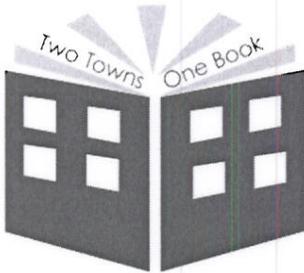


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Clifton Park & Halfmoon Read

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Event: Two Towns-One Book Contenders Revealed

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2014

The search for the perfect book for the Friends of the CPH Library, **TTOB 2015 Community Read** began on May 4 with book nominations from the Clifton Park - Halfmoon library community. Nominations ended June 14. During the summer months, our Book Selection Committee narrowed 150+ community nominations to five great reads.

The five Contenders were revealed on September 11th at the CPH Library. A pictorial display in the "Around the Corner Display" case provided clues to the winning books.

Attached is a short description of each book taken from publisher's web sites for each Contender! Voting for the winning book continues until Friday, October 31. Ballots and ballot boxes are available at the Clifton Park Town Hall, the Halfmoon Town Hall and the Clifton Park - Halfmoon Public Library. Votes can also be cast on line at <http://www.twotownsonebook.org>.

Two Towns-One Book: Clifton Park & Halfmoon Read! was created to bring the people in our Library community together through the shared reading and discussion of a common book. Our choices inspire rich discussion and community activities, and encourage younger readers to participate through companion books and related activities.

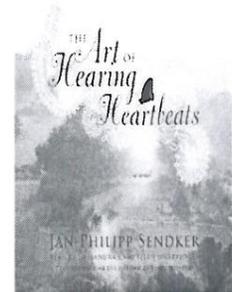
The Friends of the Library, Two Towns-One Book Community Read Announces “The Contenders” for our 2015 Community Read

The Art of Hearing Heartbeats Jan-Philipp Sendker

A poignant and inspirational love story set in Burma, *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* spans the decades between the 1950s and the present.

When a successful New York lawyer suddenly disappears without a trace, neither his wife nor his daughter Julia has any idea where he might be - until they find a love letter he wrote many years ago to a Burmese woman they have never heard of. Intent on solving the mystery and coming to terms with her father's past, Julia decides to travel to the village where the woman lived. There she uncovers a tale of unimaginable hardship, resilience, and passion that will reaffirm the listener's belief in the power of love to move mountains.

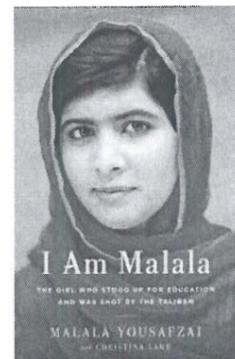
Jan-Philipp Sendker, born in Hamburg in 1960, was the American correspondent for Stern from 1990 to 1995 and its Asian correspondent from 1995 to 1999. In 2000 he published *Cracks in the Great Wall*, a nonfiction book about China. *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* is his first novel. He lives in Berlin with his family.



I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban By Malala Yousafzai, Christina Lamb (With)

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education.

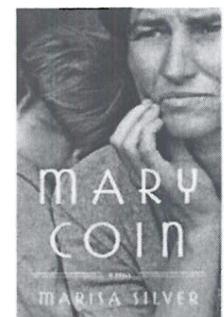
I AM MALALA is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, and of Malala's parents' fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons. It will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.



Mary Coin by Marisa Silver

An NPR Best Book of 2013
A BBC Best Book of 2013

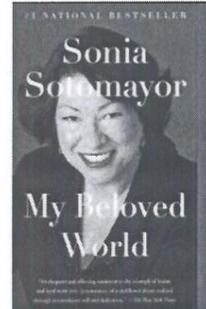
Three vibrant characters anchor the narrative of *Mary Coin*. Mary, the migrant mother herself, who emerges as a woman with deep reserves of courage and nerve, with private passions and carefully-guarded secrets. Vera Dare, the photographer wrestling with creative ambition who makes the choice to leave



In her first novel since *The God of War*, the critically acclaimed author Marisa Silver takes Dorothea Lange's "Migrant Mother" photograph as inspiration for a breathtaking reinvention—a story of two women, one famous and one forgotten, and of the remarkable legacy of their chance encounter.

My Beloved World **Sonia Sotomayor**

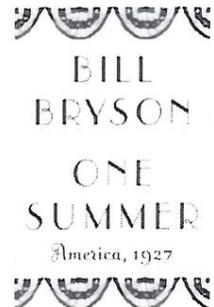
The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. Now, with a candor and intimacy never undertaken by a sitting Justice, she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself.



One Summer in America **Bill Bryson**

A Chicago Tribune Noteworthy Book
A GoodReads Reader's Choice

The summer of 1927 began with one of the signature events of the twentieth century: on May 21, 1927, Charles Lindbergh became the first man to cross the Atlantic by plane nonstop, and when he landed in Le Bourget airfield near Paris, he ignited an explosion of worldwide rapture and instantly became the most famous person on the planet. Meanwhile, the titanically talented Babe Ruth was beginning his assault on the home run record, which would culminate on September 30 with his sixtieth blast, one of the most resonant and durable records in sports history. All this and much, much more transpired in that epochal summer of 1927, and Bill Bryson captures its outsized personalities, exciting events, and occasional just plain weirdness with his trademark vividness, eye for telling detail, and delicious humor. In that year America stepped out onto the world stage as the main event, and *One Summer* transforms it all into narrative nonfiction of the highest order.



In *One Summer*, Bill Bryson, one of our greatest and most beloved nonfiction writers, transports readers on a journey back to one amazing season in American life.

Help us Select THE 2015 Book-of-the-Year!

BALLOT

Vote by October 31

Can't Read All the Contenders? Your Vote is Still Important!
(See Reverse for Voting Venues and our Community Partners)

Winner Announced Early November!

Be a part of bringing the Clifton Park and Halfmoon communities together to read a shared book. Please vote for one of the 5 Final Contenders that most appeals to you and which you believe will interest many readers, inspire rich discussion, and lend itself to community activities for adults and children.

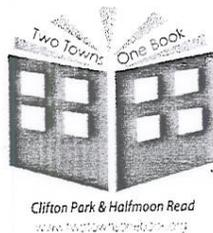
- The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker
- I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- Mary Coin* by Marisa Silver
- My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor
- One Summer: America 1927* by Bill Bryson

Visit www.twotownsonebook.org to:

- VOTE for THE book
- Register your Book Group
- Get information about upcoming events

Also Visit the Friends New Website!

www.friendsofcphlibrary.org



VOTE!

Whether you read the Five Final Contenders or none,
Your Vote Counts!

Convenient Voting Locations

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Clifton Park Town Hall
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