

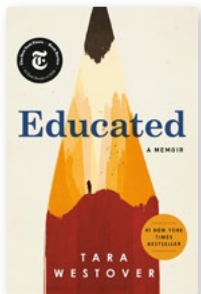
Virtual Carlsbad Reads Together 2021

A COMMUNITY READING PROGRAM



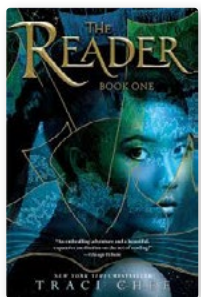
Carlsbad Reads Together brings community members together and engages them in discussion about the same selection of books at the same time. Throughout April 2021, we'll host book discussions, a visit from author Tara Westover, virtual Human Library, youth and teen events and more. Sponsored by Friends of the Carlsbad Library.

About the 2021 Selections



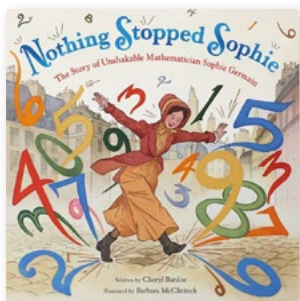
Educated by Tara Westover

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho and isolated from mainstream society, Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Lacking a formal education, she began to educate herself. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Cambridge, Harvard and beyond.



Young Adult Selection The Reader by Traci Chee

What would you do if no one in the world could read? What if you could read and had no books? Find the answer in Traci Chee's *The Reader*, the first in the *Sea of Ink and Gold* trilogy.



Children's Selection Nothing Stopped Sophie by Cheryl Bardoe

The true story of 18th-century mathematician Sophie Germain. When her parents took away her candles to keep her from studying math... nothing stopped Sophie. When male math

scholars said a math problem was impossible to solve, she went on to solve the unsolvable to achieve her dream.

About the Authors



Tara Westover

Tara Westover is an American author. Born in Idaho to a father opposed to public education, she never attended school. She spent her days working in her father's junkyard or stewing herbs for her mother, a self-taught herbalist and midwife. Taught to read by an older

brother, her education was erratic and incomplete. She was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. After that first encounter with education, she pursued learning for a decade, graduating magna cum laude from Brigham Young University in 2008 and subsequently winning a Gates Cambridge Scholarship. She earned an MPhil from Trinity College, Cambridge in 2009, and in 2010 was a visiting fellow at Harvard University. She returned to Cambridge, where she was awarded a PhD in history in 2014.

Educated is her first book. (tarawestover.com/bio)



Traci Chee

Traci Chee is a New York Times bestselling author of young adult fiction. She has written four books including the *Sea of Ink and Gold* trilogy, as well as her 2020 award-winning standalone title, *We Are Not Free*.



Cheryl Bardoe

Cheryl Bardoe is an award-winning author of books for children and young readers. She is also a teacher, questioner and thinker. Her books inspire curiosity and explore the world around us.

Carlsbad Reads Together Events

Admission is free for all events.
All events will be held virtually.

An Evening With Tara Westover

Zoom Virtual Event

Thursday, April 8, 5:30 p.m.

Tara Westover will discuss her book *Educated* followed by an audience Q&A. Space is limited. Registration is required. To register, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/CRT

Make Your Own Herbal Scrub – Bilingual Craft for Adults

Receive a free craft kit and follow our instructional video to make your own herbal lavender body scrub using ingredients from nature. Available for pickup via curbside service in April. While supplies last. To request your kit, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/CRT

Haga su propio exfoliante a base de hierbas: Manualidad bilingüe para adultos

Reciba un kit de manualidad gratis y siga nuestro video instructivo para hacer su propio exfoliante corporal de lavanda con ingredientes de la naturaleza. Disponible para recoger a través de nuestro servicio al auto en abril. Hasta agotar existencias. Para solicitar su kit, visite www.carlsbadca.gov/CRT

Virtual Book Discussions

Zoom Virtual Book Club

Monday, April 5, 7 p.m.

Read *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover and join us for a lively discussion.

Registration is required. To register, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/CRT

Genealogy Program

Who Do You Think WE Are?

Zoom Virtual Event

Thursday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.

