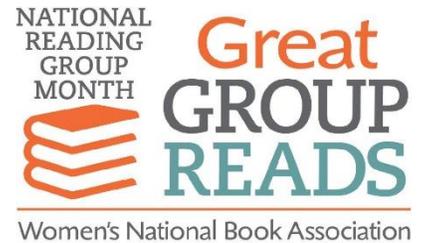
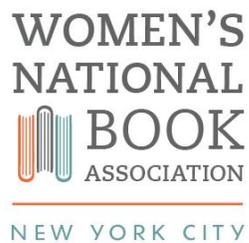


As part of a year of celebration, the **Women's National Book Association** (commemorating 100 years) and **National Reading Group Month** (commemorating 10 years) join together to honor debut authors from past Great Group Reads lists. Panelists include Julia Franks (2016), Susan Henderson (2010), Laurel Davis Huber (2017), and Margaret Wrinkle (2013).



Julia Franks is the author of *Over the Plain Houses* (Hub City Press), an NPR best book of 2016, and recipient of multiple awards including the IPPY Gold Medal in Literary Fiction. She has also published essays in the *New York Times*, among other places. She lives in Atlanta, where she runs an ed-tech company called loosecanon.com, a web application that facilitates, tracks, and energizes independent reading choices and literature circles within schools.



Susan Henderson is a four-time Pushcart Prize nominee and the recipient of an Academy of American Poets Prize. She is the author of two novels, *The Flicker of Old Dreams* and *Up from the Blue*, both published by HarperCollins. Susan lives in New York and blogs at the writer support group, LitPark.com.



Laurel Davis Huber, author of *The Velveteen Daughter* (She Writes Press), grew up in Rhode Island and Oklahoma. She is a graduate of Smith College. She has worked as corporate newsletter editor, communications director for a botanical garden, high school English teacher, and as senior development officer for both New Canaan Country School and Amherst College. Ms. Huber and her husband split their time between New Jersey and Maine: laureldavishuber.com.



Margaret Wrinkle's debut novel, *Wash* (Grove Atlantic), reexamines American slavery in ways that challenge contemporary assumptions about race, power, history and healing. *Wash* won the Center for Fiction's Flaherty-Dunn First Novel Prize and an American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation. Wrinkle's award-winning documentary *broken\ground*, made with Chris Lawson, was a winner of the Council on Foundations Film Festival. She lives in New Mexico.



Moderator: Susan Larson is the host of The Reading Life on WWNO, New Orleans' NPR affiliate, and the author of *The Booklover's Guide to New Orleans*. She is the past president of the Women's National Book Association of New Orleans and is a former member of the boards of the Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival and The New Orleans Public Library. In 2009 and 2012, she chaired the jury for the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. She was the book review editor for *The New Orleans Times-Picayune* from 1988 to 2000, and in 2007 she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

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