

# Boulder Great Books Discussion Group

1<sup>st</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

2017 Schedule. Alfalfa's Market Community Room – 1651 Broadway

- January 4, 2017 Howard Zinn, **A People's History of the United States**  
Chapters 1 - 5 (90 pages)  
Richard Hofstadter, **The American Political Tradition:  
And the Men Who Made it** Chapters 1 - 2 (44 pages)
- January 18, 2017 Jennifer Michael Hecht, poetry selection from **Funny**
- February 1, 2017 David Graeber, **Debt: The First 5000 Years**  
Chapters 1 - 5 (140 pages)
- February 15, 2017 Susanna Tamaro, **Follow Your Heart** (208 pages)
- March 1, 2017 Howard Zinn, **A People's History of the United States**  
Chapters 6 - 9 (100 pages)  
Richard Hofstadter, **The American Political Tradition**  
Chapters 3 - 6 (119 pages)
- March 15, 2017 **The Idea of History** ([sackett.net/History.pdf](http://sackett.net/History.pdf))  
from the Syntopicon  
(Reference: [Great Treasury of Western Thought \(sackett.net/HistoryGTWT.pdf\)](http://sackett.net/HistoryGTWT.pdf))
- (3 weeks)
- April 5, 2017 Lois-Ann Yamanaka, [Blu's Hanging](http://sackett.net/Blu's%20Hanging.pdf) (260 pages)
- April 19, 2017 Howard Zinn, **A People's History of the United States**  
Chapters 10 - 13 (142 pages)  
Richard Hofstadter, **The American Political Tradition**  
Chapters 7 - 9 (74 pages)
- May 3, 2017 Claire Vaye Watkins, 3 stories from [Battleborn](http://sackett.net/Battleborn.pdf):  
“Ghosts, Cowboys,” “The Diggings,” and “Virginia City”
- May 17, 2017 David Graeber, **Debt: The First 5000 Years**  
Chapters 6 - 9 (150 pages)
- (3 weeks)
- June 7, 2017 Howard Zinn, **A People's History of the United States**  
Chapters 14 - 16 (77 pages)  
Richard Hofstadter, **The American Political Tradition**  
Chapters 10 – 12 (115 pages)
- June 21, 2017 Josephine Tey, **The Daughter of Time** (192 pages)
- July 5, 2017 Thomas Kyd, **The Spanish Tragedy**

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- July 19, 2017 Vaddey Ratner, **In the Shadow of the Banyan**  
(pages 1 to 142)
- August 2, 2017 Vaddey Ratner, **In the Shadow of the Banyan**  
(pages 143 to 323)
- August 30, 2017 David Graeber, **Debt: The First 5000 Years**  
Chapters 10 - 12 (175 pages)
- September 6, 2017 Howard Zinn, **People's History of the United States**  
Chapters 17 - 19 (93 pages)  
Sandra Cisneros, **The House on Mango Street** (110 pages)
- September 20, 2017 Friedrich Nietzsche,  
**On the Advantage and Disadvantage of History for Life**  
Katherine Mansfield, **The Daughters of the Late Colonel** in  
The Short Stories of Katherine Mansfield  
<http://sackett.net/MansfieldColonel.pdf>  
Joy Williams “**Gurdjieff in the Sunshine State**” in Escapes  
<http://sackett.net/WilliamsGurdjieff.pdf>
- October 4, 2017 Howard Zinn, **A People's History of the United States**  
Chapters 20 - Afterword (115 pages)  
Noam Chomsky, “[The Responsibility of Intellectuals](http://www.sackett.net/BalabanVietnam.pdf)” (25 pages)
- October 18, 2017 Short stories “The Shelter” by Duong Thu Huong,  
“The Stranded Fish” by Doan Quoc Sy, “The Color of Sorrow” by  
Nguyen Qui Duc, and “Remembrance of the Countryside” by  
Nguyen Huy Thiep from John Balaban and Nguyen Qui Duc,  
**Vietnam: A Traveler's Literary Companion**  
<http://www.sackett.net/BalabanVietnam.pdf>
- November 1, 2017 Jared Diamond, **The World Until Yesterday:**  
**What We Can Learn from Traditional Societies**  
Prologue through Chapter 4 (172 pages)
- November 15, 2017 George Eliot, **The Lifted Veil** (40 pages)  
<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/2165>  
<http://sackett.net/EliotVeilQs.pdf> (Questions for discussion)
- (3 weeks)
- December 6, 2017 Milton Viorst, **In the Shadow of the Prophet**  
Chapters 1 through 5 (186 pages)
- December 20, 2017 Jared Diamond, **The World Until Yesterday**  
Chapters 5 through Epilogue (308 pages)

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