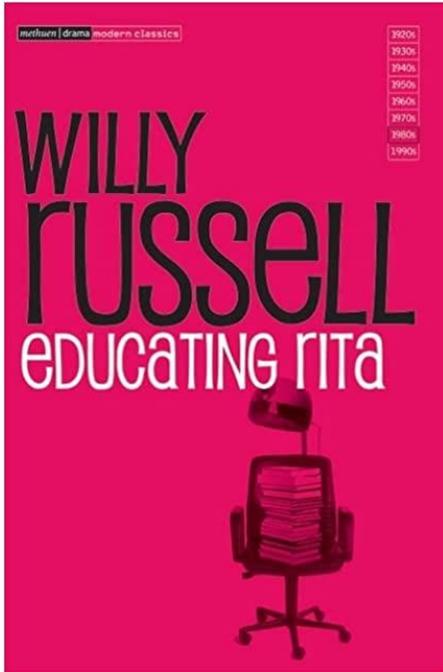


## RAD Book Club 2023 Slate



### May 2023 Pick

**Educating Rita**

**Willy Russell**

**1980**

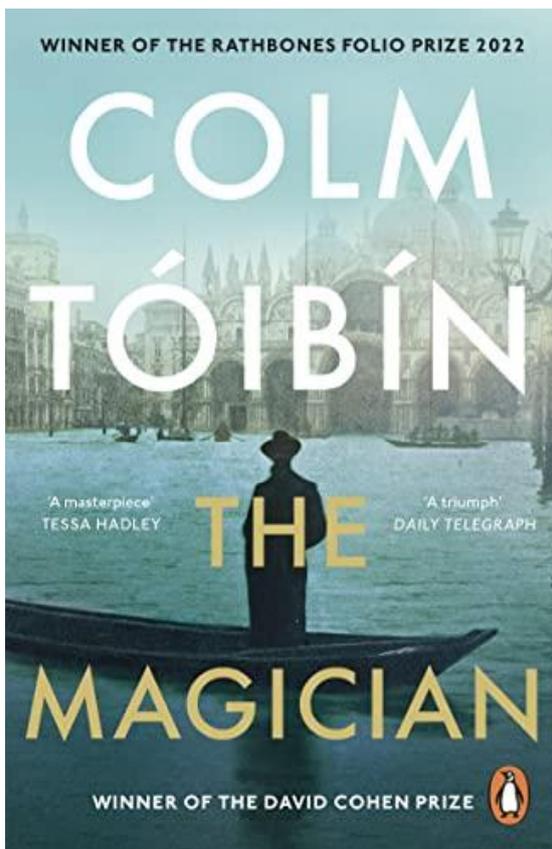
**Fiction: Play**

**123 pages**

**Available in Paperback, eBook, DVD**

*Educating Rita*, about a working-class Liverpool girl's hunger for education, is simply a marvellous play, painfully funny and passionately serious; a hilarious social documentary; a fairy-tale with a quizzical, half-happy ending. Hairdresser Rita feels that life is passing her by. She wants an education. But does Frank have anything to teach her? Willy Russell's play gives a hilarious - and often moving - account of a young woman's determination to change her life.

### June 2023 Pick



**The Magician**

**Colm Tóibín**

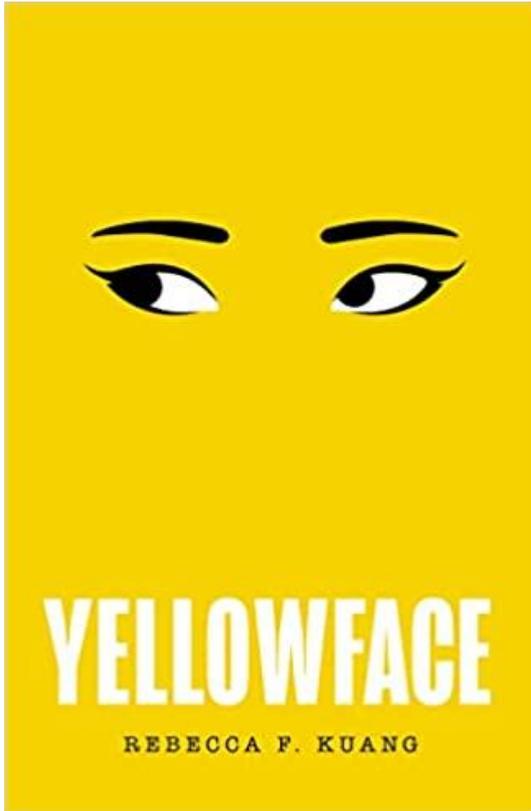
**Fiction: Historical**

**2021**

**498 pages**

**Available in Hardcover, Paperback, eBook, Audiobook**

Colm Tóibín's new novel opens in a provincial German city at the turn of the twentieth century, where the boy, Thomas Mann, was born. Young Mann hides his artistic aspirations from his father and his homosexual desires from everyone. He is the most successful novelist of his time, winner of the Nobel Prize in literature, a public man whose private life remains secret. *The Magician* is an intimate, astonishingly complex portrait of Mann, his magnificent and complex wife Katia, and the times in which they lived—the first world war, the rise of Hitler, World War II, the Cold War, and exile.



