

## **LSCC Women's Book Clubs Book List (with descriptions)**

The following is a listing of books read by members of the [LSCC Women's Book Clubs](#), part of the Women's Ministry at [Lee's Summit Community Church](#). Ratings are in parentheses (), with 5 being the best! Book club members may have copies of some of the books below, so if you want to borrow one, contact the coordinator to see what's available. Questions? Contact Linda Tyrrel at [lyrrel@kc.rr.com](mailto:lyrrel@kc.rr.com).

Alcorn, Randy - Deadline (5) – Fiction – Jake Woods is a journalist who becomes involved in a murder mystery. The topic of abortion is approached from his perspective as both a journalist and a father. First in a series of three. Multnomah Publishers, 2006. 448 pages.

Alcorn, Randy - Deception (5) - Fiction – Ollie Chandler is a redneck detective working on a murder case and dealing with individual struggles with everyday life and relationships. There are many plot twists and turns. Alcorn gives a balanced Christian perspective. Third in a series of three. Multnomah Publishers, 2008. 496 pages.

Alcorn, Randy - Dominion (4-5) - Fiction – A shocking murder drags black newspaper columnist Clarence Abernathy into the world of inner-city gangs and racial conflict. Dominion is a dramatic story of spiritual searching, racial reconciliation, faith and hope. Second in a series of three. Multnomah Publishers, 2006. 624 pages.

Alcorn, Randy - Heaven (4) - Non-fiction – very thought-provoking; the author wants Christians to look forward to the home God is preparing for us (533 pages)

Alcorn, Randy - Safely Home (5) - Fictional story of persecution in China – best book we've read! Recommended for everyone who plans to go on a mission trip. (402 pages)

Austin, Lynn - Gods & Kings (Chronicles of the Kings series, book 1) (5) - Biblical fiction - excellent writer, good story, life of King Hezekiah as a child, Bible characters come alive (316 pages)

Blackstock, Terri - Cape Refuge (4) – Fiction – murder mystery (385 pages)

Blackstock, Terri - Last Light (4) – Fiction – 1<sup>st</sup> book in Restoration series. A masterful what-if novel in which global catastrophe reveals the darkness in human hearts and lights the way to restoration for a self-centered world. In the face of a crisis that sweeps an entire high-tech planet back to the age before electricity, your family faces a choice. Will you hoard your possessions to survive or trust God to provide? All you've got is your family and community. You must rely on each other. But one of you is a killer. The first book in a series.

Burney, Claudia Mair – Murder, Mayhem and a Fine Man (5) – Fiction.

Carroll, Joseph S. – How to Worship Jesus Christ (4) – Non-Fiction - Excellent book. Makes us consider our worship relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This book helps us see that everything within us depends upon our worship of our Lord. Moody Publishers, 1991, 90 pages.

Collins, Brandilyn - Color the Sidewalk for Me (3-4) – Fiction – A story about family ties and how God is the ultimate healer of broken relationships. (373 pages)

