

# Books Plus May



On Sunday May 6th, come join us to discuss Steinbeck's masterpiece *The Grapes of*

*Wrath*. Steinbeck wrote this novel longhand in only five months. The story of the Joads during the depression-era has many parallels for many Americans today.

Please come and share your thoughts about this American classic. As always, we'll provide snacks and drinks.

Books Plus meets the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome. Join the discussion or simply come to listen.

No registration necessary. **Drop in.**

## **2 p.m., First Sundays**

See the full spring and summer schedule below.

May 6 -- *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

Discussion Leader: Doris Lynch

This book "reads as if it had been composed in a flash, ripped off the typewriter and delivered to the public as an ultimatum. It is a long and thoughtful novel as one thinks about it. It is a short and vivid scene as one feels it." -- New York Times Book Review, April 1939

**June 3** - *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks

Discussion Leader: Sarah Bowman

"In 1650, Caleb Cheeshahteamuck of Martha's Vineyard graduated from Harvard, whose 1650 charter describes its mission as 'the education of the English and Indian youth of this country'.

That much is fact. That Caleb befriended Bethia Mayfield, the free-spirited daughter of the island's preacher, is of course fiction--but it's luscious fiction in the capable hands of Pulitzer Prize winner Brooks." -- Library Journal

**July 1** - *The Johnstown Flood* by David G. McCullough

Discussion Leader: Sarah Bowman

Graced by David McCullough's remarkable gift for writing richly textured, sympathetic social history, *The Johnstown Flood* is an absorbing, classic portrait of life in nineteenth-century America. It also offers a powerful historical lesson for our century and all times: the danger of assuming that because people are in positions of responsibility they are necessarily behaving responsibly. - Book description

**August 5** -- *Snobs* by Julian Fellowes

Discussion Leader: Dory Lynch

"Julian Fellowes, the writer of the popular mini-series *Downton Abbey*, penned this comedy of manners about the British aristocracy in the 1990s. "I couldn't put *Snobs* down: Who could resist a great story of a beautiful, ambitious girl on her climb to the turreted top of the castle-hopping set? As witty as he is smart, Julian Fellowes is the Oscar-winning, Oscar Wilde of the minute." - Plum Sykes

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