

## NWR 60 years Book list – From the Dorking Group

Date	Author	Title	Publisher	Reader	Comment
2020	Hilary Mantel Trevor	Mirror and the light	Harper Collins	Jo	masterful final instalment of Thomas Cromwell trilogy
2019	McDonald	An improbable life	Weidenfeld Nicolson	Rosemary H	well-written
2018	Pat Barker Gillian	Silence of the girls	Hamish Hamilton	Rosemary H Sylvia & Marjorie	unusual perspective on Trojan wars, gripping Sliding Doors thriller with moral dilemma (manslaughter charge)
2017	McAllister	Anything you do say	Penguin		written like 2 books
2016	Amor Towles	Gentleman in Moscow	Viking	Frances	easy, fun read - I have visited places mentioned
2015	Juliet Nicolson Georges	House full of daughters	Random House	Rosemary H	interesting background of life in a famous family
2014	Simenon	Hanged man of St Pholien	Penguin	Mary R	republished Inspector Maigret story, rather dated but still good
2013	John Nettles	Jewels & Jackboots	Seeker	Fran	well-written story of life during German occupation of Jersey
2012	Katherine Boo	Behind the beautiful forevers	Portobello	Mary R	non-fiction, based on 3 years in Mumbai, detailing life in a slum
2011	Helen Dunmore	The Siege	Viking	Rosemary H	gripping family story, authentic background
2010	Maeve Binchy	Return journey	Orion	Anne	unlikely group of travellers united when take each other's cases five short stories of music and nightfall, linked by theme, easy to read.
2009	Kazuo Ishiguro	Nocturnes	Random House	Mary R	
2008	Steve Toltz	Fraction of the whole	Spiegel & Grau	Rosemary D	3 generations of a family, set in Australia
2007	Rose Tremain	Road home	Chatto & Windus	Rosemary H	riveting story, well-written
2006	Richard Harris	Imperium	Hutchinson	Rosemary H	weaves a true story, want to know more.
2005	Gwyneth Lewis	Two in a boat	4th estate	Rosemary H	honest real-life adventure story
2004	Andea Levy	Small island	Review	Rosemary H	re-read after seeing National Theatre play
2003	Nigel Slater	Toast	4th estate	Rosemary H	unusual format, full of recollections

2002	Jenny Uglow	Lunar men	Faber	Rosemary H	learned approach to a learned group of people
2001	Anne Tyler	Back when we were grown-ups	Viking	Christine	deep look at family dynamics but fun to read
2000	Simon Garfield	Mauve	Faber	Rosemary H	illuminating, interesting, good narrative
1999	Deborah Moggach	Tulip fever	Vintage	Rosemary H	learned & interesting, good background knowledge
1998	Marion Molteno	If you can walk you can dance	Shola	Marjorie	love story set in South Africa.
1997	Arundhati Roy	God of small things	Harper	Rosemary H	most enjoyable easy read, flowed nicely
1996	Fergal Keane	Letter to Daniel	BBC	Rosemary H	emotional and honest
1995	Kate Atkinson	Behind the scenes at the museum	Picador	Sylvia	true-to-life portrait of hopes & failures of family life in York in 1950s&1960s
1994	Leonore Fleischer	Shadowlands	Hodder	Rosemary H	emotional true story
1993	Sebastian Faulks	Birdsong	Hutchinson	Rosemary H	the film was faithful to the book
1992	Michael Ondaatje	English patient	Bloomsbury	Rosemary H	background to the great film
1991	Penelope Lively	City of the mind	Harper Collins	Val	architect's London life enriched by history & his past
1990	Nigel Williams	Wimbledon poisoner	Faber	Rosemary H	humorous, unusual
1989	Bill Bryson	Lost continent	Secker Warburg	Sylvia	eye-opener
1988	Angela Holdsworth	Out of the doll's house	BBC	Rosemary H	nostalgic look at young family life
1987	Rosamunde Pilcher	The shell seekers	Vintage	Sue	heart-warming story of family life
1986	Kazuo Ishiguro	Artist of the floating world	Faber & Faber	Christine	set in Japan after ww2, when artist's wife & son had been killed
1985	Maureen Lipman	How was it for you	Mcdonald	Rosemary H	light funny read
1984	Maeve Binchy	Lilac bus	Delacorte	Heather	one chapter per occupant of the bus,well-developed characters, kept momentum

1983	Susan Hill Michael	Woman in black	Hamish Hamilton	Heather	excellent read, kept your attention throughout
1982	Morporgo Margaret	War horse	Kaye & Ward	Rosemary H	emotive, personal interest in war shines through
1981	Atwood	Bodily harm	McClelland & Stewart	Heather	complex, expressive writing, involved reader
1980	David Attenborough	Adventures of young naturalist	Lutterworth	Rosemary H	fascinating, interesting pictures too.
1979	Jeffrey Archer	Kane and Abel	Hodder Stoughton	Mary R	excellent story-teller, an easy read
1978	M M Kaye	Far Pavilions	Bantam	Rosemary D	excellent read, kept your attention throughout, set in period of British Raj
1977	Peter Ustinov	Dear Me	Penguin	Rosemary H	humorous account of interesting life
1976	Yehudi Menuhin	Unfinished journey	Methuen	Rosemary H	captivating detail of life and music
1975	Roald Dahl	Danny Champion of the world	Cape	Barbara	enjoyed by all ages, about the bond between father & son and risks taken to help each other
1974	Susan Hill	In springtime of the year	Hamish Hamilton	Frances	poignant story about coming to terms with grief following bereavement.
1973	Roald Dahl	Charlie & the chocolate factory	Puffin	Rosemary H	romped through this easy read!
1972	P D James Daphne du	Unsuitable job for a woman	Scribner	Sue	gripping thriller, easy reading
1971	Maurier	Don't look now	Random House	Mary M	short stories but all a bit unbelievable and depressing
1970	Henri Charriere	Papillon	Hart-Davis	Sylvia	autobiographical novel of wrongful incarceration
1969	Kurt Vonnegut	Slaughterhouse Five	Delacorte	Jo	sci-fi anti-war novel, a life recounted with black humour by Dresden bombing survivor.
1968	James Watson	Double Helix	Weidenfeld Nicolson	Rosemary H	best account of science
1967	E F Benson	Mapp & Lucia	Heinemann	Frances	satire about the pre-war pretentiousness and rivalries in village life which I suspect still exist today!
1966	Jean Rhys	Wide Sargasso sea	Penguin	Marjorie	classic, prequel to Jane Eyre, about Mr Rochester
1965	Muriel Spark	Mandelbaum Gate	Penguin	Heather	difficult read, hard to engage

1964	Ernest Hemingway	A moveable feast	Cape	Mary R	autobiography, young writer living in Paris, good easy read
1963	John le Carre	Spy who came in from the cold	Victor Gollancz	Rosemary H	well-constructed, thought-provoking
1962	John Steinbeck	Travels with Charley	Penguin	Christine	highlights racism & throw-away society
1961	Richard Hughes	Fox in the attic	Chatto & Windus	Jo	tale of Welsh & Bavarian cousins interwoven with historical events of 1923
1960	Olivia Manning	The great fortune	Heinemann	Marjorie	part 1 of trilogy: civilian life in Eastern Europe, chronicled vividly by young couple