

X – OLLI Book Club: In-person

Conveners: Judy Diner and Sue Shelley

Meeting Dates (Monthly) – Tuesday 2:30 – 4:00

- Tuesday, September 5
- Tuesday, October 10
- Tuesday, November 14
- Tuesday, December 5

Catalogue Description

Good books are meant for sharing. Come join our collaborative monthly book group to share ideas about agreed-upon books (fiction and non-fiction) in a relaxed atmosphere. Members propose and select books and take turns leading the discussion.

First meeting (9/5). a) Discuss the novel *Trust*, by Hernan Diaz (Sue Shelley & Judy Diner will lead the discussion). b) Select volunteers to lead future discussions; select books. Come to our first meeting with two books to propose and vote on. Meetings: 9/5, 10/10, 11/14, 12/5.

Scroll down for a summary of *Trust*, by Hernan Diaz and a sampling of critical opinions.

WELCOME AND COURSE CONTENT – OLLI-WILMINGTON IN-PERSON BOOK GROUP – FALL 2023

Dear Book Lovers,

Welcome! Thank you for signing up for our in-person monthly book discussion group. We are excited to be back at in-person OLLI classes and look forward to meeting all of you.

Because this is a collaborative group, we count on you to take turns leading our discussions. We also count on you to propose books for the group to select by a vote.

Our first session, September 5, will include a discussion of *Trust*, by Hernan Diaz. Sue Shelley and Judy Diner will lead the discussion. We will also ask for volunteers to lead future discussions and vote on books for the rest of the term.

Here is what we ask of you:

Please give serious consideration to leading a discussion and be ready to volunteer at the September 5 meeting. Also, if you plan to volunteer, please come with two possible reading selections. The group will vote on the selections for future meetings.

We look forward to meeting you and of course we wish you and yours health, fulfillment and connection and a satisfying OLLI Fall semester.

All the best,

Summary: *Trust*, by Hernan Diaz (2022). Genre: Historical Fiction.

From Amazon

“Even through the roar and effervescence of the 1920s, everyone in New York has heard of Benjamin and Helen Rask. He is a legendary Wall Street tycoon; she is the daughter of eccentric aristocrats. Together, they have risen to the very top of a world of seemingly endless wealth—all as a decade of excess and speculation draws to an end. But at what cost have they acquired their immense fortune? This is the mystery at the center of *Bonds*, a successful 1937 novel that all of New York seems to have read. Yet there are other versions of this tale of privilege and deceit. ...

At once an immersive story and a brilliant literary puzzle, *TRUST* engages the reader in a quest for the truth while confronting the deceptions that often live at the heart of personal relationships, the reality-warping force of capital, and the ease with which power can manipulate facts.”

Critical reception

Named one of the Best Books of 2022 by *The New Yorker*, *Vogue*, *Time*, NPR, Oprah Daily, *Esquire*, and more; one of the top ten books of 2022: *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*; One of Barack Obama’s Favorite Books of 2022. Longlisted for The Booker Prize, 2022.

“*Trust* speaks to matters of the most urgent significance to the present day. Money, power, class, marital and filial relations, the roles played by trust and betrayal in human affairs—Diaz's development of his chosen themes is deeply insightful. Cleverly constructed and rich in surprises, this splendid novel offers serious ideas and serious pleasures on every beautifully composed page. Sigrid Nunez, (*The Conversation*, NY State Writers’ Institute) <https://www.nyswritersinstitute.org/post/excerpt-trust-by-hernan-diaz>