### **July 2023 Pick**

**Yellowface**

**Rebecca F. Kuang**

**Fiction: Thriller**

**2023**

**350 pages**

**Available in Hardcover, eBook, Audiobook**

Authors June Hayward and Athena Liu were supposed to be twin rising stars: same year at Yale, same debut year in publishing. But Athena's a cross-genre literary darling, and June didn't even get a paperback release. So when June witnesses Athena's death in a freak accident, she acts on impulse: she steals Athena's just-finished masterpiece, an experimental novel about the unsung contributions of Chinese labourers to the British and French war efforts during World War I. The book is a smash hit, but June can't get away from Athena's shadow, and emerging evidence threatens to bring June's (stolen) success down around her. As June races to protect her secret, she discovers exactly how far she will go to keep what she thinks she deserves.

### **September 2023 Pick**

**The Driver's Seat**

**Muriel Spark**

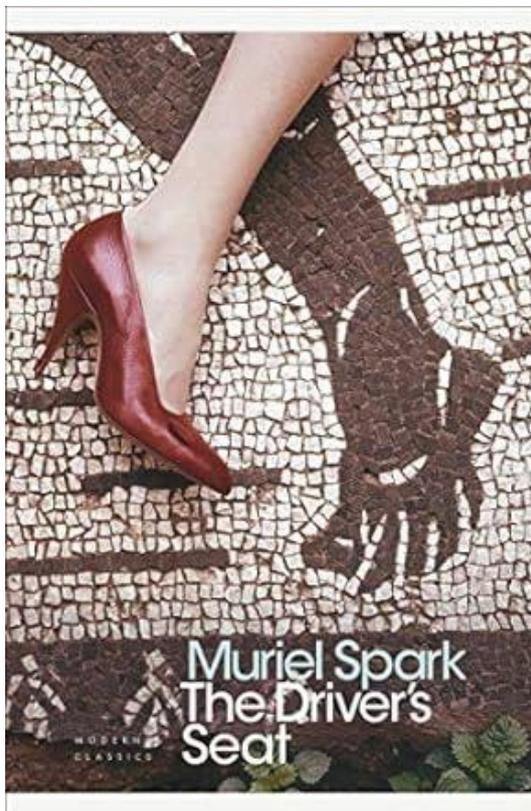
**1970**

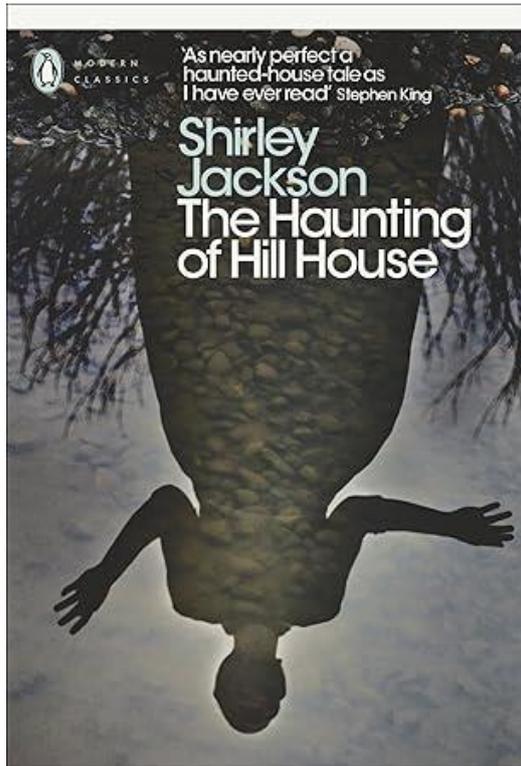
**Fiction: Classic**

**103 pages**

**Available in Paperback, ebook, Audiobook**

Lise is thin, neither good-looking nor bad-looking. One day she walks out of her office, acquires a gaudy new outfit, adopts a girlier tone of voice, and heads to the airport to fly south. On the plane she takes a seat between two men. One is delighted with her company, the other is deeply perturbed. So begins an unnerving journey into the darker recesses of human nature.