- Colson, Charles – The Good Life (5) - Non-fiction, good writing, very readable Exploring the ways we seek pleasure and contentment, Colson shares real-life stories about people who define themselves by their positions and possessions vs. those who define themselves by their faith in God. You'll find new purpose and meaning for your own life. Tyndale, 2005, hardcover, 280 pages.
- Dekker, Ted - Obsessed (2-4) – Fiction (382 pages)
- Dekker, Ted - Thr3e (2-4) – Fiction – Dekker is an excellent Christian writer, dark subject matter, his style is too intense for some (352 pages)
- Downs, Tim – Chop Shop, Bug Man Series, Book #2 (4) – Fiction – Funny; intense. Intern forensic pathologist Dr. Riley McKay seeks help from Dr. Nick Polchak, the "bug man," renowned for his ability to solve murders by analyzing the insects on victim's bodies. Deep characters, intelligent plot, sharp wit. Howard Books, 2004.
- Dyson, Wanda - Intimidation (4) – Fiction – FBI story (345 pages)
- Dyson, Wanda – Obsession, John Shefford Crime Series #2 (4) - Fiction - Partners Zoe Shefford and Josiah Johnson investigate when beautiful young coeds start disappearing from a local college campus. Can JJ learn to trust Zoe in time to stop the killer's deadly obsession? Barbour Publishing, 2004, 352 pages, softcover.
- Eldredge, Stasi & John – Captivating - Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul (1-5) – Non-fiction - Every woman longs to be romanced, to play an irreplaceable role in a heroic adventure and to have a beauty all her own to unveil. Most reviewers felt this book was wonderful and encouraging; others felt it focused too much on women and romance rather than on God and Biblical love. (224 pages, hardcover)
- Eliot, Elizabeth – Through Gates of Splendor (5) – Non-fiction – the unforgettable true story of five men who died to bring the gospel to a primitive tribe in Ecuador in 1955; written by the wife of one of Jim Eliot. Living Books, 1981, 274 pages
- Fleisher, Donna - Wounded Healer (4) – Fiction - At the end of Operation Desert Storm, close friends and female soldiers Chris and Erin go their separate ways--without even saying good-bye. When tragedy reunites them four years later, one's fear of God and the other's faith in Him collide in a different kind of war only one of them can win. (310 pages)
- Garrett, Ginger - Chosen (4) – Fiction – Biblical fiction based on the story of Esther
- Gramckow, Kacy Barnett - The Heavens Before (4) – Biblical fiction - set in time of Noah – 1<sup>st</sup> book in a Genesis trilogy (383 pages)
- Gregory, David - Dinner With a Perfect Stranger (5) – Fiction – a novella about dinner with Jesus (100 pages)
- Gunn, Robin Jones - Gardenias for Breakfast (4) - Fiction – deals with generation gap between mother, daughter and grandmother. Thomas Nelson, 2005, 320 pages.
- Gunn, Robin Jones – Sisterchicks Do the Hula! (5) Fiction – fun to read, two women friends travel to Hawaii. Multnomah Publishers, 2003, 288 pages.
- Gunn, Robin Jones - Sisterchicks in Gondolas (5) – Fiction – fun to read, two women friends travel to Venice. Multnomah Publishers, 2006, 304 pages.
- Gunn, Robin Jones - Sisterchicks say ooh la la (5) – Fiction – fun to read, two women friends travel to Paris. Multnomah Publishers, 2005, 288 pages.

- Hatcher, Robin Lee - Ribbon of Years (5) – Fiction - In her 39th novel, Hatcher alternates between the past seven decades and the current one to show how the influence of a life of faith can shape the destiny of others. Tyndale House, 2001, 312 pages.
- Hauck, Rachel - Diva Nash Vegas (4) – Fiction – story about a female country singer (304 pages)
- Heitzman, Kristen - Freefall (3) – Fiction – story of amnesiac, set in Hawaii (462 pages)
- Heitzmann, Kristin – Secrets (Secrets Series #1) ( ) – Fiction - sparring and humorous conflict between the main characters contrasts poignantly with heart-rending mysteries of their lives. (416 pages, paperback)
- Henderson, Dee – The Guardian (5) - Fiction - Book 2 of the O'Malley series. Marcus is a US Marshall who searches for the killer of a federal judge, as he protects the only eyewitness from an assassin. The O'Malley family is an inspirational group of seven, all abandoned or orphaned as teens, who have made the choice to become a loyal and committed family. Their stories include suspense, inspiration, and romance. You will experience the heartache and joy of each character as they do their jobs, build relationships, and search for truth.
- Henderson, Dee – The Negotiator (5) Fiction - Book 1 of the O'Malley series. Kate is a hostage negotiator, and she's learned to depend only on herself in a crisis. FBI special agent Dave Richman is assigned to protect her when she appears to be the killer's next target. Kate has to decide if Dave and the God he trusts are worthy of her trust as well. Dee Henderson is one of our favorite authors! Each book in the series follows a different character, explaining details of their careers, while developing characters and building relationships.
- Henderson, Dee – The Witness (4) – Fiction – A killer lures a murder witness out of hiding by targeting her sisters. The police chief and his two detectives--all falling in love with different sisters--make it their personal missions to keep the women safe. Facing the future will take a faith deeper than any of them currently knows. (378 pages)
- Henderson, Jim; Matt Caspar & George Barna – Jim & Casper Go to Church – Non-fiction ( )
- Higgs, Liz Curtis - Grace in Thine Eyes (4-5) – Fiction, loosely based on story of Dinah in the Bible, set in Scotland (447 pages)
- Higgs, Liz Curtis – Thorn in My Heart (5) Book 1 of Lowlands of Scotland series.
- Hill, Grace Livingston – An Unwilling Guest (3) – Fiction – Christian romance set in an earlier era; Hill wrote over 100 books from 1887-1942. (250 pages)
- Hill, Patti - Like a Watered Garden (4) – Fiction - A good life application book-dealing with grief (318 pages)
- Jackson, Neta - Yada Yada Prayer Group (4) - Fiction - A group of 12 extremely diverse women, assigned to a prayer group at a women's conference, become the best of friends as they support each other through the challenges and crises in their lives. (388 pages)
- James, Carolyn Custis - When Life and Beliefs Collide – Non-Fiction – “how knowing God makes a difference” (256 pages)

