

Boulder Great Books Discussion Group

1st and 3rd Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

2020 Schedule. **Meet via remote conferencing - <https://meet.jit.si/>**

- January 2, 2020 Edward Hallett Carr, **What is History?** (224 pages)
- January 16, 2020 Hilary Mantel, **Wolf Hall** (Parts One and Two)
February 6, 2020 Hilary Mantel, **Wolf Hall** (Parts Three and Four)
February 20, 2020 Hilary Mantel, **Wolf Hall** (Parts Five and Six)
- March 5, 2020 Peter Godfrey-Smith (255 pages) **Other Minds:
The Octopus, the Sea, and the Deep Origins of Consciousness**
Followup from PBS Nature: [Octopus - Making Contact](#) (available on BPL Kanopy)
- April 2, 2020 Melanie Mitchell (169 pages)
Complexity: A Guided Tour (Parts I and II)
April 16, 2020 Melanie Mitchell (171 pages)
Complexity: A Guided Tour (Parts III through V)
- (3 weeks)
May 7, 2020 Stuart Kauffman, **A World Beyond Physics:
The Emergence and Evolution of Life**
- May 21, 2020 Peter Turchin, **Ultrasociety** Chapters 1 to 5
June 4, 2020 Peter Turchin, **Ultrasociety** Chapters 6 to 10
- June 18, 2020 William James, two essays, "The Will to Believe" and
"Great Men and their Environment" from **The Will to Believe**
- July 2, 2020 Henry George, **Progress and Poverty**
http://www.henrygeorge.org/pdfs/PandP_Drake.pdf (Parts 1 through 4)
Reference material: <https://schalkenbach.org/henry-georges-works/>
July 16, 2020 Henry George, **Progress and Poverty**
http://www.henrygeorge.org/pdfs/PandP_Drake.pdf (Parts 5 to the end)
- August 6, 2020 Carl Becker,
The Heavenly City of the Eighteenth-Century Philosophers

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- August 20, 2020 Kate Chopin,
Selection from <https://www.katechopin.org/short-stories/> “Regret” (4 pages),
“The Story of an Hour” (3 pages), “A ‘Cadian Ball” + “The Storm” (16 pages),
“A No-Account Creole” (26 pages), “A Point at Issue!” (13 pages),
“Desiree’s Baby” (6 pages), and, from sackett.net,
“A Vocation and a Voice” + “Wiser Than a God” (41 pages)
- September 3, 2020 Gustaw Herling, “The Island” (84 pages)
<http://www.sackett.net/HerlingIsland.pdf>
- September 17, 2020 Selection from Emma Goldman,
[Anarchism and Other Essays](#) (Gutenberg link)
or <http://www.sackett.net/GoldmanEssays.pdf> (Essays 1-5, 7-8, and 12)
- October 15, 2020 Dierdre Nansen McCloskey, **Bourgeois Equality**
Exordium and Chapters 1-23 (252 pages)
<http://www.sackett.net/McCloskeyBourgeoisEquality.pdf>
- (3 weeks)
November 5, 2020 Peter Wohlleben, **The Hidden Life of Trees**
(282 pages)
- November 19, 2020 Nadine Gordimer, **The Late Bourgeois World**
(94 pages)
- December 3, 2020 Mark Moffett, **The Human Swarm**
<http://www.sackett.net/MoffettHumanSwarm.epub>
(1st half, through Chapter 13)
- December 17, 2020 Mark Moffett, **The Human Swarm**
(2nd half, Ch 14 to end)

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