are followed.

## February 15/22: A Sea of Poppies: An Epic Tale of Opium & Empire (Amitav Ghosh)

A British trading ship carrying an eclectic group of passengers sets sail on the eve of the first opium war. Shortlisted for the 2008 Booker Prize.

#### March 15/22: Still Life (Sarah Winman)

Set between World War II and the 1980s, *Still Life* is a beautiful, big-hearted story of strangers brought together by love, war, art, flood, and the ghost of E. M. Forster, from the bestselling, prize-winning author of *Tin Man* and *When God Was a Rabbit*.

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## April 19/22: The Paris Library (J.S. Charles)

Based on the true story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris during World War II.

# May 17/22: Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Family Dynasty (Patricia Radden Keefe)

Examines the history of the Sackler family and the founding of Purdue Pharma, their role in the marketing of pharmaceuticals and their role in the opioid epidemic.

## June 21/22: Indians on Vacation (Thomas King)

Inspired by a handful of postcards sent nearly a hundred years ago, Bird and Mimi attempt to trace long-lost Uncle Leroy and the family medicine bundle he took with him to Europe.