

Books for Philanthropy Book Club
January 2008

Note: This list is compiled from philanthropic media, web searches, other book clubs, word-of-mouth, etc. The Grantmakers Forum of New York has not vetted the list.

| Author | Title | Publisher | Comments | Date Selected |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| | Nonfiction | | | |
| Anheier, Helmut and Diana Leat | Creative Philanthropy | Routledge | | |
| Brooks, Arthur | Who Really Gives: America's Charity Divide | PublicAffairs Books, 2006 | Spoke at NYS Funders Conference in Ithaca | |
| Clinton, Bill | Giving: How Each of Us Can Change the World | Alfred A. Knopf, 2007 | Stories of his and others' philanthropy, and successful problem solving | |
| Deutschman, Alan | Change or Die: The Three Keys to Change at Work and in Life | Collins, 2007 | Explaining breakthrough research and progressive ideas from a wide selection of leaders, demonstrates how anyone can achieve lasting, revolutionary change. | |
| Fleishman, Joel | The Foundation: A Great American Secret | PublicAffairs Books, 2007 | | October 2007 |
| Frank, Robert | Richistan | | Growing class of really wealthy and growing gap btw upper and lower income populations | |
| Frumkin, Peter | Strategic Giving | | | |
| Hunt, Swanee | Half-Life of a Zealot | Duke University Press | Growing up daughter of conservative oil magnate HL Hunt, became big philanthropist, Founded Women International, director of Harvard's Kennedy School Women and Public Policy Program | |
| Karoff, Peter | World We Want: New Dimensions in Philanthropy and Social Change | | | |
| O'Clery, Connor | The Billionaire Who Wasn't: How Chuck Feeney Made and Gave Away a Fortune Without Anyone Knowing. | | | January 2008 |
| Penn and Zalesne | MicroTrends: The Small Forces Behind Tomorrow's Big Changes | | | |
| Wood, John | Leaving Microsoft to Change the World | Collins, 2006 | One man can make a difference. Social entrepreneurship, nonprofit excellence (Room to Read) | |
| Salamon, Julie | Rambam's Ladder: A Meditation on Generosity and Why It Is Necessary to Give | Workman Publishing Company, 2003 | Pondering Maimonides' (12 th century Hebrew scholar) writings on charity. How does giving change the world, and us,? | |
| | Fiction | | | |
| Gibbons, Thomas | Permanent Collection | | A play that takes on a familiar philanthropy issue: how to deal with a foundation's strict edicts that were left by a now deceased patron | |

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| Gordimer, Nadine | None To Accompany Me | | Set in South Africa at the end of apartheid, story of a woman in transition, making personal and social change. "None To Accompany Me shows Nobel prize-winning author Gordimer in top form. A powerful, thought-provoking, and timely novel that belongs in all fiction collections" | |
| Desai, Kiran | The Inheritance of Loss | | NY Times: explore, with intimacy and insight, just about every contemporary international issue: globalization, multiculturalism, economic inequality, fundamentalism and terrorist violence. Despite being set in the mid-1980's, it seems the best kind of post-9/11 novel. | |
| Davies, Robertson | The Cunning Man | | Fiction of a doctor and community interactions. issues of the nature of friendship, religion, faith, and artistic life- | |
| Kass, Amy | The Perfect Gift: The Philanthropic Imagination in Poetry and Prose | | Anthology of readings: Why should I give? How should I give? To whom or for what should I give? What should I give? Can giving be taught? | |
| Unsworth, Barry | The Songs of the Kings | | | |

See also National Endowment for the Humanities Thoughtful Giving groups

From Civic Reflections—titles used for discussion programs specifically for funder audiences. (Many are book chapters or excerpts.)

Group: [Grantmakers Association](#)
 Texts: "A Work of Art"
 Date Posted: June 19, 2006
 Audience: Philanthropic Leaders

Group: [Grantmakers Association](#)
 Texts: From *Laws Concerning Gifts to the Poor*, "Mending Wall"
 Date Posted: April 25, 2006
 Audience: Philanthropic Leaders

Group: [Family Foundation Leaders](#)
 Texts: "Reb Yozifl and the Contractor"
 Date Posted: February 26, 2006
 Audience: Philanthropic Leaders

Group: [Family Foundation Board Discussion](#)
 Texts: "Four Traditions of Philanthropy"
 Date Posted: December 2, 2005
 Audience: Philanthropic Leaders

Group: [Fundraising Professionals Program](#)
 Texts: "Reb Yozifl and the Contractor"
 Date Posted: October 18, 2005
 Audience: Philanthropic Leaders

Group: [Grantmakers Association Discussion](#)
 Texts: "The Eleventh"

Date Posted: October 10, 2005
Audience: Philanthropic Leaders

Group: [Grantmakers Association Discussion](#)
Texts: "The Death of the Hired Man"
Date Posted: October 7, 2005
Audience: Philanthropic Leaders

Group: [New Grantmakers Workshop Session](#)
Texts: From *Laws Concerning Gifts to the Poor*, "The Eleventh"
Date Posted: January 2, 2005
Audience: Philanthropic Leaders

Group: [Grantmakers Association](#)
Texts: "The Spur of the Moment"
Date Posted: January 2, 2005
Audience: Philanthropic Leaders

Group: [Regional United Way Staff](#)
Texts: "Lily Daw and the Three Ladies"
Date Posted: December 23, 2004
Audience: Philanthropic Leaders

Group: [Foundation Board and Staff](#)
Texts: "Reb Yozifl and the Contractor"
Date Posted: November 19, 2004
Audience: Philanthropic Leaders

Group: [Grantmakers Association](#)
Texts: "The Bishop's Beggar"
Date Posted: October 26, 2004
Audience: Philanthropic Leaders

Group: [Grantmakers Association Conference Session](#)
Texts: From *Laws Concerning Gifts to the Poor*, "The Eleventh"
Date Posted: October 26, 2004
Audience: Philanthropic Leaders