

## **Steeple Aston Book group 2001 – 2021**

### **2001**

November - The Shipping News Annie Proulx

### **2002**

January - Miss Garnet's Angel Sally Vickers

- Master Georgie Beryl Bainbridge

February - Iris John Bayley

March - Enduring Love Ian McEwan

April - Music and Silence Rose Tremain

May - An Equal Music Vickram Seth

June - Journey to Khiva Philip Glaxebrook

July - Longitude Dava Sobel

August - Five Quarters of an Orange Joanne Harris

October - Girl with the Pearl Earring Tracy Chevalier

November - Virgin in the Garden AS Byatt

December - Jean de Florette / Manon of the Springs Marcell Pagnol

### **2003**

January - Brazzaville Beach William Boyd

February - Spies Michael Frayn

March - Once in a House of Fire Andrea Ashworth

- To the Lighthouse Virginia Woolf

April - The Road to Nab End William Woodruff

- Memoirs of a Geisha Arthur Golden

May - Unless Carol Shields

- Hard Work Polly Toynbee

June - The Secret History Donna Tartt

July - The Story of Lucy Gault William Trevor

August - The Cazelet Chronicles Elizabeth Jane Howard  
September - Iris Murdoch A Life Peter Capaldi  
October - The True History of the Kelly Gang Peter Cary  
November - The Sweetest Dreams Doris Lessing  
December - The Curious Case of the Dog in the Night-Time Mark Haddon

## **2004**

January - The House of the Spirits Isabel Allende  
February - The Life of Pi Yann Martel  
March - Emma's War Deborah Scroggins  
April - The Five People You Meet in Heaven Mitch Albom  
May - Persuasion Jane Austen  
June - Can You Forgive Her Anthony Trollope  
July - Brick Lane - Monica Ali  
August - War and Peace Leo Tolstoy  
September - Solder of Salamis Javier Cercas  
- For Whom the Bell Tolls Ernest Hemingway  
- The Shadow of the Wind Carlos Ruiz Zafon  
October - A Fine Balance Rohinton Mistry  
- Cold Mountain Charles Frazier  
November - Ladder of Years Anne Tyler  
December - Wives and Daughters Mrs Gaskell

## **2005**

January - Astonishing Splashes of Colour Clare Morrall  
February - Small Island Andrea Levy  
March - The Birth of Venus Sarah Dunant  
April - The Electric Michelangelo Sarah Hall  
May - The Time Travellers Wife Audrey Niffenegger

June - A Profound Secret Josceline Dimbleby  
July - The Line of Beauty Alan Hollingshurst  
August - The Jane Austen Book Club Karen Fowler  
September - The Grapes of Wrath John Steinbeck  
October - The Red Queen Margaret Drabble  
November - The Food of Love Anthony Capella  
December - Saturday Ian McEwan

## **2006**

January - Birdsong Sebastian Faulks  
February - The Star of the Sea Joseph O'Connor  
March - Labyrinth Kate Mosse  
April - Purple Hibiscus Chitamanda Ngosi Adichee  
May - The Kite Runner Khalid Hosseini  
June - The Poisonwood Bible Barbara Kingsolver  
July - Never Let me Go Kazuo Ishiguro  
August - Bleak House Charles Dickens  
September - The Princess in England Michael Campbell  
October - English Passengers Matthew Kneale  
November - Human Traces Sebastian Faulks  
December - The Night Watch Sarah Waters

## **2007**

January - The Island Victoria Hislop  
February - The Emperor's Children Claire Messud  
- Notes on a Scandal Zoe Heller  
March - Suite Francaise Irene Nemirovsky  
April - The Woman in White Wilkie Collins  
May - Restless William Boyd

June - The Tenderness of Wolves Stef Penney  
July - My Cleaner Maggie Gill  
August - To Kill a Mocking Bird Harper Lee  
September - The Inheritance of Loss Kiran Desai  
October - The Perfect Summer Juliet Nicholson  
November - The Secret River Kate Grenville  
December - Engleby Sebastian Faulks

## **2008**

January - Frankie and Stankie Barbara Trapido  
February - Anna of the Five Towns Arnold Bennett  
March - Old Filth Jane Gardam  
April - Burning Bright Tracy Chevalier  
May - Winter in Madrid C.J.Sansom  
June - Sky Burial Xinran  
July - A Thousand Splendid Suns Khaled Hosseini  
August - Howards End E.M. Forster  
October - The Road Home Rose Tremain  
November - Life Class Pat Barker  
December - Cold Comfort Farm Stella Gibbons & The Uncommon Reader Alan Bennett

## **2009**

January - City of Djinns William Dalrymple  
February - Eve Green Susan Fletcher  
March - Snow Falling upon Cedars David Guterson  
April - The Reader Bernhard Schlick  
June - Alfred and Emily Doris Lessing

July - Deaf Sentence David Lodge

August - The Guernsey Literary and Potato Pie Society Mary Ann Schaffer

September - The Sandcastle Iris Murdoch

October – A Gathering Light Jennifer Donnelly

November - The Map of Love Ahdaf Soueif

## **2010**

January – The Leopard Giuseppe di Lampedusa

February - The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo Stieg Larsson

March - The Secret Life of Bees Sue Monk Kidd

April - Brooklyn Colm Toibin

May - One Day David Nicholls

June - The Music Room William Fiennes

July - The Rescue Man Anthony Quinn

August – Wolf Hall Hilary Mantel

September – The Lacuna Barbara Kingsolver

October - The Siege Helen Dunmore

December - A Gate at the Stairs Lorrie Moore

## **2011**

January - A Week in December Sebastian Faulks

February - The Inheritance Nicholas Shakespeare

March - South Riding Winifred Holtby

April - The Children's Book A S Byatt

May - The Finkler Question Howard Jacobson

June - The Help Kathryn Stockett

July - Brother of the More Famous Jack Barbara Trapido

August - A Guest of Honour Nadine Gordimer

September - The 19<sup>th</sup> Wife David Ebershoff

November - - Middlemarch George Eliot

December - Mr Rosenblum's List Natasha Solomons

## **2012**

January - Snowdrops A.D. Miller

February - The Visit of the Royal Physician Per Olov Enquist.

