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About the Book - Selection for 2016 All the Light We Cannot See

"A novel to live in, learn from, and feel bereft over when the last page is turned." **Booklist**

All the Light We Cannot See is an extraordinary novel that transports readers to World War II Europe. Through detailed and engaging storytelling, readers enter the world of Marie Laure, who lives in Paris with her father. Blind since the age of six, young Marie faces extreme challenges when the Germans occupy Paris in June of 1940. She and her father must flee the city and relocate on the Brittany coast. In another world, a young German boy named Werner, grows up enthralled by the voices of the radio. He learns to master the building and fixing of radios, a talent that takes him into the brutal military of the Nazis. He becomes a specialized tracker of the Resistance. Doerr's story illuminates the world of both young protagonists and shows us how against all odds, people can survive and maintain their humanity. "All the Light We Cannot See is a vastly entertaining feat of storytelling."

- New York Times Book Review



Who is Anthony Doerr?

Anthony Doerr is the critically acclaimed author of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *All the Light We Cannot See*. Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, he is also the author of short story collections, *The Shell Collector, and Memory Wall, The Memoir, Four Seasons in Rome,* and *About Grace*. He has received numerous literary recognitions including four O. Henry Prizes and the Andrew Carnegie Medal of Excellence in Fiction. He resides in Idaho with his wife and two sons.

What is One Book, One Community?

Each year, the *One Book, One Community (OBOC) of Monroe County* selection committee chooses a readily available and discussable book written by a major author. Monroe County residents are invited to read the same book and discuss it through a series of free programs each spring. OBOC events feature book discussions and free, county-wide community activities related to the themes raised by provocative and inspiring stories.

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The One Book, One Community project is looking for sponsors and reading partners for 2016. Sponsors will help offset costs associated with programming, school book purchases, and travel for our author visit. Reading partners would host book discussions within their group, business, church, or school.

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