NHLC Book Club List for 2021

The following books have been selected for discussion in 2021.

* **January (1-28-21):** *American Nations*, Colin Woodard; A non-fiction history of the 11 rival regional cultures of North America that explodes the red state-blue state myth.
* **February (2-25-21):** *Arrowsmith*, Sinclair Lewis, This novel, part satire and part morality tale, is the story of a bright and scientifically minded Martin Arrowsmith as he makes his way from a small town in the Midwest to the upper echelons of the scientific community.
* **March (3-25-21):** *Born a Crime*, Trevor Noah, A non-fiction memoir of a mischievious young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist.
* **April (4-22-21):** *The Shadow Land,* Elizabeth Kostova, Searching for the owners of a mysterious urn that has fallen into her possession, a young American traveler takes a weeklong drive through Bulgaria guided by an enigmatic cabdriver.
* **May (5-27-21):** *And the Pursuit of Happiness,* Maira Kalman, Energized and inspired by the 2008 elections, the author travels to Washington DC, launching a year long investigation of American democracy and it’s workings.
* **June (6-24-21):** *Circe*, Madeline Miller, Despised by her family, Circe discovers her powers of sorcery when she turns a human fisherman into a god.
* **July (7-22-21):** *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Robin Wall Kimmerer, With graceful prose, the author, a botanist and professor of plant ecology, encourages readers to consider the ways that our lives and language weave through the natural world.
* **August (8-26-21):** *Nothing to See Here*, Kevin Wilson, A moving and uproarious novel about a woman who finds meaning in her life when she begins caring for two children with remarkable and disturbing abilities.
* **September (9-23-21):** *Dear Church,* Lenny Duncan, A love letter from a black preacher to the whitest denomination in the United States.
* **October (10-28-21):** *Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter,* Mario Vargas Llosa, A multi-layered novel set in Lima, Peru. A young student toiling away in a local radio station’s news department has his life disrupted by the arrival of his aunt and a manic radio scriptwriter.
* **November:** This month will be skipped.
* **December (12-2-21):** *Harriet the Spy,* Louise Fitzhugh, A timeless children’s classic that was challenged for being “too dark” and encouraging children to disrespect their parents.

This list was compiled at the end-of-year meeting on 12-3-20.