

May 1 – July 30, 2017
Ela Area Public Library



Inside the O'Briens by Lisa Genova
One Book, One Reading Community 2017
May 1-July 30

Join Ela Library for the eleventh book of our community read—a program designed to encourage reading for pleasure and start a conversation. Copies are available at the Library or as an eBook.

Over the next three months, there will be discussion groups, speakers and other events focusing on the themes found in the community read. Visit our One Book page at www.eapl.org for resources to enhance your reading experience or to download the ebook.

One Book Reads

- 2007 *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson
- 2008 *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen
- 2009 *Manhunt* by James Swanson
- 2010 *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
- 2011 *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein
- 2012 *Life, On the Line* by Grant Achatz and Nick Kokonas
- 2013 *Divergent* by Veronica Roth
- 2014 *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard
- 2015 *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan
- 2016 *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline
- 2017 *Inside the O'Briens* by Lisa Genova

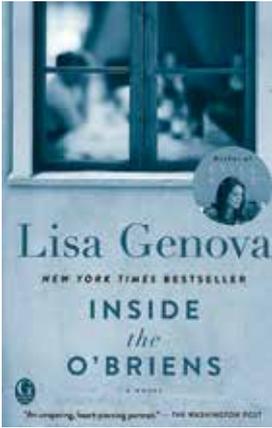


LISA GENOVA is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Inside the O'Briens*, *Love Anthony*, *Left Neglected*, and *Still Alice*. Her first novel, *Still Alice*, has been adapted into a film starring Julianne Moore, Alec Baldwin and Kristen Stewart. Lisa graduated valedictorian from Bates College with a degree in biopsychology and holds a Ph.D., in neuroscience from Harvard University. She travels worldwide speaking about Alzheimer's disease, traumatic brain

injury and autism. She has appeared on *Dr. Oz*, *The Diane Rehm Show*, *CNN*, *Chronicle*, *Fox News*, and *Canada AM* and is featured in the Emmy Award–winning documentary film *To Not Fade Away*. She lives with her family in Massachusetts.

Inside the O'Briens

by Lisa Genova



From *New York Times* bestselling author and neuroscientist Lisa Genova comes a “heartbreaking...very human novel” (Matthew Thomas, author of *We Are Not Ourselves*) that does for Huntington’s disease what her debut novel *Still Alice* did for Alzheimer’s.

Joe O’Brien is a forty-three-year-old police officer from the Irish Catholic neighborhood of Charlestown, Massachusetts. A devoted husband, proud father of four children in their twenties, and respected officer, Joe begins experiencing bouts of disorganized thinking, uncharacteristic temper outbursts, and strange, involuntary movements. He initially attributes these episodes to the stress of his job, but as these symptoms worsen, he agrees to see a neurologist and is handed a diagnosis that will change his and his family’s lives forever: Huntington’s disease.

Huntington’s is a lethal neurodegenerative disease with no treatment and no cure, and each of Joe’s four children has a 50 percent chance of inheriting their father’s disease. While watching her potential future in her father’s escalating symptoms, twenty-one-year-old daughter Katie struggles with the questions this test imposes on her young adult life.

As Joe’s symptoms worsen and he’s eventually stripped of his badge and more, Joe struggles to maintain hope and a sense of purpose, while Katie and her siblings must find the courage to either live a life “at risk” or learn their fate.

Awards & Raves

This heartbreaking book tells the whole story of how a major illness affects a family. Genova's gift is to show that things do work out, in a sense. Her very human novel teaches us to keep living, to lean on each other and be there to be leaned on.

[Matthew Thomas](#), *New York Times* bestselling author

An intimate, heartbreaking look at life with Huntington's disease.

[Marie Claire](#)

Genova...compassionately details how an illness—this time Huntington's disease—can destroy not only the afflicted, but those who love them as well.

[People Magazine](#)

An unsparing, heart-piercing portrait...compelling.

[The Washington Post](#)

A gut-wrenching and memorable read.

[Library Journal](#), [Starred Review](#)

Inside the O'Briens is...about resilience and hope.

[Bookreporter.com](#)

Genova's book will move readers as well as demystify a condition sometimes called 'the cruelest disease known to man.'

[Publishers Weekly](#)

Inside the O'Briens . . . promises to do for Huntington's disease, what *Still Alice* did for Alzheimer's.

[Huffington Post](#)

**New York Times* bestseller

**Library Journal* Best Books of 2015 Pick

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Best Books of 2015 Pick

**GoodReads* Top Ten Fiction Book of 2015

**People Magazine* Great Read

Book Discussions ●●●—

(R) Registration Required

(NR) Registration Not Required

Register online at www.eapl.org.

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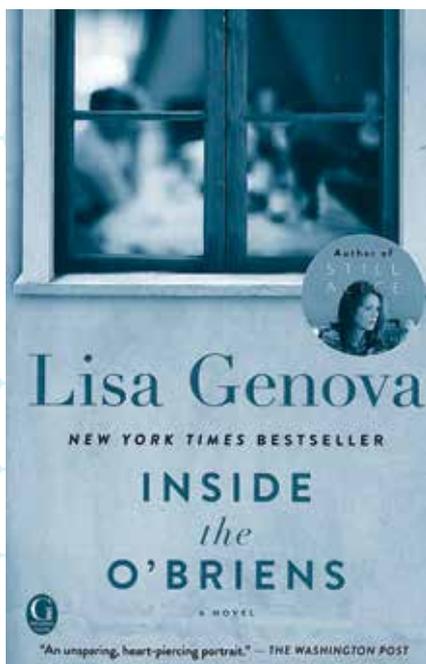
Books & Brews

Join us in the loft at Broken Earth Winery,
219 Robert Parker Coffin Rd., Long Grove.
7-8pm Tuesday, Jun. 20 (R)

Senior Book Discussion

Books are available in large print, audio and
regular print formats. Registration is required
to receive a copy of the book.

10-11:30am Monday, Jun. 26 (R)



Programs

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Register online at www.eapl.org.

Genetic Counseling

Chicago Genetic Consultants Founder Scott Weissman presents a comprehensive lecture discussing the pros and cons of genetic testing, how genetic information can impact an individual and their family, issues related to insurance coverage, privacy and discrimination concerns. He will include a focus on Huntington's disease. May is Global Awareness Month for Huntington's disease.

7-8pm Mon., May 8 (R)

Beginner Meditation Workshop

Experience the art of mindfulness meditation and its benefits. Led by Susan Short, this workshop covers the best sitting posture for your body as well as how to identify and stay with your breath and quiet your mind.

6-8pm Wed., Jun. 21 (R)

Italian Family Cooking

Get inspired to cook Italian. Chef Jill Houk shares her favorite traditional dishes to make for your next family gathering. Demonstration includes recipes and tasting. Space is limited.

2-3pm Tues., Jul. 18 (R)