S by J.J Abrams & Doug Dorst
This book is unlike ANYTHING you have ever (or will ever) read. If you like order and predictability, this book club is not for you ~Dana
“The chronicle of two readers finding each other, and their deadly struggle with forces beyond their understanding—all within the margins of a book conceived by Star Wars: The Force Awakens director J.J. Abrams and written by award-winning novelist Doug Dorst. The book: Ship of Theseus, the final novel by a prolific but enigmatic writer named V.M. Straka, in which a man with no past is shanghaied onto a strange ship with a monstrous crew and launched onto a disorienting and perilous journey. The writer: Straka, the incendiary and secretive subject of one of the world’s greatest mysteries, a revolutionary about whom the world knows nothing apart from the words he wrote and the rumors that swirl around him. The readers: Jennifer and Eric, a college senior and a disgraced grad student, both facing crucial decisions about who they are, who they might become, and how much they’re willing to trust another person with their passions, hurts, and fears.”

Saturday, February 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Dana’s Home in Pleasant View
Led by Scott Rogers, English Professor Limit of 20 students

Everybody Matters: My Life Giving Voice by Mary Robinson
“One of the most inspiring women of our age, Mary Robinson has spent her life in pursuit of a fairer world, becoming a powerful and influential voice for human rights around the globe. As an activist lawyer, she won landmark cases advancing the causes of women and marginalized people against the prejudices of the day, and in her twenty years in the Irish Senate she promoted progressive legislation, including the legalization of contraception. She shocked the political system by winning election as Ireland’s first woman president in 1990, redefining the role and putting Ireland firmly on the international stage. Her role as UN high commissioner for human rights, beginning in 1997, was to prove an even bigger challenge; she won acclaim for bringing attention to victims worldwide but was often frustrated both by the bureaucracy and by the willingness to compromise on principle, which reveal the deep and inherent barriers to changing the status quo.” This author will be on campus the previous week. We encourage you to attend her lecture On March 17. Limited space, so if you’re interested in attending, contact Dana as soon as possible.

Monday, March 20 at 1 p.m. in SUB, 321 Limit of 25 students
The leader of this group will be determined at a later date

Strengths Finder 2.0 by Tom Roth
“Do you have the opportunity to do what you do best every day? Chances are, you don't. All too often, our natural talents go untapped. From the cradle to the cubicle, we devote more time to fixing our shortcomings than to developing our strengths. To help people uncover their talents, Gallup introduced the first version of its online assessment, StrengthsFinder, in 2001 which ignited a global conversation and helped millions to discover their top five talents. In its latest national bestseller, StrengthsFinder 2.0, Gallup unveils the new and improved version of its popular assessment, language of 34 themes, and much more. While you can read this book in one sitting, you'll use it as a reference for decades. Loaded with hundreds of strategies for applying your strengths, this new book and accompanying website will change the way you look at yourself—and the world around you—forever.” Three Sessions (Choose only one)

Tuesday, March 21 at 11:30 a.m. in SUB Ballroom A Limit of 50 students
Wednesday, March 22 at 2 p.m. in SUB 316 Limit of 25 students
Thursday, March 23 at 2 p.m. in SUB 404B Limit of 40 students
Led by Sheldon Cheshire, WSU Leadership Programs Coordinator