



**Biographies Book Club  
2025 reading list**

The Biographies Book Club meets over lunch at University House Professors' Walk,  
**12:30-1:30 pm** on the **last Wednesday** of the month (generally).

We aim to schedule books that are available in libraries (including local council libraries, the Baillieu Library and Rowden White Library) and through second-hand book stores.

New members are always welcome. Enquiries to Dr Jennifer Henry, Convenor, at [bookclub@unihouse.org.au](mailto:bookclub@unihouse.org.au)

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| <b>29 January</b>   | <b>Flinders</b><br>(Grantlee Kieza, 2023, ABC Books, 490 pages)  | (suggested by Barb)      |
| <b>26 February</b>  | <b>The Chloroformist</b><br>(Christine Ball, 2021, Melbourne University Press, 322 pages)  | (suggested by Jennifer)  |
| <b>26 March</b>     | <b>First they Killed my Father: a Daughter of Cambodia Remembers</b><br>(Loung Ung, 2017, HarperCollins, 336 pages)                              | (suggested by Judy)      |
| <b>30 April</b>     | <b>Sister Viv</b><br>(Grantlee Kieza, 2024, ABC Books, 352 pages)  | (suggested by Campbell)  |
| <b>28 May</b>       | <b>Childhood</b><br>(Shannon Burns, 2022, Text Publishing, 257 pages)  | (suggested by Cheryl)    |
| <b>25 June</b>      | <b>Hillbilly Elegy: a Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis</b><br>(JD Vance, 2017, HarperCollins, 264 pages)                                 | (suggested by Ann)       |
| <b>30 July</b>      | <b>The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna , Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race</b><br>(Walter Isaacson, 2021, Simon &Schuster, 536 pages) | (suggested by Cheryl)    |
| <b>27 August</b>    | <b>Light and Shadow: Memoirs of a Spy's Son</b><br>(Mark Colvin, 2017, Melbourne University Publishing, 304 pages)                               | (suggested by Mary)      |
| <b>24 September</b> | <b>If Everyone Cared Enough: Her Voice Reclaimed</b><br>(Margaret Tucker MBE, 2024, National Library of Australia Publishing, 216 pages)         | (suggested by Campbell)  |
| <b>29 October</b>   | <b>Mary's Last Dance: the Untold Story of the Wife of Mao's Last Dancer</b><br>(Mary Li, 2020, Penguin Books Australia, 464 pages)               | (suggested by Christine) |
| <b>26 November</b>  | <b>Finding My Place</b><br>(Anne Aly, 2018, HarperCollins, 308 pages)  | (suggested by Mary)      |
| <b>17 December</b>  | <b>The Empty Honour Board: a School Memoir</b><br>(Martin Flanagan, 2023, Viking, 212 pages)   | (suggested by Cheryl)    |