



# TALK - TALK ABOUT LITERATURE IN KANSAS BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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#### The 1930s

All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren The Day of the Locust by Nathanael West Mules and Men by Zora Neale Hurston The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan

#### Ad Astra: Working Hard in the Heartland

Heartland: a Memoir of Working Hard and being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth by Sarah Smarsh

#### **African Experiences of Migration**

Open City: A Novel by Teju Cole Brooklyn Heights by Miral al-Tahawy The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears by Dinaw Mengestu A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah What Is the What by Dave Eggers

#### After the Fact (NEW)

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brian Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

#### **Award Winners**

Charming Billy by Alice McDermott Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier Gilead by Marilynne Robinson Motherless Brooklyn by Jonathan Lethem

#### Before the Civil War

The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton by Jane Smiley John Brown: The Legend Revisited by Merrill D. Peterson Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe Waterlily by Ella Cara Deloria

### Between Fences

Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston Fences by August Wilson The Tortilla Curtain by T.C. Boyle The Wire-Cutters by Mollie E. Moore Davis

# Beyond the Border: Latino Immigration Experiences

Antonio's Gun and Delfino's Dream: True Tales of Mexican Migration by Sam Quinones The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sánchez

#### **Childhood Classics**

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl Charlotte's Web by E.B. White The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

## **Civil Rights Revisited (NEW)**

March by John Lewis
Book 1 • Book 2 • Book 3
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates Citizen: An
American Lyric by Claudia Rankine
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of
Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

#### The Civil War

A Diary from Dixie by Mary Boykin Chesnut March by Geraldine Brooks The March by E.L. Doctorow The Red Badge of Courage by Stephan Crane

#### **Coming of Age in Rural America**

Farmer Boy by Laura Ingalls Wilder Good Land by Bruce Bair Nathan Coulter by Wendell Berry Under the Feet of Jesus by Helena Maria Viramontes Winter Wheat by Mildred Walker

# Community: The Way We Live

Bailey's Cafe by Gloria Naylor
Mama Day by Gloria Naylor
Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe
by Fannie Flagg
The Milagro Beanfield War by John Nichols
Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson

#### **Contemporary Immigration**

Breath, Eyes, Memory by Edwidge Danticat Caramelo by Sandra Cisneros Harbor by Lorraine Adams Typical American by Gish Jen

#### Dearly Beloved (NEW)

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant? by Roz Chast Medicine Walk by Richard Wagamese

#### **Encountering Asia**

An Artist of the Floating World by Kazuo Ishiguro The Chinese Gold Murders by Robert Van Gulik Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden Waiting by Ha Jin

#### **Entangled World**

Bel Canto by Anne Patchett People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks Anil's Ghost by Michael Ondaatje

#### The Exile's Place

The Lazarus Project by Aleksandar Hemon The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri Things I've Been Silent About by Azar Nafisi Brick Lane by Monica Ali

#### **Food for Thought**

Empire Falls by Richard Russo Epitaph for a Peach by David Mas Masumoto Miriam's Kitchen by Elizabeth Ehrlich Secrets of the Tsil Café by Thomas Fox Averill

#### **Faiths in Fiction: World Faiths**

Distant View of a Minaret and Other Stories by Alifa Rifaat Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin Harp of Burma by Michio Takeyama Nectar in a Sieve by Kamala Markandaya The Romance Reader by Pearl Abraham

#### Friends and Neighbors (NEW)

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman Five Skies by Ron Carlson The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears by Dinaw Mengestu

#### **Ghost Stories (NEW)**

The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson The Woman in Black by Susan Hill The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

#### The Great Plains Spirit

The Bones of Plenty by Lois Hudson Great Plains by Ian Frazier Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder O Pioneers! by Willa Cather Touching the Fire: Buffalo Dancers, the Sky Bundle, and Other Tales by Roger Welsch

#### **Growing Up**

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini My Last Days as Roy Rogers by Pat Cunningham Devoto The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

#### **Growing Up American**

Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger Tender at the Bone: Growing Up at the Table by Ruth Reichl Sag Harbor by Colson Whitehead

# Hispanic Heritage: Mothers, Sisters, and Daughters

Brand New Memory by Elias Miguel Muñoz Esperanza's Box of Saints by

María Amparo Escandón The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

### It's a Hard Knock Life (NEW)

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman

# Kansas at 150

It Happened in Kansas by Sarah Smarsh Kansas Poems of William Stafford by Denise Low Now Let Me Fly by Marcia Cebulska Ordinary Genius by Thomas Fox Averill

# **Literature with Kansas Connections**

The Center of Everything by Laura Moriarty Not Without Laughter by Langston Hughes One Soldier's Story by Bob Dole The Slow Air of Ewan MacPherson by Thomas Fox Averill

#### Living with the Land

The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck Out of Africa by Isak Dinesen Prodigal Summer by Barbara Kingsolver Spartina by John Casey

#### Middle Eastern Culture and Society

The Israelis: Ordinary People in an Extraordinary
Land by Donna Rosenthal
My Prison, My Home: One Woman's Story of Captivity in
Iran by Haleh Esfandiari
Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood by Marjane Satrapi
The Yacoubian Building by Alaa Al Aswany

#### The Modern Family (NEW)

The Burgess Boys by Elizabeth Strout Family Man by Elinor Lipman LaRose by Louise Erdrich

#### **Native American Mysteries**

DreadfulWater Shows Up by Hartley Goodweather Dance for the Dead by Thomas Perry Dance Hall of the Dead by Tony Hillerman The Ghost Walker by Margaret Coel

#### On the Lighter Side

How Elizabeth Barrett Browning Saved My Life by Mameve Medwed Quite a Year for Plums by Bailey White Standing in the Rainbow by Fannie Flagg Walking Across Egypt by Clyde Edgerton

# That's Funny: Books that Make Us Laugh

The Egg and I by Betty MacDonald
I'm a Stranger Here Myself by Bill Bryson
In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash by Jean Shepherd
Mama Makes Up Her Mind and Other Dangers of
Southern Living by Bailey White The Mammy by
Brendan O'Carroll

# **Urban Indians**

Bone Game by Louis Owens The Grass Dancer by Susan Power Tracks by Louise Erdrich

# Westering

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains by Isabella L. Bird The
Last Cattle Drive by Robert Day
Letters of a Woman Homesteader by
Elinore Pruitt Stewart

# Wit and Grit: Women Characters in Contemporary Fiction (NEW)

A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline The Farming of Bones by Edwidge Danticat The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

#### Women Around the World

The Country Girls Trilogy by Edna O'Brien The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel None to Accompany Me by Nadine Gordimer So Long a Letter by Mariama Bâ

#### **World War II Generation**

The Cloud Atlas by Liam Callanan The Gardens of Kyoto by Kate Walbert Once Upon a Town by Bob Greene When the Elephants Dance by Tess Uriza Holthe

