

2024 Book Study

October 14, 28 and November 4

Daytime study begins at 1:30-2:30 PM (CST)

Evening study begins at 6:30-7:30 PM (CST)

Wandering Stars by Tommy Orange



Synopsis: Tommy Orange's *Wandering Stars* is an ambitious family saga that is both a prequel and sequel to his brilliant debut novel, *There There*. It follows a family for over 150 years, from Jude Star escaping the Sand Creek Massacre in 1864 to the Bear Shield/Red Feather family in present day Oakland. In the family's struggles against institutionalized violence, genocide was only the beginning. Each generation inherits the trauma of their ancestors while facing fresh injustices. The government-sponsored erasure of Native American identity, cultures, languages and beliefs doesn't completely strip them of their heritage, but what survives is fragmented and incomplete. Star and his descendants try to rebuild their shattered identity, either by reconstructing the pieces or by replacing them with other things: sometimes art, sometimes addiction, often both.

NOTE: It will be helpful if you read the book, "There There" by Tommy Orange prior to this book.

This book study is sponsored by Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and led by members of the PWS Native American Concerns Committee.

It is open to interested women and men across the synod, via Zoom

There is no charge to participate, yet registration is required.

Register by contacting Marilyn Stone at

mmstone52@att.net

Provide the following information:

Name Email address

Phone #

Presbytery

Afternoon or evening session preference