



## July 2019 Book Report

- **Pat:** [Next Year in Havana](#) by Chanel Cleeton, [The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek](#) by Kim Michele Richardson, [This is How It Always Is](#) by Laurie Frankel
- **Virginia:** [The Rosie Effect](#) by Graeme Simsion, [Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History](#) by Erik Larson
- **Amy:** [Conviction](#) by Denise Mina, [City of Fallen Angels](#) by Howard Engel
- **Sharon:** [We Were the Lucky Ones](#) by Georgia Hunter
- **Debbie:** [Breathing Lessons](#) by Anne Tyler, [A Drink Before the War \(Kenzie & Gennaro, #1\)](#) by Dennis Lehane, [The Story Sisters](#) by Alice Hoffman, [Animal Dreams](#) by Barbara Kingsolver, [Rules of Civility](#) by Amor Towles
- **Deb:** [A Spark of Light](#) by Jodi Picoult, [The Housekeeper and the Professor](#) by Yōko Ogawa, [Calypso](#) by David Sedaris
- **Kathy G:** [Educated](#) by Tara Westover, [Clock Dance](#) by Anne Tyler
- **Allison:** [Anatomy of a Miracle](#) by Jonathan Miles, [A Land Remembered](#) by Patrick D. Smith
- **Shirley:** [A Woman Is No Man](#) by Etaf Rum
- **Andrea:** [Sunset Beach](#) by Mary Kay Andrews, [Two Old Women: An Alaskan Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival](#) by Velma Wallis
- **Mona:** [Educated](#) by Tara Westover,
- **Barbara:** [My Name Is Lucy Barton](#) by Elizabeth Strout



## Civility

Several of us have read Rules of Civility. Each time there is a discussion around it we talk about the timeless importance of civility and what that meant yesterday and means today. I can't help but think that to a very large degree, [George's rules](#) are still relevant. (Although it is my understanding that they were meant as a simple penmanship exercise and you do know that in many countries still, all school lessons have the underlying message of responsible behavior...just sayin.) On this 7/4 Day, let me just suggest that there is nothing wrong with "Put not off your cloths in the presence of others," "Show not yourself glad at the misfortune of another though he were your enemy," or "Be not hasty to believe flying reports to the disparagement of any." Maybe we need to be a little more old school.

## Book Art

I was in a medical center near San Jose and saw the most amazing photos of books. [Cara Barer](#) describes her craft as "transform(ing) books into art by sculpting them, dyeing them and then through the medium of photography presenting them anew as objects of beauty. I create a record of that book and its half-life." In an age when many are choosing digital, we are left to ask the question "What do we do with all of those books?" There are many DIY websites with ideas for old books such as Family Handyman's [15 Brilliant Ways to Repurpose a Pile of Old Books](#).