

2017

*Behold the Dreamers*

by Imbolo Mbue

Call it a recession novel, or an immigrant tale -- both are true. In 2007, Manhattan-based Cameroonian immigrant Jende Jonga gets a job chauffeuring for Lehman Brothers executive Clark Edwards, easing the financial strain on his family. At first, all goes well, but problems in the Edwards' marriage lead to problems for the Jongas, and when Lehman falls, both families are caught up in the terrible aftermath.

2018

*An American Marriage*

by Tayari Jones

Celestial and Roy are newly married professionals leaning in to a bright future when Roy is convicted of a crime he did not commit. This is not a heroes vs. villains tale with a tidy resolution. It is a complicated, messy, moving, and thought-provoking story about love, family, and the wide-reaching effects of incarceration. Book clubs get ready! -- Jennifer Alexander.

*The Sun Does Shine*

by Anthony Ray Hinton

A man who spent thirty years on death row for a crime he did not commit describes how he became a victim of a flawed legal system, recounting the years he shared with fellow inmates who were eventually executed before his exoneration.

*Becoming*

by Michelle Obama

Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her—from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it—in her own words and on her own terms.

*The Water Dancer*

by Ta-Nehisi Coates

A Virginia slave narrowly escapes a drowning death through the intervention of a mysterious force that compels his escape and personal underground war against slavery.

# Oprah's Book Club 2.0



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**Oprah's Book Club 2.0** is a book club founded June 1, 2012 by Oprah Winfrey in a joint project between OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network and *O: The Oprah Magazine*. The Club is a re-launch of the original Oprah's Book Club which ran for 15 years and ended in 2011, but as the "2.0" name suggests, digital media is the new focus. It incorporates the use of various social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter) and e-readers that allow for the quoting and uploading of passages and notes for discussion, among other features. (Source – Internet)

2012

*Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*  
by Cheryl Strayed

At 26 Cheryl Strayed was, by her own admission, a total mess. Her beloved mother had just died; she'd broken up her young marriage; she was dating a junkie and was well on her way to becoming one herself. But Strayed—who adopted that name because it fit her behavior so well—righted herself by setting out on an 1,100-mile hike up the Pacific Crest Trail, from the Mojave Desert to northernmost Oregon.

*The Twelve Tribes of Hattie*  
by Ayana Mathis

A debut of extraordinary distinction: through the trials of one unforgettable family, Ayana Mathis tells the story of the children of the Great Migration, a story of love and bitterness and the promise of a new America.

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*The Invention of Wings*  
by Sue Monk Kidd

This powerful story about the relationship between Sarah Grimké and her household slave, Hetty—known around the Grimké estate as Handful for her rebellious disposition—explores the rigid social order of early-19th-century Charleston, South Carolina, and the two girls' search for freedom.

2015

*Ruby*  
by Cynthia Bond

The epic, unforgettable story of a man determined to protect the woman he loves from the town desperate to destroy her—Loving the beautiful but damaged Ruby all of his life, Ephram is torn between his sister and a chance for a life with Ruby when the latter returns to

their small hometown and confronts the forces that traumatized her early years.

2016

*The Underground Railroad*  
by Colson Whitehead

After Cora, a pre-Civil War Georgia slave, escapes with another slave, Caesar, they seek the help of the Underground Railroad as they flee from state to state and try to evade a slave catcher, Ridgeway, who is determined to return them to the South.

*Love Warrior : a memoir*  
by Glennon Doyle Melton

A memoir of betrayal and self-discovery by bestselling author Glennon Doyle, *Love Warrior* is a gorgeous and inspiring account of how we are all born to be warriors: strong, powerful, and brave; able to confront the pain and claim the love that exists for us all. This chronicle of a beautiful, brutal journey speaks to anyone who yearns for deeper, truer relationships and a more abundant, authentic life.