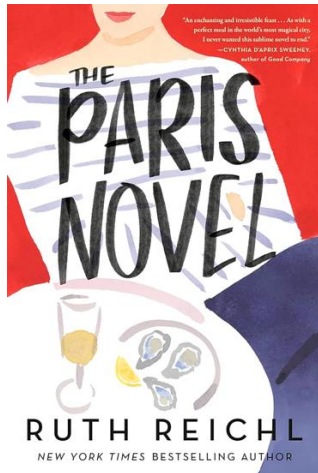


BOOK CLUB FOR MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2024



Come join fellow shareholders for a glass of wine and lively discussion of *The Paris Novel*, by Ruth Reichl.

Best selling author Ruth Reichl takes readers on an adventure of food, art, fashion, and mystery in 1980's Paris in this dazzling, heartfelt novel.

When her estranged mother dies, Stella is left with an unusual one-way plane ticket and a note reading "Go to Paris". Hardly cut out for adventure, she resigns herself to honoring her mother's last wishes.

Alone in a foreign city, Stella falls into old habits, living cautiously and frugally. Then she stumbles across a vintage store where she tries on a fabulous Dior dress. The shopkeeper insists that this dress is for Stella and, for the first time in her life, Stella does something impulsive. She buys the dress and together they embark on an adventure.

Her first iconic brasserie Les Deux Magots, where she meets her first oysters, and then meets an octogenarian art collector who decides to take her under his wing. As he introduces her to a veritable who's who of the 1980's Paris literary, art, and culinary worlds, Stella begins to understand what it might mean to live a larger life.

Stella uncovers a 100-year old mystery in a Manet painting and discovers a passion for food that may be connected to her past. A feast for the senses, this novel is a testament to living deliciously, taking chances, and finding your true home.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, AT 7 PM, IN THE GRACE SREET LOBBY

Please RSVP to Todd Cannon at toddcannon@comcast.net or 312 841-9795.

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE NEXT THREE BOOK CLUBS:

Monday, January 6th, at 7 PM: Daniel Silva's latest mystery: **A DEATH IN CORNWALL**.

Monday, February 3rd, at 7 PM: **BALZAC AND THE CHINESE SEAMSTRESS**, by Dai Sijie.

Monday, March 3rd, at 7 PM: **A VISIT FROM THE GOON SQUAD**, by Jennifer Egan.