March - Death at Pemberley P D James

April - The Hare with Amber Eyes Edmund de Waal

May - Dissolution C.J. Sansom

June – 100 Years of Solitude Gabriel Garcia Marquez

July - The Sense of an Ending Julian Barnes

August - Sacred Hunger Barry Unsworth

September - The Cat's Table Michael Ondaatje

October - Waiting for Sunrise William Boyd

November – A Tale of Two Cities Charles Dickens

## **2013**

January - The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller

February – Some Tame Gazelle Barbara Pym

March - The Stranger's Child Alan Hollinghurst

April - Ghostwritten David Mitchell

May - Sweet Tooth Ian McEwan

June - Hostages to Fortune Elizabeth Cambridge

July - Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal? Jeanette Winterson

August - Testament of Youth Vera Britain

September - Justine Lawrence Durrell

October - The Pain and the Privilege Ffion Hague

November - Gone Girl Gillian Flynn

## **2014**

January – The 100-year-old Man Who Climbed Out the Window & Disappeared  
Jonas Jonasson

February - Heartburn Norah Ephron

March - Dark Matter Michelle Paver

April - Romola George Eliot

May - Lifting the Latch Sheila Stewart

June - The Book Thief Markus Zusak

July - This Boy Alan Johnson

August - Last Friends Jane Gardam

September - And the Mountains Echoed Khaled Hosseini

November - The Goldfinch Donna Tart

December - The Aftermath Rhidian Brook

## **2015**

January - Stoner John Williams

February - The Miniaturist Jessie Burton

March - A Circle of Sisters Judith Flanders

April - We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves Karen Joy Fowler

May - Americanah Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

June - H is for Hawk Helen MacDonal

July – An Officer and a Spy Robert Harris

August – The Narrow Road to the Deep North Richard Flanagan

September – Elizabeth is Missing Emma Healey

October – The Children Act Ian McEwan

November – The Paying Guests Sarah Waters

## **2016**

January – Emma Jane Austen

February - An Appetite for Violets Martine Bailey

March - My Brilliant Friend Elena Ferrante

April - All Quiet on the Western Front Eric Maria Remarque

May- A Spool of Blue Thread Anne Tyler

June - Nothing to Envy Barbara Demick.

July - Diary of an Ordinary Woman Margaret Forster

August - The Versions of Us Laura Barnett

September - A God in Ruins Kate Atkinson

October - Mothering Sunday Graham Swift

November - A House for Happy Mothers Amulya Malladi

December - The Heart of the Matter Graham Greene

## **2017**

January – Finding Home Emily Dugan

February – How to be Both Ali Smith

March - The Trouble with Goats and Sheep Joanna Cannon

April - Party Animals David Aaronovitch

May - Officers and Gentlemen Evelyn Waugh



June - The Gustav Sonata Rose Tremain

July - Celestine, Voices from a French Village Gillian Tindall

August - Kolymisky Heights Lionel Davidson

September - The Mayor of Casterbridge Thomas Hardy

October - The Letter Kathryn Hughes

November - Notes from an Exhibition Patrick Gale

December - Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine Gail Honeyman

## **2018**

January - Homage to Catalonia George Orwell

February - Sapiens Yuval Noah Harari

March - Birdcage Walk by Helen Dunmore

April - A Song for Issy Bradley Carys Bray

May - Good Wives Margaret Forster

June - Little Fires Everywhere Celeste Ng

July - The Quality of Silence Rosamund Lupton

August - The Sparsholt Affair Alan Hollinghurst

September - Educated Tara Westover

October - A House for Mr Biswas V.S. Naipaul

November - The Ministry of Utmost Happiness Arundhati Roy

December - A Life of My Own Claire Tomalin

## **2019**

January - The Spy who Came in from the Cold John le Carré

February - The Essex Serpent Sarah Perry

March - The Pigeon Tunnel John le Carré

April - All the Light We Cannot See Anthony Doerr

May - Down Cemetery Road Mick Herron

June - Stalin: The Court of the Red Tsar Simon Sebag Montefiore

July - The Mermaid and Mrs Hancock Imogen Hermes Gowar

September - The Salt Path Raynor Winn

October – Conversations with Friends Sally Rooney

November - The Long Song Andrea Levy

December - The Memory of Love Aminata Forna

## **2020**

January - The Warden Anthony Trollope

February - Mao's Last Dancer Li Cunxin

March - Becoming Michelle Obama

April - Home Fire Kamila Shamsie

May - Transcription Kate Atkinson

June - The Beekeepers Promise Fiona Valpy

July - An American Marriage Tarayi Jones

August - The Savage Garden Mark Mills

September - The Spy and the Traitor Ben MacIntyre

October - On Chapel Sands Laura Cumming

November - The Singapore Grip J G Farrell

December - Girl, Woman, Other Bernadine Evaristo

## **2021**

January – Noble Savages Sarah Watling

February - Olive Kitteridge Elizabeth Strout

March - Where the Crawdads Sing Delia Owens

April – Black Diamonds Catherine Bailey

May - Hamnet Maggie O’Farrell

June – Plainsong Kent Haruf

July – Agent Sonya Ben MacIntyre

August - Exciting Times Naoise Dolan

September - The Vanishing Half Brit Bennett