Learn about the genealogy collection and programs available through the Library for telling your ancestors' stories and creating a family history narrative. This presentation will cover accessing the Library's genealogy resources and include a case study illustrating how the genealogy collection at Cole Library was used to unravel a family mystery. Registration is required.

To register, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/CRT

Virtual Human Library

Zoom Virtual Event

Saturday, April 24, 1 – 3 p.m.

Registration is required.

To register, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/CRT



The Human Library is a library where real people are the books and reading is a conversation. Living Books (people with a particular life experience or story to tell) are available for you to “check out” for a specific borrowing time period. Every “book” represents a group in our society that is often subjected to prejudice or discrimination because of their lifestyle, diagnosis, belief, disability, social status, ethnic origin, etc. More information about the event is available at www.carlsbadca.gov/CRT.

Write Your Life Story

With Gale Courses

Free Online Writing Course

Have you ever thought about writing your story? In this instructor-led course, you will learn how to bring characters to life, recall vivid memories, engage readers and manage your creative time. You may even find a lucrative market for your story just like Tara Westover, bestselling author of *Educated*. It's fun. It's exciting. It's a story only you can tell! Free to library cardholders.

[Enroll here](#)

Introduction to Natural Health and Healing

With Gale Courses

Free Online Course

In this six-week instructor-led online course, you will learn about the various stages of health and illness and discover that true health means wholeness of the mind, body, and spirit through a variety of methods like diet, hydrotherapy, positive attitude, relaxation, yoga, chiropractic, natural remedies and more. Free for library cardholders.

[Enroll here](#)

Events Just for Teens

Teens in grades 6-12

Book Warriors Book Club *The Reader*

Zoom Virtual Book Club

Tuesday, April 20, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

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Teen Write-Your-Own-Memoir Kits

Available for pickup via curbside service during April, while supplies last.

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Learn about memoirs and receive a free writing kit that includes everything you need to get started writing your own story.

