



## SPRING LAKE PARK RECREATION BOOK CLUB

**Meets first Thursday of the month at 11:00am**

**October & November**

**Location: SLP City Hall.**

Every month, selected books will be discussed.

Members are responsible to check out or purchase books on their own.

Coffee will be provided.

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### October: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

Kentucky, 1850. An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record setting victories across the South. When the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamor of any racetrack.

New York City, 1954. Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a nineteenth century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance.

Washington, DC, 2019. Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success.

Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.

### November: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

Kristin Hannah's novel "The Women" is a poignant and evocative tale of intrepid female nurses who braved the crucible of the Vietnam War. Unveiling the lives of five women, each from a distinct background, the narrative weaves a tapestry of resilience, camaraderie, and the unwavering spirit of service. Set against the backdrop of a nation embroiled in conflict, these women embark on a journey that will forever alter their lives, indelibly etching their names in the annals of history.