



American Planning Association
Michigan Chapter
Making Great Communities Happen

MAP Reads Book Group

Thursday, April 5, 2018

From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Detroit, Location To Be Determined

Our April title is ***Fordlandia: The Rise and Fall of Henry Ford's Forgotten Jungle City*** by Greg Grandin. In 1927, Henry Ford, the richest man in the world, bought a tract of land twice the size of Delaware in the Brazilian Amazon. His intention was to grow rubber, but the project rapidly evolved into a more ambitious bid to export America itself, along with its golf courses, ice-cream shops, bandstands, indoor plumbing, and Model T's rolling down broad streets. This book details the saga.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/20/world/americas/deep-in-brazils-amazon-exploring-the-ruins-of-fords-fantasyland.html>
<https://us.macmillan.com/fordlandia/greggrandin/9780312429621/>

Wednesday February 28, 2018

From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Traffic Jam

Our February title is ***Dawn of Detroit*** by Tiya Miles. Most Americans believe that slavery was a creature of the South, and that Northern states and territories provided stops on the Underground Railroad for fugitive slaves on their way to Canada. In this paradigm-shifting book, celebrated historian Tiya Miles reveals that slavery was at the heart of the Midwest's iconic city: Detroit.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/21/books/review/dawn-of-detroit-tiya-miles.html>

Wednesday January 24, 2018

from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Giffels Webster at 28 W Adams Avenue, Suite 1200, Detroit

Our January title is ***The Death and Life of the Great Lakes*** by Dan Egan. “The Great Lakes hold 20 percent of the world’s freshwater, and they provide food, work, and weekend fun for tens of millions of Americans. Yet they are under threat as never before. In a work of narrative reporting in the vein of Rachel Carson and Elizabeth Kolbert, prize-winning reporter Dan Egan delivers an eye-opening portrait of our nation’s greatest natural resource as it faces ecological calamity.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/23/books/review/the-death-and-life-of-the-great-lakes-dan-egan.html>

A 10% discount for the January 2018 book is offered at Source Booksellers, 4240 Cass Ave #105, Detroit, MI 48201. Just mention the MAP Reads Book group to receive a discount.

Wednesday October 25, 2017

from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Mercury Bar, Lower level at 2163 Michigan Avenue, Detroit

Our October title is ***The New Minority*** by Justin Gest, Assistant Professor of Public Policy at George Mason University's Schar School of Policy and Government. “***The New Minority*** speaks to people living in once thriving working class cities--Youngstown, Ohio and Dagenham, England--to arrive at a nuanced understanding of their political attitudes and behaviors. In this daring and compelling book, he makes the case that tension between the vestiges of white working class power and its perceived loss have produced the unique phenomenon of white working class radicalization.”

<https://www.amazon.com/New-Minority-Politics-Immigration-Inequality/dp/0190632550>

Thursday August 24, 2017

from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Eastside Community Network at 4401 Conner Street, Detroit

Our August title is ***Evicted*** by Matthew Desmond. This Pulitzer Prize winning book is a deeply humanizing and empathetic book about poverty which has had an enormous impact on housing experts and planners. Detroit based housing leaders will join us for a robust conversation.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/28/books/review/matthew-desmonds-evicted-poverty-and-profit-in-the-american-city.html>

Wednesday June 28, 2017

from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Tech Town, Wayne State University Integrative Biosciences Center at 6135 Woodward Avenue.

Adjacent to the Amsterdam QLine stop.

(The façade facing Woodward is mostly glass painted with birch trees, you can't miss it.)

Parking: The on-site lot will be closed, but all of the street parking around the building, including Cass, is not metered.

Our June title is ***Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age***, a 2004 book by historian [Kevin Boyle](#). The book chronicles racism in Detroit during the 1920s Jazz Age through the lens of Ossian Sweet, a grandson of a slave who becomes a doctor and eventually moves from the ghetto to an all-white middle-class neighborhood. When racist whites attack and invade Sweet's home, a white man is killed. Sweet and his family are persecuted by the legal system, leading to the deaths of members of Sweet's family and the destruction of Sweet's career as a physician.

The book won the 2004 [National Book Award for Nonfiction](#).

<https://www.amazon.com/Arc-Justice-Civil-Rights-Murder/dp/0805079335>