

## Rosenberg Library Announces Museum Book Club Spring Selection

Rosenberg Library is pleased to announce *The Goldfinch* as its selection for the Spring 2015 Museum Book Club Series. The third novel by American writer Donna Tartt, *The Goldfinch* won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2014 in addition to other honors.

The first meeting of the Spring Museum Book Club will take place on Wednesday, April 8th from 12 noon – 1:00 pm. A second session will be held on Thursday, May 21st from 12 noon – 1:00 pm. In addition to the book discussion, the one-hour program will include a screening of a 2013 BBC interview with author Donna Tartt.

### **ABOUT THE BOOK**

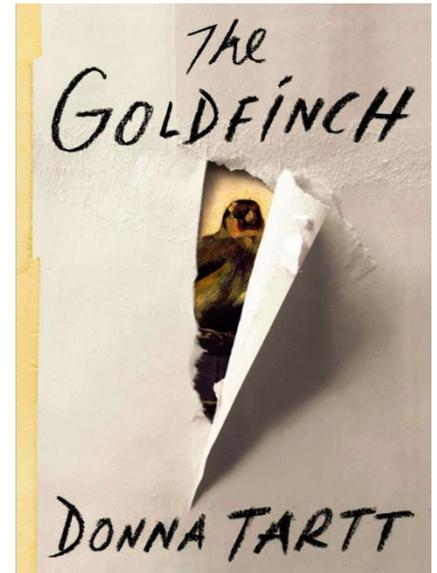
After the tragic loss of his mother during a terrorist bombing at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, 13-year-old Theo Decker is taken in by the wealthy family of his schoolmate. Through a strange turn of events, Theo ends up befriendng the owner of an antiques gallery and is first introduced to the world of arts and fine furnishings.

Later sent to live with his alcoholic father in Las Vegas, Theo turns to drugs and alcohol himself to cope with his mother's death. After returning to New York as an adult, he becomes involved in the art underworld, conducting unscrupulous sales and becoming involved with organized crime. He shelters his loved ones from his deceitful behaviors until he is faced with a life-or-death decision over one priceless work of art which is Theo's last remaining connection to the mother he lost in his youth.

Bestselling author Stephen King — who reviewed *The Goldfinch* for The New York Times — called the book “a rarity that comes along perhaps half a dozen times per decade, a smartly written literary novel that connects with the heart as well as the mind.”

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Born in 1963, novelist Donna Tartt grew up in the small town of Grenada, Mississippi. Her love of literature was evident at an early age, with her first sonnet published at age thirteen. She enrolled at the University of Mississippi in 1981 and made an immediate impression upon the faculty. Recognizing Tartt's talent, her professors encouraged her to transfer to the writing program at Bennington College, a liberal arts school in Vermont. It was there that she began her first novel, *The Secret History*. The book was published in 1992 and became an overnight sensation, making Tartt a literary celebrity at just 28 years old. Her second novel, *The Little Friend*, was published in 2002, and it too received critical acclaim. Tartt's much-anticipated, 800-page third work, *The Goldfinch*, was released in 2013. It received the 2013 National Book Critics Circle Award, the 2014 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction, and the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Donna Tartt was named one of *Time Magazine's* 100 Most Influential People in 2014.



Cover image of *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt.

***ABOUT THE MUSEUM BOOK CLUB***

Rosenberg Library's Museum Book Club offers participants the chance to experience art and literature in a more interactive way. Members have the opportunity to view rarely exhibited art and historical artifacts from the library's permanent collection as they discuss related books.

Registration is required for all Museum Book Club meetings. Established book clubs are encouraged to participate. Groups of over 10 people are asked to call the Reference Desk in advance to arrange accommodations.

Copies of *The Goldfinch* are available for [checkout at the Rosenberg Library](#).