

Emmaus Public Library  
Evening Book Discussion Group  
October 2025 - January 2026, Second Tuesdays, 6:45 pm

So Then This Happened. . .

October 14 - *White Noise* by Don DeLillo. Fiction.

*White Noise* tells the story of Jack Gladney, his fourth wife, Babette, and four ultra-modern offspring as they navigate the rocky passages of family life to the background babble of brand-name consumerism. When an industrial accident unleashes an "airborne toxic event," a lethal black chemical cloud floats over their lives. The menacing cloud is a more urgent and visible version of the "white noise" engulfing the Gladneys—radio transmissions, sirens, microwaves, ultrasonic appliances, and TV murmurings—pulsing with life, yet suggesting something ominous." – Publisher

November 11 - *The Great Fire* by Shirley Hazzard. Fiction.

*The Great Fire* is an extraordinary love story set in the immediate aftermath of the great conflagration of the Second World War. In war-torn Asia and stricken Europe, men and women, still young but veterans of harsh experience, must reinvent their lives and expectations, and learn, from their past, to dream again.

"One of the finest novels ever written about war and its aftermath, and well worth the 23-year wait." – Kirkus Reviews

December 9 - *Black Swan Green* by David Mitchell. Fiction.

Thirteen-year-old Jason Taylor comes of age in 1982 in what is for him the sleepiest village in Worcestershire, experiencing first cigarettes, first kisses, and first deaths.

"Great Britain's *Catcher in the Rye*—and another triumph for one of the present age's most interesting and accomplished novelists."—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

January 13 - *The Mighty Red* by Louise Erdrich. Fiction.

..."A novel of tender humor, disquietude, yearning, community, and family, it is about ordinary people who dream, grow up, fall in love, struggle, endure tragedy, carry bitter secrets; men and women both complicated and contradictory, flawed and decent, lonely and hopeful. Human time, deep time, Red River time, and geological time are explored alongside the impact of crises in our own time—climate change, the depletion of natural resources, the economic meltdown of 2008." – Publisher

Register starting Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, at [emmauspl.org/calendar](https://emmauspl.org/calendar). Some copies will be available to borrow from the library, or can be purchased from your favorite indie bookstore or bookshop.org.