

## Book Selections for Adelante 2018-2019

September 19

**Paradise Beneath Her Feet: How Women are Transforming the Middle East** by Isobel Coleman

An account of the work of real women in the Middle East and Asia who are challenging the restrictions placed on them by their societies and helping make change that will impact the lives of women and girls  
C-1, U-1

October 17

**The Dark Art: My Undercover Life in Global Narcoterrorism** by Edward Follis

Veteran DEA agent recounts his undercover career and the links between narcotics trafficking and terrorism.

C-1, U-1

December 5

**The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women** by Kate Moore

Best-selling account of the young women in early 20<sup>th</sup> century America who worked painting the dials of clocks with radioactive paint and the catastrophic effects on their health. It also is an account of the attempt of the businesses to cover this up and the eventual government regulations that changed labor law. One of the factories was in Ottawa, Illinois.

C-3, U-2 (also audio and cloud library versions)

January 16

**Educated: A Memoir** by Tara Westover

Best-selling story of a young girl who was kept out of school by her survivalist family but went on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University

C-10, U-5 (also audio and cloud library versions)

February 20

**The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote** by Elaine Weiss

As we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment giving women the right to vote, this new book tells the story of the six weeks in 1920 leading up to the momentous vote. The book is reportedly very readable and filled with detail and portraits of both courage and cowardice.

C-1, U-1

March 20

**Becoming Ms. Burton: From Prison to Recovery to Leading the Fight for Incarcerated Women**

by Susan Burton and Cari Lynn

A 2017 Best Book pick by the Chicago Public Library and winner of other awards, this is Burton's account of her road from prison to leader in the movement to reform the criminal justice system at the state and national level. Highly recommended by numerous leaders in the social justice movement.

C-2, U-1

April 17

**The Woman Who Smashed Codes: A True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America's Enemies** by Jason Fagone

A bestseller and NPR pick in Best Books of 2017, this book unveils America's codebreaking history through the life of Elizabeth Smith Friedman whose work spanned from WW I to the Cold War. Her part in breaking Nazi spy code was erased by the men around her and those in power, and since her work was classified, she could not do anything to correct it. The book is reported to be well researched and very readable.

C-2, U-1 (electronic version also available)

May 15

**Becoming** by Michelle Obama

This is the long-awaited memoir by the former first lady which will be released in November 2018.

June 19

**The Other Einstein: A Novel** by Marie Benedict

Fictional account based on the life of Mileva Einstein, the first wife of the famous Albert. She was also a brilliant physicist, and her contributions to Einstein's theory of relativity have been hotly debated. A good summer read!

C- 1, U-1

July 17

**To Siri With Love: A Mother, Her Autistic Son, and the Kindness of Machines** by Judith Newman  
Newman shares a series of stories of life with her autistic son, Gus, and his bond with Siri, the perfect patient companion. Touted as a love letter to her son and to technology, it is also a story of parenthood with an exceptional child.

C-2, U-1 (electronic version also available)

August 21

**The Bookseller of Kabul** by Asne Seierstad

A true account of the lives of the Afghan people, especially the women, under the Taliban and the bookseller who bravely provides them with books.

C-4, U-3