Kingsbury, Karen - One Tuesday Morning (4) – Fiction (337 pages)

Kingsbury, Karen - Beyond Tuesday Morning by (4) – Fiction - In this sequel to the bestselling One Tuesday Morning, to widow Jamie Bryan it is still September 12, 2001. What will move her from living in the past to living the life God has given her today? (316 pages)

Kingsbury, Karen - Even Now (4) – Fiction - good writer, easy to read, message of enduring love, story is somewhat unbelievable (356 pages)

Kingsbury, Karen – Summer (Sunrise Series, Baxter 3, Book 2) – ( ) – Fiction – The Baxters are an awesome, yet realistic, family with real-life problems. The author draws you into this emotionally touching, very sad, but healing story. She shows the fallout when people close off their hearts to each other and the beauty of submitting to God's will. There are just enough loose ends to make you crave the next book. (368 pages, paperback)

Kirkpatrick, Jane - All Together in One Place (4) – Fiction – set in pioneer days (406 pages)

Lewis, Beverly – The Preacher's Daughter (3) – Fiction (349 pages)

Lucado, Max – Every Day Deserves a Chance ( )

Lucado, Max – He Still Moves Stones ( ) – Non-fiction – Why does the Bible contain so many stories of hurting people? Jesus stepped in when everyone else stepped out. Lucado reminds us that the purpose of these portraits isn't to tell us what Jesus did-but rather to remind us what Jesus still does. (236 pages)

MacArthur, John – Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness and What He Wants to Do with You (5) - Non-Fiction – Inspirational, sound Biblical teaching, highly recommended. Thomas Nelson, 2006, 224 pages.

MacLaren, Sharlene - Loving Liza Jane (5) – Fiction - Feisty Liza Jane Merriwether discovers that God is the ultimate Matchmaker when she moves to Little Hickman Creek, Kentucky, to become the new schoolteacher. (351 pages)

Miller, Donald – Searching for God Knows What (3) – Non-fiction – described as “a meandering conversation, often profound.” Thomas Nelson, 2004, 256 pages.

Moore, Beth - Believing God (5) - Non-fiction – excellent book – one of the best we read! A powerful book, it forces the reader to take another look at a faith that she may have taken for granted. It encourages all of us to make "faith" an action rather than a noun, and help us become the people God intended us to be. B & H Publishing, 2004, 272 pages.

Moore, Beth – Get Out of That Pit: Straight Talk about God's Deliverance ( ) – Non-fiction – Beth Moore says that if God could lift her out of the pit, He can get anyone out! In her straight-talking but loving style, she reminds readers that deliverance can begin for them this very day. (249 pages)

Morris, Gilbert – Charades – Fiction (4-5)

Moser, Nancy – The Seat Beside Me – Fiction (4)

Musser, Elizabeth – The Swan House – Fiction (4)

Paul, Donita - Dragonspell (3) – Fiction - good writer, different genre–fantasy, strange characters; fictional characters represent God and Satan (339 pages)

Peretti, Frank – The Oath ( ) – Fiction –

Peterson, Tracie – A Lady of High Regard (4) – Fiction – Christian romance set in the late 1800s; addresses the issue of women’s roles and rights.

Peterson, Tracie - Summer of the Midnight Sun (4) – Fiction – Christian romance set in Alaska (378 pages)

Piper, Don - 90 Minutes in Heaven (5) - Non-fiction – story of man who died in car accident, went to heaven and came back – he now lives in constant pain, but is being used by God to comfort people who have lost a loved one or are living with chronic pain. (207 pages)

Quayle, Marilyn Tucker and Nancy Tucker Northcott – The Campaign (4) – Fiction – political intrigue and murder cloud a Christian man’s election campaign.

