2017 "The Originals" Book Club selections

A man called Ove by Fredrik Backman
A curmudgeon hides a terrible personal loss beneath a cranky and short-tempered exterior while clashing with new neighbors, a boisterous family whose chattiness and habits lead to unexpected friendship.

Abide With Me by Elizabeth Strout
In the wake of the tragic death of his beautiful and independent young wife, Reverend Tyler Caskey, a New England minister, struggles to hold together his own life, his family, and his town, while dealing with his personal anger, grief, and loss of faith.

Quiet by Susan Cain
Demonstrates how introverted people are misunderstood and undervalued in modern culture, charting the rise of extrovert ideology while sharing anecdotal examples of how to use introvert talents to adapt to various situations.

Henry's sisters by Cathy Lamb
Reunited in their Oregon home town when their mother undergoes major surgery, three sisters take over the near-bankrupt family bakery while caring for their disabled brother and grandmother.

The Cape Ann by Faith Sullivan
When her father's gambling losses threaten the down payment on her mother's dream house, a Cape Ann, six-year-old Lark Ann Eckhardt is caught in the crossfire of her parents' disintegrating marriage.

A fall of marigolds by Susan Meissner
Two women living 100 years apart experience similar tragic losses of love, Clara's in the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, and Taryn's in the collapse of the Twin Towers, are connected through time by a scarf.

The girl with all the gifts by Mike Carey
A little girl who is detained by the military, restrained in a wheelchair, and goes to school while heavily guarded doesn't truly understand why she is special until it is up to her to save the world.

Everything I never told you by Celeste Ng
A first novel by a Pushcart Prize-winning writer explores the fallout of a favorite daughter's shattering death on a Chinese-American family in 1970s Ohio.

The book that matters most by Ann Hood
Joining a reading group in the wake of a failed marriage, Ava rediscovers a mysterious book from her childhood that helped her through past difficulties, while her troubled daughter, Maggie, descends into a destructive relationship with an older man in Paris.

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