

**About the Prairie Book Club:** Usually, we meet right after the Sunday service at Prairie UU Society, 2010 Whenon Drive, Madison. Unless a Soup Sunday is scheduled, we bring food to share. This is an open club. You are welcome whether or not you have read the book.

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**Sun, Jan. 29 - Salt: A World History** by Mark Kurlansky. The title says it all. From the Boston Globe: In *Salt A World History*, Mark Kurlansky takes a substance that shaped the fortunes of cultures from ancient China to Britain to the Americas and runs with it...Although not strictly food history, Salt is at its most winning in the chapters telling of people's obsession with it for flavoring and preserving meat and vegetables...But it's really the quirks that seem to interest Kurlansky and make this book fascinating.  
450 pages. Suggested by Al Nettleton.

**Sunday, Feb. 26 - Ten Nobodies (and Their Somebodies)** by Prairie's own Marty Drapkin. In October 2010 we read Marty's first book *Now and At the Hour*. His new novel is from the point of view of various "nobodies" who served "somebodies" such as William Shakespeare, Davy Crocket, President Taft, Marilyn Monroe, Vince Lombardy and others. It's entirely possible that the author will come to the book club meeting when we discuss his book. Read an excerpt at [http://books.google.com/books?id=XB4Kpbjl\\_1QC&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs\\_ge\\_summary\\_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false](http://books.google.com/books?id=XB4Kpbjl_1QC&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false) 184 pages.

**Sunday, March 25 - The Ghost Map - The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic and How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World** by Steven Johnson. About the 1854 cholera epidemic in London. From reviews: "A medical detective story." "Story of suffering, perseverance and redemption." "A truly compelling story..[that] calls in the voices of Charles Dickens, Samuel Pepys, George Eliot, Jane Jacobs and Stephen Jay Gould to tell it." A National Bestseller, a New York Times Notable Book, and an Entertainment Weekly Best Book of the Year. 299 pages

**Saturday, April 28, at Prairie Retreat at Bethel Horizons near Dodgeville - Out of the Flames: The Remarkable Story of a Fearless Scholar, a Fatal Heresy, and One of the Rarest Books in the World**, by Lawrence and Nancy Goldstone. This is the story of the 16th-century Spanish physician, philosopher and mystical theologian Michael Servetus (1511-1553), the guiding spirit, though not an actual founder, of the Unitarian Church. He denied the doctrines of the trinity and original sin and was burned at the stake for his heresy. From a review: The Goldstones' rousing title reflects both the style and confidence of their work: Bigots don't stand a chance against this brisk and wonderfully readable account of perfidy and murder in the Protestant Reformation.