Rivers, Francine – Leota’s Garden ( ) – Fiction –

Rivers, Francine - Redeeming Love (5) – Fiction – Excellent author - modern story based on Hosea (464 pages)

Rivers, Francine – The Last Sin Eater (4) – Fiction – All that matters for Cadi Forbes is finding the one man who can set her free from the sin that plagues her. But Cadi doesn't know that the "sin eater" is seeking as well. A captivating tale of suffering, seeking and redemption. (472 pages)

Rivers, Francine - The Scarlet Thread (4) – Fiction - excellent writer, good story set in modern times with connection to pioneer days through flashbacks to grandmother; message of love & forgiveness, marriage issues (485 pages)

Rivers, Francine – The Scribe (5) – Biblical Fiction – based on Silas in the book of Acts.

Rivers, Francine - Unafraid (4-5) – Fiction - story of Mary, mother of Jesus – Scripture-based; we didn’t agree with all the fictional parts, but it was very thought provoking. (212 pages)

Schaub, Christine - Finding Anna (5) - Historical fiction - based on the story behind the hymn 'It Is Well With My Soul.' When tragedy strikes, Horatio Spafford writes a poem on the back of a telegram--words that have become a hymn of hope for millions facing sorrow. (316 pages)

Snelling, Lauraine - Brushstroke Legacy (5) – Fiction - Weaving together the stories of three generations, this tale reminds readers that art and faith are gifts powerful enough to communicate across time. (392 pages)

Stack, Debi – Martha to the Max – Non-fiction (5) – a book for perfectionists – there is hope for us!

Stack, Debi - Smotherly Love (5) Non-fiction – “I know where your buttons are and I’m not afraid to push them!” Lighthearted yet practical tips for mother-daughter relationships (148 pages)

Stokes, Penelope - Blue Bottle Club (4) – Fiction - In the wake of the depression of 1929, four friends gather in an attic on Christmas day to place their life wishes into a blue bottle. Sixty-five years later, a reporter stumbles upon the bottle, discovering the most meaningful story of her career and possibly the meaning missing from her own life. (342 pages)

Stovall, Jim – The Ultimate Gift and The Ultimate Life – (1-5) – Fiction – author discusses “gifts” that make up a good life – hard work, friends, family, giving, helping people, doing good works, and love. Readers generally love this book, but it’s not really a “Christian” book. It shows how we should live, but never mentions Jesus Christ, or how to have a relationship with Him. There are some vague references to God. The main character in the book transforms his life by his own efforts, rather than by trusting in Jesus, who is the only one who can transform our lives. (David C. Cook, publisher)

Stroebel, Lee – The Case for Christ (5) Non-fiction – an investigative journalist looks at the evidence that proves Jesus is who he says he is. The author’s search for truth led him from atheism to faith in Christ.

Tatlock, Ann - Things We Once Held Dear (3) - Fiction - newly widowed man returns to his hometown to face an old tragedy. Will reconnecting with his past lead to Neil's rediscovering the validity of his childhood faith? (396 pages)

Thoene, Bodie & Brock - First Light (4-5) – Biblical fiction - excellent writer, story about blind beggar who was healed by Jesus (first in a series) (395 pages)

Voice of the Martyrs - Hearts of Fire (5) – Non-fiction – Fantastic book, inspiring, heart-wrenching! True stories of nine women persecuted for the faith in modern times (294 pages)

Whitlow, Robert - Life Support (4) – Fiction - A tragic accident in the Carolina mountains leaves a young man paralyzed and in a coma. A fierce legal battle erupts creating a fast-paced, true-to-life story that reflects the power to heal. (392 pages)

Wick, Lori - Pretense (4) – Fiction – two sisters with different personalities and life-changing experiences (702 pages)

Wilhite, Jud – Stripped – Uncensored Grace on the Streets of Las Vegas ( ) – Non-fiction – the pastor of a large church in Las Vegas tells the stories of several people who came to Vegas to start over, and have found Jesus through the ministry there.

Wilkerson, David – The Cross and the Switchblade (5) – Non-fiction – biographical story of a country pastor’s call to bring the gospel to teenage gang members in New York City.

Yankowski, Mike – Under the Overpass ( ) – Non-fiction – author felt called to live as a homeless person for six months, discusses his experiences in different cities.

Yun, Brother – The Heavenly Man (5) – Non-fiction, biography - the remarkable true story of Chinese Christian Brother Yun (351 pages)

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