

ElderStudy Books for 2017-2018 year.

Sept 14, 2017

**The President is a Sick Man** by Matthew Alegeo

Leader - Chuck Watkins

The previously untold story of the mysterious disappearance of Grover Cleveland. The coverup of his serious illness and his medical treatment makes for a surprisingly compelling read.

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Oct. 12, 2017

**Hidden Figures** by Margot Shetterly

Leader - Connie Smith

The American Dream and the Untold story of the Black Women Mathematicians who helped win the Space Race. A group of dedicated female mathematicians known as “human computers” used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate numbers that would launch rockets, and 6 astronauts into space.

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Nov. 9, 2017

**Just Mercy** by Bryan Stevenson

Leader - Michael Millard

Beginning when he was a 23 year old Harvard law student, the author has spent decades working to free scores of people from wrongful and excessive criminal punishment.

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Dec. 14, 2017

**Elon Musk: Tesla, Space X and the Quest for a Fantastic Future** by Ashlee Vance

Leader - Phil Hall

In the spirit of Steve Jobs, Elon Musk is both an illuminating and authorized look at the extraordinary life of one of Silicon Valley’s most exciting, unpredictable, and ambitious entrepreneurs, and a fascinating exploration of the renewal of American invention and its new “makers”.

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Jan. 11, 2018

**A Piece of the World** by Christine Baker Kline

Leader - Sherrill Bartholomew

Inspired by Wyeth’s “Christina’s World”, the author begins with the few facts known about Christina and creates a gripping work of historical fiction that brings to life “the girl in the field” and the rural American life in which she lived.

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Feb. 8, 2018

**A Gentleman In Moscow** by Amor Towles

Leader - Kay McKinney

The author skillfully transports us to the Metropol, the famed Moscow hotel where movie stars and Russian royalty hobnob, where Bolsheviks plot revolutions and intellectuals discuss the merits of contemporary Russian writers, where spies spy, thieves steal and the danger of twentieth century Russia lurks outside its marbled walls.

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Mar. 8, 2018

**Destiny of the Republic** by Candice Millard

Leader Keith Morganheim

This book is about the assassination of James Garfield and includes attempts to save his life by none other than Alexander Graham Bell. But more importantly it reveals a man who might have become a great president.

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April 12, 2018

**A Man Called Ove** by Fredrik Backman

Leader - Dot Meyers

An inspiring affirmation of love for life and acceptance of people for their essence and individual quirks. A feel-good story about the angry old man next door and a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others.

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May 10, 2018

**Conclave** by Robert Harris

Leader - Rose Reif

The best selling author of Enigma and Fatherland turns to today's Vatican in a ripped-from-the-headlines novel, and gives us his most ambitious, page-turning thriller yet - where the power of God is nearly equaled by the ambition of men.