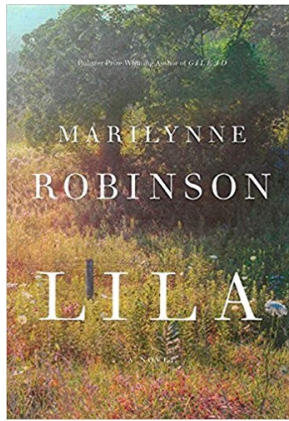
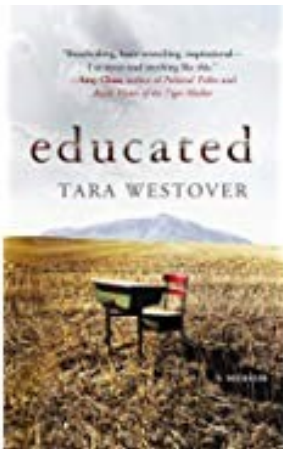
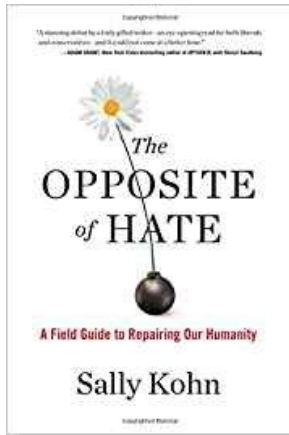
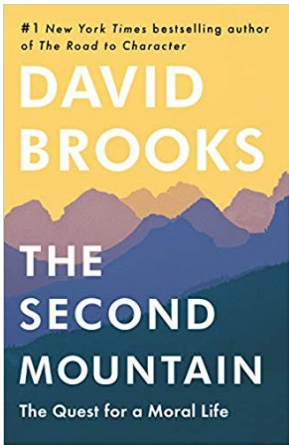
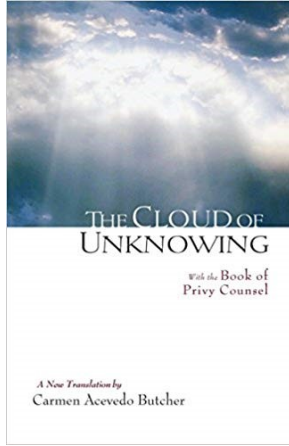
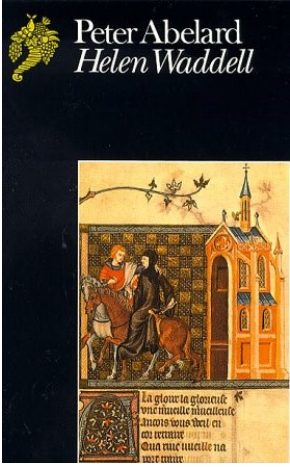


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# Redeemer Readers

Church of the Redeemer's Book Club

2019-20

## Church of the Redeemer's Book Club

Welcome to Redeemer Readers—the Church of the Redeemer book group. The group meets in the board room on the lower level for one hour at **noon** on five **Thursdays—October 24, December 5, January 30, March 26 and May 7**. New members are always welcome and all are welcome to attend as many of the five sessions as you can. This year our books focus on dangerous dogmas—why it matters what we believe.

### Thursday, October 24

#### **Mandatory Celibacy for the Priesthood**

**Peter Abelard**, Helen Waddell.

(Henry Holt and Co, 1933).

*Peter Abelard, philosopher, theologian and logician ran afoul of major figures of the Church. His love affair with Eloise of Argenteuil is one of the most famous love stories of the Middle Ages. Would their story have unfolded differently in a different time with a different theological ethos?*

### Thursday, December 5

#### **Pernicious Individualism**

**The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life**, David Brooks.

(Random House, 2019).

*In exploring the four commitments that are usually taken to define a life of meaning and purpose, this is a provocative social commentary about how our individualism has led us away from rooting ourselves in a neighbourhood and binding ourselves to other people in social solidarity and love. □*

### Thursday, January 30

#### **Honouring Your Father**

**Educated**, Tara Westover.

(Harper Collins, 2018).

This remarkable autobiography of a young woman raised in Nevada by an unorthodox Mormon father whose strongly held and unshakeable paranoid beliefs cause terrible damage to his children, is also an account of how education and a new understanding has brought some healing.

### Thursday, March 26

#### **Surrendering the Intellect? and/or What does Loving your Enemies mean?**

**The Cloud of Unknowing**,

Anonymous. (Shambhalla, 2014).

This 14th century text is one of the great classics of English mysticism. It will enrich our own contemplative/mystical lives and raise questions about the importance of contemplation to the spiritual life. Is mystical union with God possible? Is it for everyone? Is there a Scriptural warrant for this?

**The Opposite of Hate**.

Sally Kohn

(Chapel Hill: Algonquin Books, 2019).

This is an excellent discussion of the process of how we learn to “love our enemies”, unpacking three important steps that we can take to make our world a better place. This book is America focused, but the problems of our modern world are universal, it seems.

### Thursday, May 7

#### **Wounds Beyond Healing?**

**Lila**, Marilynne Robinson.

(Harper Collins, 2014).

This is the third book of the Gilead trilogy, covering much of the same time period as *Gilead* and *Home*. Lila has made an appearance in the earlier books, but here her point of view is central. Her theology is good, but how complete a conversion can good theology and a loving community bring about?