



# Questions & Answers

## What is a Common Read?

A Common Read is when a large group of people read the same book at the same time and then have discussions about that book. The discussions can be in book clubs, classrooms, or gatherings in the library.

## Is this the first time the Tangipahoa Parish Library is conducting a Common Read?

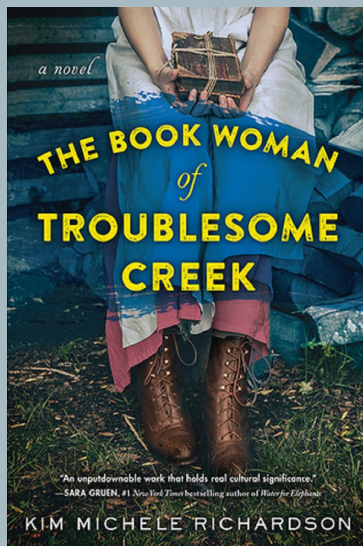
This is our fifth year conducting a Common Read.

## What is this year's Common Read book?

The hardscrabble folks of Troublesome Creek have to scarp for everything—everything except books, that is. Thanks to Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome's got its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter.

Cussy's not only a book woman, however, she's also the last of her kind, her skin a shade of blue unlike most anyone else. Not everyone is keen on Cussy's family or the Library Project, and a Blue is often blamed for any whiff of trouble. If Cussy wants to bring the joy of books to the hill folks, she's going to have to confront prejudice as old as the Appalachias and suspicion as deep as the holler.

Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere—even back home.



## How can I get a copy of the book?

The library has purchased a number of copies of the paperback edition. We will also have audio books, e-books and large print books. Many of these will be cataloged for our branches, and cataloged for totes that will be loaned out to book clubs, senior centers, classrooms at schools, etc. People may check the book out from one of our branches or participate in a book club or other organization reading the novel. Copies are also available for purchase at each branch.

## What is the object of the Common Read?

The object is three-fold:

1. To encourage reading.
2. To stimulate dialogue about the themes in the book – Courage, Human Connection, Access to Education and Prejudice.
3. To foster a sense of community by bringing people together through literature.

## What are the dates of the Common Read?

The library will begin Celebrating the Written Word with the Common Read on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, and continue until May, 2023. Throughout the year, there will be programs and activities tied to the book's theme.

## Can I start reading the book and be part of the Common Read after the October kickoff?

Of course. The Common Read will last through the year. There will be many opportunities to discuss the book throughout the year.

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