

## October Book Club Selection



The Phoenix Crown  
By Kate Quinn and Janie Chang

Please join us for discussion of our October book selection, *The Phoenix Crown*, a collaboration between Kate Quinn and Janie Chang. A Goodreads Choice award for favorite historical fiction of 2024, the novel is a thrilling and unforgettable narrative about the intertwined lives of two wronged women, from the chaos of the San Francisco earthquake all the way to the glittering palaces of Versailles.

In 1906 San Francisco, a city bustling with newly minted millionaires and scheming upstarts, two very different women hope to change their fortunes: Gemma, a golden-haired, silver-voiced soprano whose career desperately needs rekindling, and Suling, a petite and resolute Chinatown embroideress who is determined to escape an arranged marriage. Their paths cross when they are drawn into the orbit of Henry Thornton, a charming railroad magnate whose extraordinary collection of Chinese antiques includes the fabled Phoenix Crown, a legendary relic of Beijing's fallen Summer Palace.

Their lives are thrown into turmoil when a devastating earthquake rips San Francisco apart and Thornton disappears, leaving behind a mystery reaching further than anyone could have imagined.

We meet in the Sawgrass Golf Clubhouse at 4:00 p.m. Arrive early if you'd like to get a drink from the pub. Be sure to RSVP on the link below so we have enough chairs for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!

Registration Opens: 9/26

Registration Closes: 10/26

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