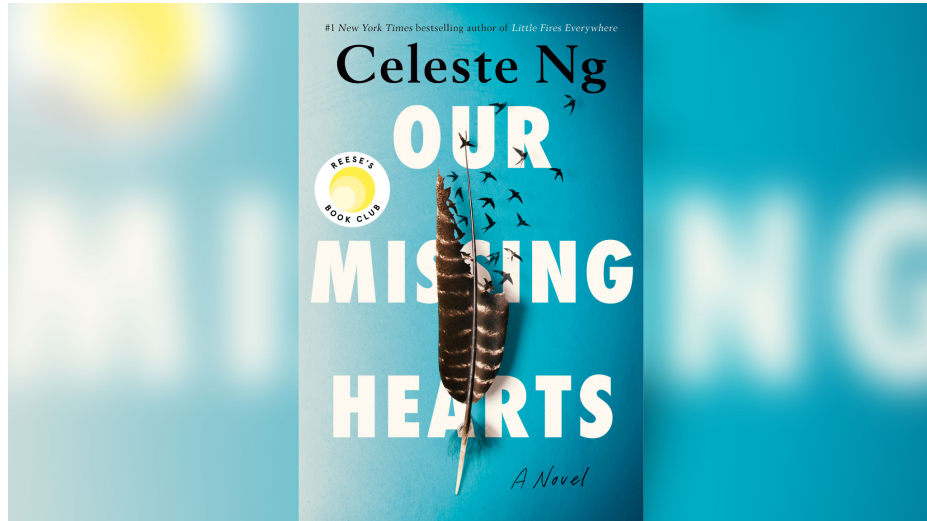


World Fellowship's Book of the Summer for 2023!



Every Tuesday afternoon this summer season, at 4:00 pm, the community is invited to join a lightly facilitated discussion held at World Fellowship. Day and time *could* vary based on participant preferences among those currently visiting WFC; or, multiple groups could also occur in the same week. Check the activity schedule board, and listen for dining hall announcements. But come prepared to engage with this community read.

From Celeste Ng's website, "*Our Missing Hearts* is an old story made new, of the ways supposedly civilized communities can pretend to ignore the most searing injustice. It's a story about the power—and limitations—of art to create change, the lessons and legacies we pass on to our children, and how any of us can survive a broken world with our hearts intact." And from Bette Frank Leahy, our community member who nominated the book, "A chilling look at the possible future of our society that we can continue to work against. It's a great book - politically, psychologically, humanly."

The Program Committee received [24 nominations](#) in total, which are included here for your information, and quite likely, suggestions for additional reading. They developed these criteria before making their selection from among the nominees:

Our Program Committee chose a novel for this first Book of the Summer, but envision future Summer choices could rotate between nonfiction and fiction. We used this criteria to guide our discussion and decision-making. The book:

- Addresses a relevant social justice issue of our day
- It's accessible. There's a low barrier of entry. Could be a good audiobook or readily available from a public library
- Could attract a range of ages to participate
- Generate a meaty discussion

We look forward to insightful discussions with the WFC community!