

## **Empowering Communities Through the Power of Reading**

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas is excited to present the Reading Round-Up, a collection curated from our our book clubs in Dallas, El Paso, and Waco . Our book clubs explore the complexities of reproductive, transgender, and women's rights issues in ways specific to each community, empowering readers to become better advocates for social justice and change in our communities and beyond.

# Interested in joining a local book club?

Don't miss the opportunity to connect, learn, and grow together. Join the Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas Book Club, in Dallas, El Paso, or Waco.



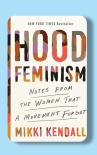
# SPECIAL PICKS:

### From our Waco Book Club:

In the heart of WACO, we embrace books that inspire discussions on reproductive choices, feminism, and faith. We know that understanding these complex issues is vital to promoting bodily autonomy and making informed decisions. Through our book club, we empower individuals to share their experiences, broaden their knowledge, and advocate for reproductive rights.

- 1. You're the Only One I've Told by Dr. Meera Shah: A compelling collection of abortion stories that open our eyes to the complexities of reproductive choices and the importance of bodily autonomy.
- **2.** Hood Feminism by Mikki Kendall: A modern classic challenging us to explore interconnected struggles through an intersectional feminist lens, proposing ideas for positive change.
- **3. Black Cake** by Charmaine Wilkerson: Journey through time and family decisions, exploring the consequences that echo through generations.
- **4. Jesus and John Wayne** by Kristin Kobes Du Mez: An examination of Christian nationalism and its impact on society, sparking conversations about religion and its role.







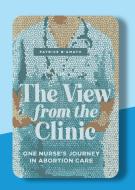




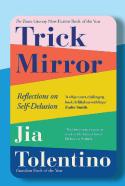
### From our Dallas Book Club:

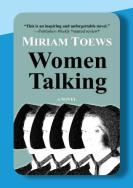
The vibrant city of Dallas hosts conversations about racial justice, transformation, and the illusions of modern life. With our book club, we aim to deepen these conversations, fostering a sense of unity and togetherness. By exploring the true cost of racism and the power of transformation, we inspire positive change and progress for all.

- 1. The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee: Uncover the true cost of racism and explore ways to build a better, more inclusive future.
- 2. Trick Mirror: Reflections on Self-Delusion by Jia Tolentino: Delve into essays that challenge our perceptions and illusions about modern life.
- **3.** The View from the Clinic: One Nurse's Journey in Abortion Care by Patrice D'Amato: Experience the journey of a nurse in abortion care, shedding light on reproductive healthcare.
- **4. Women Talking** by Miriam Toews: Witness the strength and resilience of women seeking justice and empowerment.









# EL PASO SPECIAL PICKS:

### From our El Paso Book Club:

In the diverse community of El Paso, we delve into coming-of-age stories, love, and societal issues. Our book club provides a space to confront sensitive topics and inspire empathy. By discussing the need for open conversations about puberty and the missing girls of Ciudad Juarez, we come together to support one another and strive for a better future.







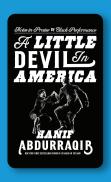


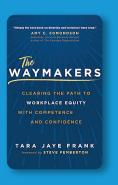
- 1. When The Moon Was Ours by Anna-Marie McLemore. An enchanting tale of fairytale, queer romance, and trans love, centered around best friends.
- 2. Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret by Judy Blume: A nostalgic coming-of-age story exploring puberty and the need for open conversations.
- 3. Thirty Talks Weird Love by Alessandra Narvaez Varela: A love letter to the missing girls of Ciudad Juarez, confronting important societal issues.
- **4.** I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika Sanchez. Trace the legacy of two sisters through centuries and continents.

### **Staff Reads:**

Some additional reading recommendations from Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas experts.









Ken Lambrecht, CEO

Solito: A Memoir by Javier Zamora

Dr. Amna Dermish, Chief Operating and Medical Services Officer A Little Devil in America by Hanif Abdurraqib

Jonathan Johnson, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging The Waymakers by Tara Jaye Frank

Raul Rojas, Director of Community Health Education Thursday's Child by Eartha Kit

