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VOTE FOR THE NEXT “ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO” SELECTION

The Community Helps Decide Which of Three Great Books to Read

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library and KPBS launch the 5th annual *One Book, One San Diego*, a project to cultivate a culture of reading and discussion in San Diego by bringing our diverse city together around one monumental book. Once again, San Diegans are invited to join the book discussion from the very beginning by voting for the next *One Book* feature.

Selected by a committee including teachers, librarians and community members, there are three great books from which to choose. Please vote by going to the website of either KPBS (www.kpbs.org/one-book/) or the San Diego Public Library (www.sandiegolibrary.org). Voting for the following book titles ends on Monday, August 9th.

Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann

Let the Great World Spin takes place in 1974 New York City, beginning with Philippe Petit’s historic tight-rope walk between the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. The novel follows a diverse group of characters in the aftermath of this extraordinary event, as their lives occasionally collide in significant and lasting ways. Influenced by the events of 9/11, McCann’s story effectively mirrors the present, though it is set in the past.

Into the Beautiful North by Luis Alberto Urrea

Into the Beautiful North tells the story of Nayeli, a young taco shop worker living in the Mexican village of Tres Camarones. Upon realizing that nearly all the men from her town have moved North, Nayeli and three of her friends travel to America in hopes of finding men to bring back to Mexico. The central characters encounter surprises along the way, in this funny yet powerful tale of their journey.

The Gangster We Are All Looking For by lê thị diễm thúy

The Gangster We Are All Looking For is the extraordinary tale of a Vietnamese refugee family in San Diego, told from the perspective of the family’s daughter, who is just six years old when they arrive. The narrator and her parents struggle to adapt to life in an unfamiliar land, while simultaneously dealing with a troubled marriage, a father’s mysterious past, and the loss of a brother, in this painful, magical, and poetic novel.

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Press Release – One Book

KPBS, in partnership with the San Diego Public Library, launched *One Book, One San Diego*, a campaign designed to educate and enlighten on topics and themes of concern to our community, while promoting reading as a source of pleasure and enrichment.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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