October 10/14

THE OVERSTORY

by Richard Powers

Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership and Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space

Winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction

Shortlisted for the 2018 Man Booker Prize

New York Times Bestseller

"Best Book of the Year" by WashingtonPost, Time, Newsweek, Chicago Tribune, Kirkus Reviews, and Amazon
TWO OPTIONS
VIRTUAL BOOKCLUB
OR
AT STAR K RANCH/MORRISON
NATURE CENTER ON THE
SAND CREEK GREENWAY

October 10th, 2020 (Saturday).
In-person Book Club from 4:30-6pm for 8 people
at Morrison Nature Center/Aurora

October 14th, 2020 (Wednesday). Virtual Book Club
from 6-7:30pm for up to 50 people.

Sign up for either option online:
Go to: www.AuroraGov.Org/Nature
Click the "Click Here To Register for Nature Programs".
Select "Morrison Nature Center "or Search "Bookworm"

Sessions led by Kristin Memmott- City of Aurora Natural
Resource Specialist and Beth Nobles, Executive Director,
Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership.

Both options are FREE.

Discussion Questions

1. The book is divided into four parts: "Roots," "Trunk," "Crown," and "Seeds." What is the significance of each section? Were you surprised when the stories began to intertwine?

2. Which characters are your favorites? Do you identify with any of them in particular?

3. How did each character's activism develop? And did you identify with any of their advocacy actions?

4. How did the author engage you senses? Did you notice any passages focusing on sense of smell?
BOOK FLIGHT
OTHER BOOKS WE LOVE ABOUT TREES

The Tree by John Fowles
The Man Who Planted Trees by Jean Giono
The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben

The Song of Trees by David George Haskell
The Forest Unseen by David George Haskell
The Legacy of Luna by Julia Butterfly Hill

“Autumn makes me think of leaves, which makes me think of trees, which makes me think of The Overstory, the best novel ever written about trees, and really, just one of the best novels, period.”
—Ann Patchett
Other Resources:

"Richard Powers: The Waterstones Interview"
YouTube video with the author.  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwZC58ptwk&t=200s

Trees Talk / Suzanne Sumard (Ted Talk on YouTube)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=breDQqrkikM
This fascinating talk presents the scientific research that shows the interconnectedness of life in the forest ecosystem.

"Julia in the Storm" YouTube video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tsvJ1XaXvo
Julia Butterfly Hill climbed a 2000 year old redwood in Northern California and lived in its branches for over 2 years to save it from the chainsaws of a logging company.

Experiences:

Scent of Trees: Eleven ways of smelling a tree. From Emergence Magazine.
https://emergencemagazine.org/story/eleven-ways/
Includes narrated audio with original violin compositions by Katherine Lehman.

Befriending a Tree. From Emergence Magazine.
https://emergencemagazine.org/story/practice-befriending-tree/

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