

RATIONALISTS OF EAST TENNESSEE – SKEPTIC BOOK CLUB

VOTING LIST FOR

Book Club Meets: Second Sunday of each month, 5-7 PM at Barnes & Noble, Knoxville.

Book club with meet 4-6 PM for the summer months (July through September)

**** August's book is" The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals, Michael Pollan**

*** Rank all books that you are interested in, #1 being most desirable (as many or few as you like). The six books with the most votes will be selected for discussion for the upcoming 6-month period.

**Return votes to jkmccaffreytn@yahoo.com
or call 865-414-6998.**

RANK	Title / Author / Year / Description
	• How Much Should a Person Consume? Environmentalism in India and the United States, Ramachandra Guha (UC Press 2006): A comparative history of environmentalism in two different democracies: the US and India.
	• Evidence of Things Unseen, Marianne Wiggins, (Novel, 2004): A fictional tale set in East TN and Knoxville during the start of TVA, Oak Ridge, and the effort to develop the atomic bomb.
	• The End of Work, Jeremy Rifkin. The author discusses the increasing role of technology in the workplace, manufacturing, and the economic consequences for the middle class.
	• Economics as Religion, From Samuelson to Chicago and Beyond, Robert Nelson, 2002. The author discusses influential modern economists and their
	• The Averaged American: Surveys, Citizens, and the Making of a Mass Public, Sarah Igo, 2007. The author provides a historical perspective and critical look at American surveys, polls, and the way we participate and react to survey/poll data.
	• Armed Madhouse: From Bahgdad to New Orleans: Sordid Secrets of a White House Gone Wild, Greg Palast, 2006. (self-explanatory...)
	• God is not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything, Christopher Hitchens, 2007.
	• Wisdom of Crowds, James Surowiecki, 2005. The author discusses the phenomenon of crowd-think, and the accuracy of "collective intelligence" compared to the accuracy of individuals/small groups of experts, in given circumstances
	• Death by Black Hole and other Cosmic Quandries, Neil deGrasse Tyson, 2005. This collection of essays explores black holes, extreme climates on earth, popular misconceptions about geology/physics; based on essays from the monthly magazine of the American Museum of Natural History
	• Stumbling on Happiness Daniel Gilbert, 2007. This psychologist discusses the uniquely human habit of thinking toward the future, imagination, and how our minds work in selecting and contemplating choices.
	• The Sorrows of Empire: Militarism, Secrecy, and the End of the Republic, Chalmers Johnson, 2004. The author discusses militarism and the military industrial complex in the US.
	• The World is Flat, A Brief history of the 21 st Century, Thomas Friedman, 2006. The author's latest discussion of globalization and the current trends in manufacturing, labor, and high-tech design.
	• Democracy and Tradition, Jeffrey Stout, 2005. The author argues that democracy is tradition, and with it comes its own set of values and a democratic conception of character.
	• Globalization and its Discontents, Joe Stiglitz
	• Atheist Universe: Why god didn't have a thing to do with it, David Mills
	• Sense and Goodness without god: Defense of Metaphysical Naturalism, Richard Carrier
	• The Courtier and the Heretic: Leibniz Spinoze and the Fate of god in the modern world, Matthew Stewart
	• A Power Governments Can't Suppress, Howard Zinn, 2006. This collection of essays revisit key events and conditions in America's history, and studies implications then, and now, for race, class, etc.
	• The Top 10 Myths about Evolution, Cameron Smith
	• The First Fossil Hunters: Paleontology in Greek & Roman Times