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New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Guidelines

According to GFWC Guidelines, those states who compile their own Suggested Book Lists and Award systems should direct their members to first consult their own state book lists and categories. NJSFWC Suggested Book list, last edited in 2019, may be utilized by NJSFWC members. 100 BEST ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NOVELS OF THE 20TH CENTURY

CLASSICS

BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS

FAMILY CIRCLES

FICTION

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

MYSTERY

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY ANY BOOK FROM: OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB NEW YORK

TIMES BEST SELLER LIST YOUR CLUB'S BOOK CLUB SELECTION

NON-FICTION

OTHER PLACES --OTHER TIMES

POETRY

READABLE NEW JERSEY ANY BOOK ON THE HISTORY OF YOUR TOWN

SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY

THE WAY WE WERE

WOMEN AUTHORS OF NOTE

WORLD LITERATURE

POPULAR AND PROLIFIC

THE GFWC BOOK LIST ANY WORK FROM THIS LIST

The PBS "The Great American Read" List ANY WORK FROM THIS LIST

YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

FREE CHOICE ANY WORK NOT ON ANY LIST

NJSFWC will **not** recognize **Reading Books to Children or Chapter Books for Youth as a category**. It is important to note that all other categories can be used in book reports. Please feel free to ask Patricia Sherwen, email eso@njsfwc.org if you have any questions. NJSFWC welcomes new titles, and new lists will be added periodically.

Please take note that GFWC no longer has an Awards program. In order to participate in the Awards system, all ESO members must do the following:

- Send your \$2.00 check, payable to NJSFWC, along with a completed Pledge Application. You can download the Pledge Application and Reading List from the MATERIALS page under Education and Libraries.
- Once you submit your Pledge Application, start reading. Then you write a brief report (minimum 50 words) of what you thought about each book.
- The Pledge Form is available as a download or as a fillable PDF. Instructions for each is on the form.
- ESO certificates will be awarded at the May Convention for those members who submit the Pledge Application and return their reports.
- The deadline for all reports is March 1st. Books completed after that date can be included in the following year.

The certificates are awarded as follows:

- A PLEDGE has applied for membership and has started to fulfill the reading requirements.
- A MEMBER'S CERTIFICATE is awarded when 20 books are read. From the reading list, a clubwoman must choose five categories. Four books from each category and from different authors are to be selected for reading, making a total of 20 books. After she has completed this, the clubwoman may buy and wear the ESO pin available from GFWC.
- A STAR LEVEL CERIFICATE is given when a member has read and reported on an additional 25 books, making a total of 45. Twenty books are to be from the reading list. They do not have to be from any specified categories as for the Member level. Five books can be from Free Choice.
- A TORCH LEVEL CERTIFICATE is awarded when 30 additional books are read, making a total of 75. As in the Star Level, 20 books must be from the reading list and the additional 10 are Free Choice.
- A CENTURY AWARD will be awarded when 100 books have been read. Of these 25 additional books, 15 are from the reading list and 10 may be Free Choice.
- A DIAMOND AWARD certificate will be awarded when 1,000 books have been read. Additional recognition is accorded to the clubwoman who has read multiples of 100 books. These may be from any source – the reading list or Free Choice.