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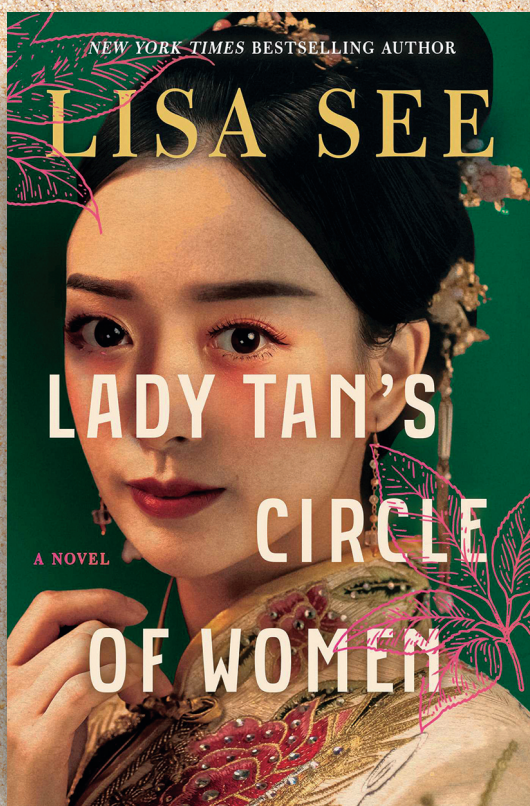
Socializing and Sweet Treats

Saturday, June 10
2 to 3:30p.m.

Montana Avenue
Branch, Patio

Join us for a craft
and tasty treat
at an adults-only
social gathering.

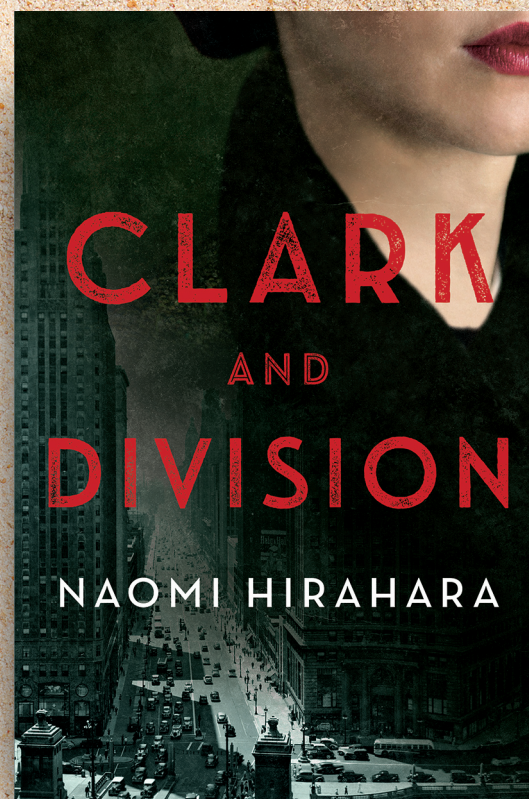
Check out our new
"Socializing & Dating"
RED Kits and sign up
for our Summer
Reading Program.



Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See

In 15th century China, Tan Yunxian studies medicine to care for female patients who male doctors are forbidden to touch, but when her family pushes her into an arranged marriage, she is torn between her calling and their expectations.

Lisa See is a Chinese-American author living in Los Angeles. She has written seven popular novels and a memoir.



Clark and Division by Naomi Hirahara

In 1944, the Ito family plans to reunite in Chicago after being released from the Manzanar incarceration camp, but then learn their older daughter, who moved there first, has

died mysteriously. Elements of classic crime fiction appear as the younger daughter investigates.

Naomi Hirahara is a Japanese-American author living in Pasadena. She has written two acclaimed mystery series, as well as several standalone novels and nonfiction books.

Thank you to the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library for their ongoing support for Santa Monica Reads All Summer.



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Lisa See

Author Talk: Lisa See In-person

Tue., July 18 / 6-7p.m. / Main Library / MLK Jr. Aud.
Celebrate *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa See's new book, *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*. The author talks about her research, writing process, and recent titles. Q & A, book sale, and signing follow the discussion.

Book Discussions:

Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See

Notable Fiction Book Group Discussion

- Sat., July 15 / 11a.m.-noon / Zoom
(Email library@santamonica.gov for Zoom info)

Community Book Group Discussion

- Wed., August 2 / 6-7p.m. / Pico Branch Annex

Naomi Hirahara

Author Talk: Naomi Hirahara In-person

Thu., Aug 10 / 6-7p.m. / Main Library / MLK Jr. Aud.
Celebrate the launch of Naomi Hirahara's new book, *Evergreen*, a follow up to *Clark and Division*. Hirahara discusses her writing, research, and the series. Q & A, book sale, and signing follow the discussion.

Book Discussions:

Clark and Division by Naomi Hirahara

Mystery Book Group Discussion

- Tue., June 20 / 7-8p.m. / Zoom
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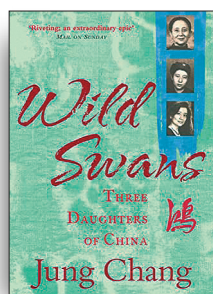
Montana Branch Book Group Discussion

- Thu., July 20 / 6-7p.m. / Montana Avenue Branch

Related Reads for *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*

Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China

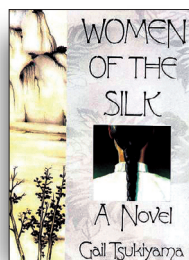
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Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China is a memoir that traces the lives of three generations of women in the author's family. It is a vivid portrayal of the multifaceted challenges faced by women.

Women of the Silk

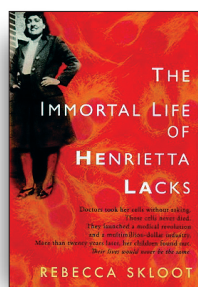
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Women of the Silk explores the profound connections formed between women working in a silk factory and details their unwavering determination to break free from societal constraints.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

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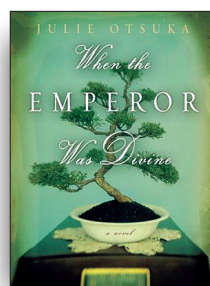


The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks is the true story of Henrietta Lacks, an African-American woman, whose cells were taken without her knowledge in 1951. The book highlights contributions by women doctors in Henrietta's story, and their roles in advancing medical science.

Related Reads for *Clark and Division*

When the Emperor Was Divine

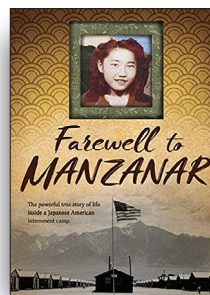
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Presented through the diverse viewpoints of different family members, *When the Emperor was Divine* chronicles the story of a Japanese-American family forced into an incarceration camp during World War II.

Farewell to Manzanar

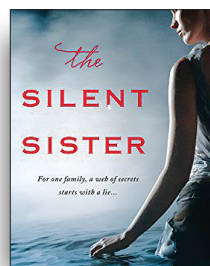
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Farewell to Manzanar is Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston's memoir of her family's incarceration at Manzanar. With a firsthand perspective, Houston vividly recounts her family's experiences before, during, and after World War II.

The Silent Sister

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The Silent Sister is a gripping story of one woman's quest to uncover the truth about her sister's presumed death. She investigates her sister's disappearance and her family's past making surprising discoveries.