Youth and Family Events

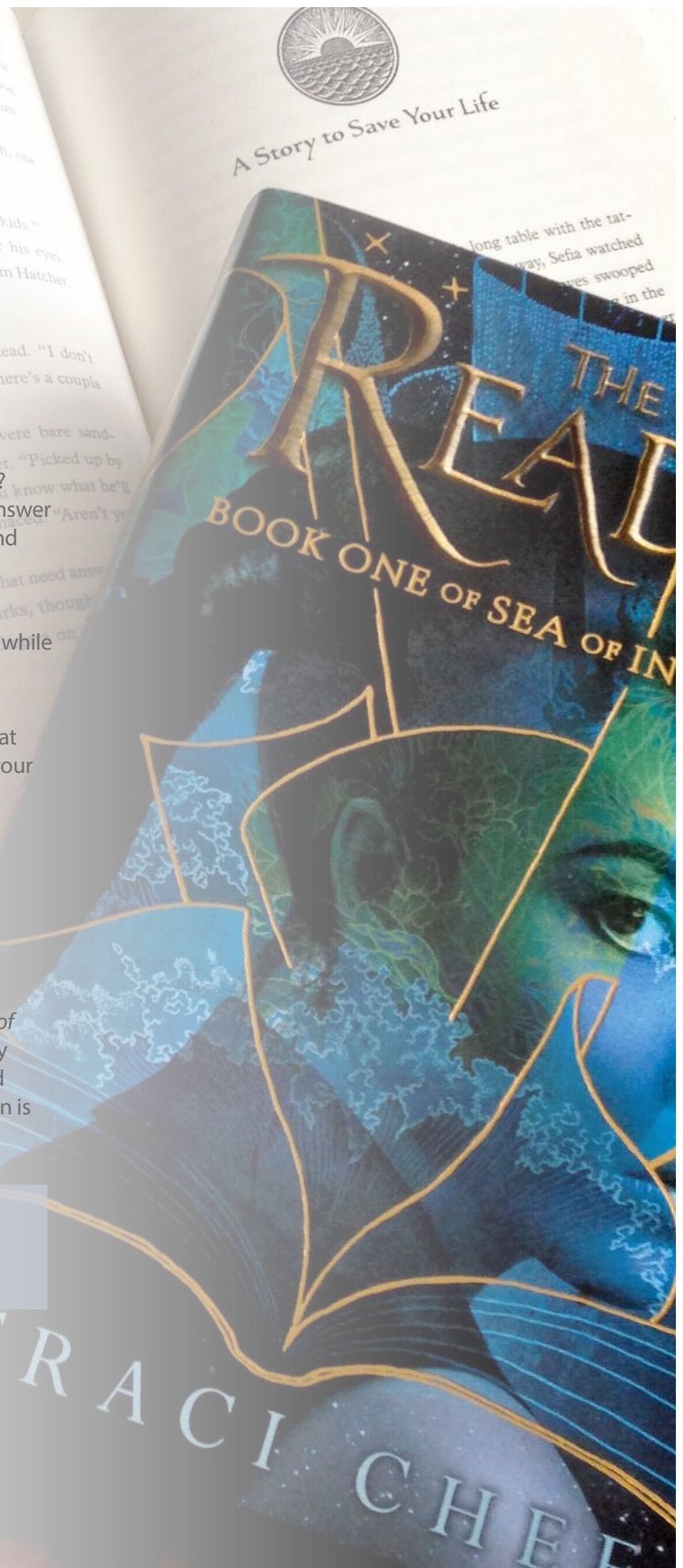
Carlsbad Reads Together – For Kids

Zoom Virtual Event

Wednesday, April 14, 3:30 p.m.

A Zoom gathering where we will read aloud from the juvenile biography *Nothing stopped Sophie: the story of unshakable mathematician Sophie Germain*, written by Cheryl Bardoe. Hold a discussion around learning and fun math activities will follow the reading. Registration is required. To register, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/CRT

Event titles and themes are subject to change.
For more information on all events in this guide
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Further Reading Suggestions

Non-Fiction

The Sound of Gravel: A Memoir by Ruth Wariner.
Call Number B WARINER, R.

Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard by Liz Murray
Call Number 362.74 MUR

Unfollow: A Memoir of Loving and Leaving the Westboro Baptist Church
by Megan Phelps-Roper
Call Number 286.5 PHE

Dignity: Seeking Respect in Back Row America by Chris Arndae
Call Number 362.5 ARN

Cartwheels in a Sari: A Memoir of Growing Up Cult by Jayabti Tamm
Call Number 294.5 TAM

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance
Call Number 305.562 VAN

The Girl's Guide to Homelessness: A Memoir by Brianna Karp
Call Number 362.5 KAR

Ordinary Girls: A Memoir
by Jaquira Diaz.
Call Number 818.603 DIA

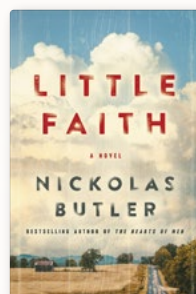
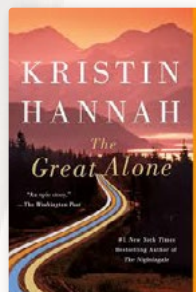
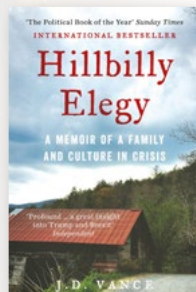
The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls
Call Number 362.82 WAL
OR – *The Glass Castle*
(videorecording)
by director Daniel Destin Cretten
Call Number DVD DRAMA GLA

Fiction

Women Talking: A Novel
by Miriam Toews
Call Number TOEWS, M.

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
Call Number HANNAH, K.

Little Faith: A Novel (Large Print)
by Nickolas Butler
Call Number LT BUTLER, N.



Discussion Questions

Educated by Tara Westover

1. Tara has titled her book *Educated* and much of her education takes place in classrooms, lectures or other university environments, but not all. What other important moments of “education” were there? What friends, acquaintances or experiences had the most impact on Tara? What does that imply about what an education is?
2. Westover eventually finds her voice and realizes it’s just as powerful as the people who have influenced her life. What is voice, and how important is it that every child be encouraged to find their own?
3. How does education change Westover’s view of her childhood? How does she come to terms with how she was raised once she knows the value of education?
4. Tara wrote this at the age of 30, while in the midst of her healing process. Why do you think she chose to write it so young, and how does this distinguish the book from similar memoirs?
5. What impact does Westover’s pursuit of formal education have on her parents and family?
6. Ultimately, what type of freedom did education give Tara?



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