

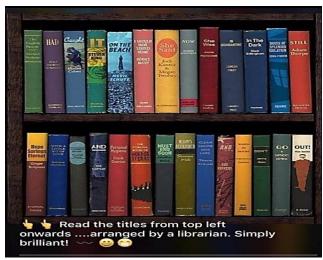
## Page Turners @ CAMI

May Book Report



## **Book Reports**

- Lori: <u>American Dirt</u> by Jeanine Cummins, <u>Writers & Lovers</u> by Lily King
- Kathy G: Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng
- Allison: The Last Year of the War by Susan Meissner
- Barbara: <u>Nine Perfect Strangers</u> by Liane Moriarty, <u>Orphan Train</u> by Christina Baker Kline
- JoAnn: <u>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</u> by Jamie Ford, Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane
- Deb W: <u>The Dutch House</u> by Ann Patchett, <u>Trans-Sister Radio</u> by Chris Bohjalian, <u>Ghosted</u> by Rosie Walsh, <u>Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher</u>
- **Deb S:** <u>Harry's Trees</u> by Jon Cohen
- Shawn: Imperial Woman by Pearl S. Buck
- Judy: <u>Harry's Trees</u> by Jon Cohen, <u>I Miss You When I Blink: <u>Essays</u> by Mary Laura Philpott
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- **Sharon**: American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins
- Loretta: This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel
- Kathy P: The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz by Erik Larson
- JoAnn: <u>Hidden Valley Road</u>: <u>Inside the Mind of an American Family</u> by Robert Kolker, <u>In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende</u>
- Cindy: Songs of the Humpback Whale by Jodi Picoult



## Remembering What We Have

We got to meet again this month. We could see each other on Zoom. And everyone is healthy. I saw our members having a glass of wine, sitting in comfortable homes. Our book reports usually include stories of challenges. We often talk about how characters survive in nonfiction as well as fiction books. This month we talked about stories of dysfunctional families, war torn countries and people who are trying to escape unspeakable violence. I'm not going to lie. I was undone by another month of sacrificing our real meeting environment. I can't help but think that I was unusually quiet during our meeting because I was ashamed by how little it takes for me to forget that an inconvenience is not a crisis. I'd like to give a shout out to all those stories that remind us of what constitutes a crisis, give us insight into how they can be handled and serve as a spring board for great book club discussions that we can come away from as more humbled and grateful. ~Deb