### October 2023 Pick

#### The Haunting of Hill House

Shirley Jackson

1959

Fiction: Horror

256 pages

Available in Paperback, eBook, Audiobook

Alone in the world, Eleanor is delighted to take up Dr Montague's invitation to spend a summer in the mysterious Hill House. Joining them are Theodora, an artistic 'sensitive', and Luke, heir to the house. But what begins as a light-hearted experiment is swiftly proven to be a trip into their darkest nightmares, and an investigation that one of their number may not survive. Twice filmed as *The Haunting*, and the inspiration for a 10-part Netflix series, *The Haunting of Hill House* is a powerful work of slow-burning psychological horror.

### November 2023 Pick

#### The Sea of Tranquility

Emily St. John Mandel

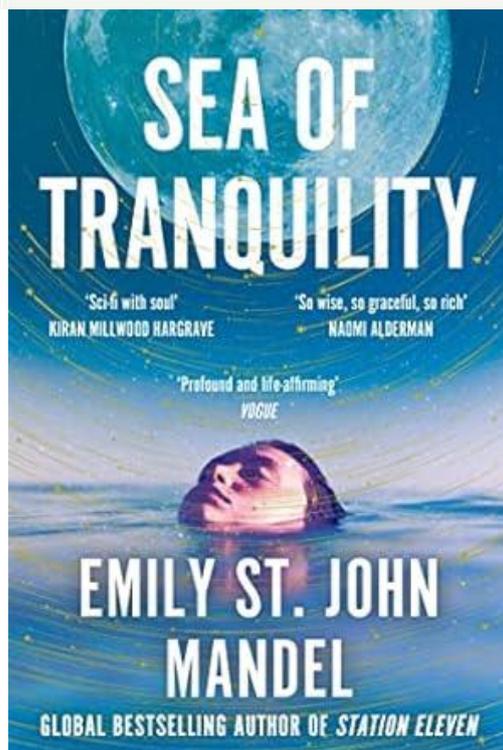
Non-Fiction

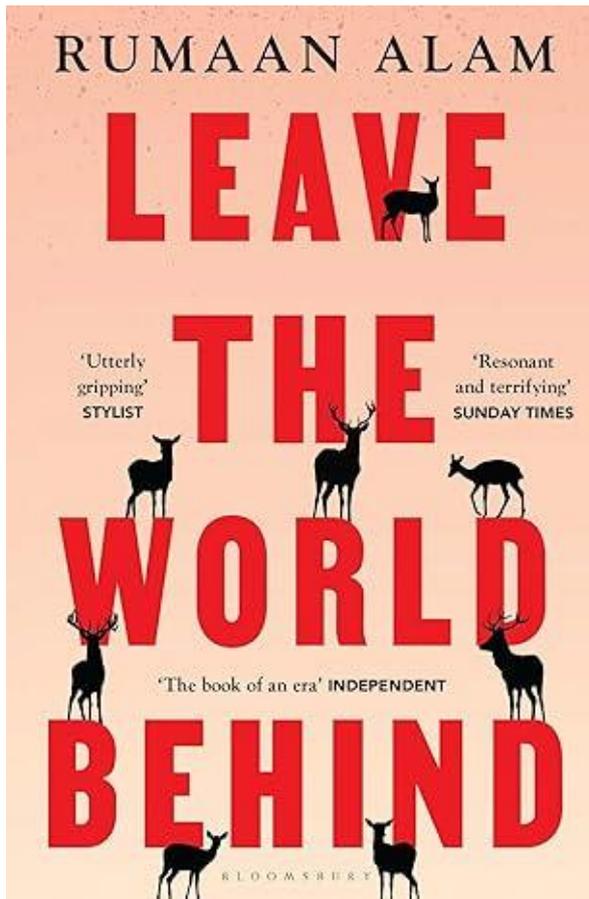
2022

259 pages

Available in Paperback, eBook, Audiobook

Lives separated by time and space have collided, and an exiled Englishman, a writer trapped far from home, and a girl destined to die too young, have each glimpsed a world that is not their own. Travelling through the centuries, between colonies on the moon and an ever-changing Earth, together their lives will solve a mystery that will make you question everything you thought you knew to be true





## January 2024 Pick

### Leave the World Behind

Rumaan Alam

2020

Fiction: Literary

241 pages

Available in Paperback, eBook, Audiobook

Amanda and Clay head to a remote corner of Long Island expecting a holiday: a quiet reprieve from life in New York City, quality time with their teenage son and daughter and a taste of the good life in the luxurious home they've rented for the week. But with a late-night knock on the door, the spell is broken. Ruth and G. H., an older couple who claim to own the home, have arrived there in a panic. These strangers say that a sudden power outage has swept the city, and - with nowhere else to turn - they have come to the country in search of shelter.

But with the TV and internet down, and no phone service, the facts are unknowable. Should Amanda and Clay trust this couple - and vice versa? What has happened back in New York? Is the holiday home, isolated from civilisation, a truly safe place for their families? And are they safe from one another?