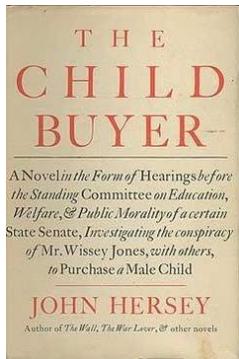


## CWRU: ACE Book Discussion Day April 27, 2026

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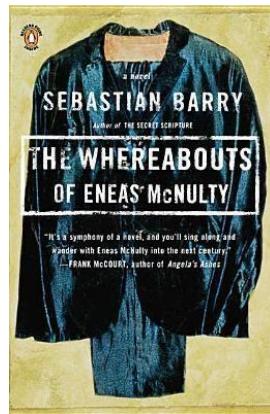
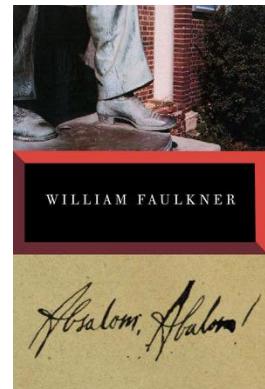
Come all readers! Join us for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Book Discussion Day! The day-long event began in 1963 as an annual companion to Living Room Learning classes (now Off-Campus Studies) and then, as now, was



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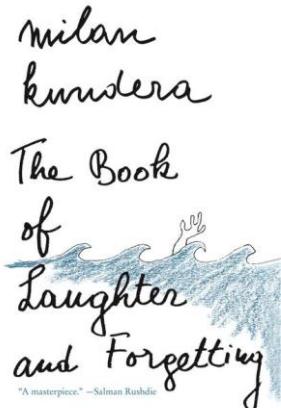
The first discussions set the attendees read John Hersey's followed by William Golding's Next came Albert Camus' The that Nikos Kazantzakis' The exciting to read the roster of their authors. We see a wide books whose subjects have globe, written by the world's most

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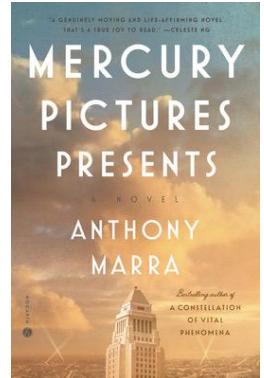
Controversial books have never been avoided. In 2001 The Human Stain by Phillip Roth challenged readers to think outside the box. In 2002, attendees spent an energetic day discussing Italo Calvino's collection of short stories



Numbers in the Dark. Recently the book in drama form, Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders, asked the most of readers.

Over the years, we presented authors who stand out in the annals of literature: Franz Kafka, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Maxine Hong Kingston, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, J.M. Coetzee, Iris Murdoch, Richard Powers, Toni Morrison, Jose Saramago, Amos Oz, Haruki Murakami,

William Trevor, Alice Munro, to name just a few.



Join us for another banner year of reading. Come and see what is offered for your enjoyment and evaluation this year!

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