

## DelArt Readers 2021 Book List:

**Jan 28- *Possession: A Romance*** by A.S. Byatt (Fiction) *An exhilarating novel of wit and romance, an intellectual mystery and triumphant love story. It is the tale of a pair of young scholars researching the lives of two Victorian poets.*

**Feb 25- *Becoming Dr. Seuss: Theodor Geisel and the Making of an American Imagination*** by Brian Jay Johns (Non-Fiction) *The definitive, fascinating, all-reaching biography of Dr. Seuss, a classic American icon.*

**March 25- *The Other Alcott*** by Elise Hooper (F) *Elise Hooper's debut novel conjures the fascinating, untold story of May Alcott—Louisa's youngest sister and an artist in her own right.*

**April 29- *Loving Vincent*** DVD (NF/F) *This 2017 experimental animated biographical film is about the life of the painter Vincent van Gogh, and, in particular, a theory of the circumstances of his death. It is a fully painted animated feature film. (Watch on your own before the discussion. Available on DVD from library, and also streaming online.)*

**May 20- *The Lacuna*** by Barbara Kingsolver (F) *Epic journey from the Mexico City of artists Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo to the America of Pearl Harbor, FDR, and J. Edgar Hoover.*

**June 24- *Treasure Palaces: Great Writers Visit Great Museums*** edited by Maggie Fergusson (NF) *In this celebration of the world's museums, great and small, revered writers tell us about their favorite museums.*

**July 29- *The Improbability of Love*** by Hannah Rothschild (F) *A dazzling, witty and tenderly savage satire of London life and the art world that is also a surprising and wonderful love story.*

**Aug 26- *Dapper Dan: Made in Harlem- A Memoir*** by Daniel R. Day (NF) *The story of a legendary designer who pioneered high-end streetwear, from a storefront in Harlem to the red carpet in Hollywood.*

**Sept 30- *Mad Enchantment: Claude Monet and the Painting of the Water Lilies*** by Ross King (NF) *This tells the full story behind the creation of the Water Lilies, as the horrors of World War I came ever closer to Paris and Giverny.*

**Oct 28- *An Artist of the Floating World*** by Kazuo Ishiguro (F) *Set in post-World War II Japan, an aging painter looks back on his life. He realizes that his once great reputation has faltered since the war as attitudes towards him, and his paintings, have changed.*

**Nov 18- *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas*** by Gertrude Stein (the reader may choose either new version illustrated by Maira Kalman or non-illustrated version) (NF) *This rich and irreverent biography was written by Gertrude Stein in the style and voice of Toklas, her life partner. This new edition is illustrated with the bright, sophisticated and fanciful images by artist Maira Kalman.*