

H.E.R. Book Club 2023 Reading List

(Dates are tentative)

January 20, 2023

Hidden Potential by Wendy Pope

[amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) \$4.90-on sale /[christianbook.com](https://www.christianbook.com) \$8.99

Fears. Faults. Failures. Frailties. Every woman at some point wonders, *Do I have to get past all my weaknesses before God can use me?* Wendy Pope is happy to tell readers: No! You don't have to overcome, correct, rise above, or get strong before you are qualified to be part of God's plan. He can use you right now. You are a worthwhile possibility.

March 10, 2023

The Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kip by Sara Brunsvold

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Aidyn Kelley is talented, ambitious, & ready for far more serious assignments than the "fluff pieces" she's been getting as a cub reporter for the Kansas City Star. When she's asked to write the obituary of an "unremarkable" septuagenarian who's just entered hospice care, she balks. But spirited Clara Kipp may teach her a thing or two! (This is **my** "best book ever".)

May 13, 2023

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom

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Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch watchmaker who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, & one of the most remarkable evangelists of the twentieth century. In World War II she & her family risked their lives to help Jews & underground workers escape from the Nazis, & for their work they were tested in the infamous Nazi death camps. Only Corrie among her family survived to tell the story of how faith ultimately triumphs over evil.

July 14, 2023

The Swan House by Elizabeth Musser

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Mary Swan Middleton has always taken for granted the advantages of her family's wealth. But a tragedy that touches all of Atlanta sends her reeling in grief. When the family maid challenges her to reach out to the less fortunate as a way to ease her own pain, Mary Swan meets Carl & everything changes. For although Carl is her opposite in nearly every way, he has something her privileged life could not give her. And when she seeks his help to uncover a mystery, she learns far more than she ever could have imagined.

(The Swan House, was named one of Amazon's Top Christian Books of the Year, one of Georgia's Top Ten Novels of the Past 100 Years and was awarded the Gold Illumination Book Award 2021 for Enduring Light Fiction.)

September 8, 2023

A Little Salty to Cut the Sweet by Sophie Hudson

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Written for women of all ages, *A Little Salty to Cut the Sweet* is a cheerful, funny, & tender account of Sophie's very Southern family. She shares hope & humor, taking a look at everyday real people & showing how God is in the midst of our daily living. His love & mercy are bigger than we can imagine. Southern-style recipes complement each chapter. This is a cheerful, funny, & tender account of Sophie's very Southern family. It's a look into the real lives of real people—and a real, loving God right in the middle of it all.

November 10, 2023

Night Bird Calling by Cathy Gohlke

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During WWII, Lilliana Swope runs away from her abusive husband, heading for her Aunt Hyacinth's North Carolina home. There she finds friendship & purpose in organizing a library open to all, regardless of color. But will her plans survive the anger of the Klan, the secrets of a young townswoman, & dangers from her own past? Slowly Lilliana finds revival & friendship in No Creek—with precocious 11 year-old Celia Percy, with kindhearted Rev. Jesse Willard, & with Ruby Lynne Wishon, a young woman whose secrets could destroy both them & the town. When the plans for the library also incite the wrath of the Klan, the dangers of Lilliana's past & present threaten to topple her before she's learned to stand.