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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 City of San Diego Public Library and KPBS launch the fourth 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/](http://www.kpbs.org/one-book/)) or the San Diego Public Library ([www.sandiegolibrary.org/](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org/)). Voting for the following book titles ends on Saturday, October 31.

#### **"Dreamers of the Day" by Mary Doria Russell**

Agnes Shanklin, a schoolteacher from Ohio becomes a welcome sounding board for Lawrence of Arabia, Winston Churchill, and Lady Gertrude Bell at the Cairo Peace Conference of 1921. The novel begins "I suppose I ought to warn you at the outset that my present circumstances are puzzling, even to me. Nevertheless, I am sure of this much: My little story has become your history. You won't really understand your times until you understand mine."

#### **"Song Yet Sung" by James McBride**

"Song Yet Sung" shines light onto a little known world of the cat and mouse game of slavery in a small, Chesapeake Bay town -- a dramatic story of tragic accomplishments, violent decisions, and unforeseen compassion. The story begins "On a grey morning in March 1850, a colored slave named Liz Spocott dreamed of the future."

#### **"Outcasts United" by Warren St. John**

"Outcasts United" follows a pivotal season in the life of a refugee soccer team, their families and

their charismatic coach as they struggle to build new lives in a small town overwhelmed by change. There is a story about resilience in the face of extraordinary hardship, the power of one person to make a difference and the daunting challenge of creating community in a place where people seem to have so little in common.

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](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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