

Silmarillion Syllabus

September 2017 through April 2018

September Session – September 7 @ 7 p.m.

- Introductions
- Structure of book group
 - Discussion, Food, and Fellowship
 - Favorite passages our quotes for consideration
 - Door prizes
- **BOOK COVERAGE and DISCUSSION:**
 - *Ainulindalë* “Music of the Ainur” - As creation myth.
 - Foreward, Preface, and Letter to Milton Waldman (2nd edition).

October Session – October 5 @ 7 p.m.

- Door prize!
- **BOOK COVERAGE and DISCUSSION:**
 - *Valaquenta* “Tale of the Valar” – The Elder Days.
 - Chapter 1 – Two lamps and a Vala called Tulkas. (Quenta Silmarillion)
 - Chapter 2 – Aule and Yavanna.
 - Chapter 3 – Here come the elves.
 - Chapter 4 – Lost in the woods.

November Session – November 2 @ 7 p.m.

- Proposed potluck?
- **BOOK COVERAGE and DISCUSSION:**
 - Chapter 5 – “My three sons”.
 - Chapter 6 – Healing those hurts.
 - Chapter 7 – The Simarils: lights in the darkness.
 - Chapter 8 – That’s one hungry spider! (or, “Who turned the lights out?”).
 - Chapter 9 – The fall of elvenkind.

December Session – December 7 @ 7 p.m.

- Door prize!
- **BOOK COVERAGE and DISCUSSION:**
 - Chapter 10 – Thingol and the dwarves.
 - Chapter 11 – Fruit of silver and gold.
 - Chapter 12 – The sun rises...and men.
 - Chapter 13 – The fall of Fëanor.



January 2018 Session – January 4 @ 7 p.m.

- Door prize!
- BOOK COVERAGE and DISCUSSION:
 - Chapter 14 – I love maps!
 - Chapter 15 – Gondolin thrives.
 - Chapter 16 - Eöl's choice.
 - Chapter 17 - Finrod dazzles the crowd with a harp.
 - Chapter 18 – The Battle of Sudden Flame.

February Session – February 1 @ 7 p.m.

- Potluck
- BOOK COVERAGE and DISCUSSION:
 - Chapter 19 – Beren and Lúthien (just in time for Valentine's Day).
 - Chapter 20 – Death and Glory.



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March Session – March 1 @ 7 p.m.

- Door Prize!
- BOOK COVERAGE and DISCUSSION:
 - Chapter 21 – Túrin and *Gurthang*, the Iron of Death.
 - Chapter 22 – Thingol's lust...and a bad idea.
 - Chapter 23 – Gondolin falls.
 - Chapter 24 – The War of Wrath - End of the First Age.

April Session – April 5 @ 7 p.m.

- One last potluck???
- Door Prize!
- BOOK COVERAGE and DISCUSSION:
 - Akallabêth – Númenor's descent and the Faithful (as the world turns)
 - Of the Rings of Power and the Third Age – The man with the pointy hat.

Thus begins the journey.



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