

## Summer Book List from JPOC

### Fiction

*Travelers* by Helon Habila

- This novel focuses on the plight of African refugees. The novel is divided into six sections, each highlighting a different character's story. The narrator connects them and offers the reader a glimpse into international migration.

*What Comes After* by Joanne Tompkins

- A novel of redemption and forgiveness, this story explores a Quaker community's processing of grief and its ultimate peace.

*The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich

- This novel, based on Erdrich's father's experience, tells the story of American Indian grit in defending signed treaties and finding allies to bring about justice.

### Non-fiction

*An American Sickness* by Elisabeth Rosenthal

- Rosenthal, a journalist and former emergency room doctor, traces the history of American medicine and uncovers the many ways it falls short in bringing health to all of us. Personal accounts from real people open the reader's eyes to failures in our health system.

*Tattoos on the Heart* by Greg Boyle

- Father Greg Boyle's sparkling parables about kinship and the sacredness of life are drawn from twenty years working with gangs in LA (*from the publisher*).

*A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota* edited by Sun Yung Shin

- A collection of sixteen essays by Minnesotans, sharing their experience living in the changing demographic of our state.