

# 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](#) (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)
- Note: The April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting is from 6:15PM to 7:45PM in the  
Arapahoe Conference Room of the Main Boulder Public Library.**
- May 3, 2017 Claire Vaye Watkins, 3 stories from [Battleborn](#):  
“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)

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- 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)  
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- August 2, 2017 Vaddey Ratner, **In the Shadow of the Banyan**  
(pages 143 to 323)
- August 16, 2017 David Graeber, **Debt: The First 5000 Years**  
Chapters 10 - 12 (175 pages)
- (3 weeks)
- 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  
Joy Williams "**Gurdjieff in the Sunshine State**" in Escapes
- October 4, 2017 Howard Zinn, **A People's History of the United States**  
Chapters 20 - Afterword (115 pages)  
Noam Chomsky, "[The Responsibility of Intellectuals](#)" (25 pages)
- October 18, 2017 Short stories from Balaban and Qui Duc,  
**Vietnam: A Traveler's Literary Companion**
- 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 Jared Diamond, **The World Until Yesterday**  
Chapters 5 - 9 (188 pages)
- (3 weeks)
- December 6, 2017 Jared Diamond, **The World Until Yesterday**  
Chapter 10 through Epilogue (120 pages)
- December 20, 2017 George Eliot, **The Lifted Veil** (50 pages)

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