

## White Pine Book Club

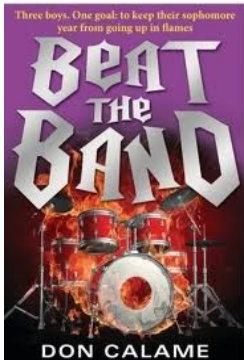
This year The White Pine Book Club has fiction and non-fiction books on the list. The following is a brief synopsis of each.

### Fiction

*Ashes' Ashes* by Jo Teggiari is a dystopian novel. Lucy struggles daily to survive in a world that has been ravaged by disease and natural disasters. She prefers to live away from others until she meets a young man who saves her life. An unexpected event forces her to seek out his group and to help it avoid the clutches of the Sweepers

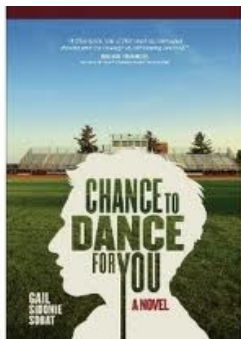


*Beat the Band* by Don Calame is the sequel to *Swim the Fly*. Coop is



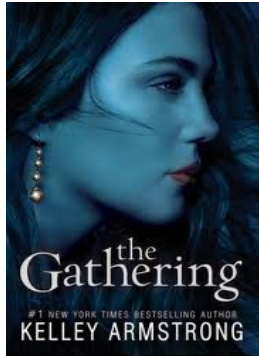
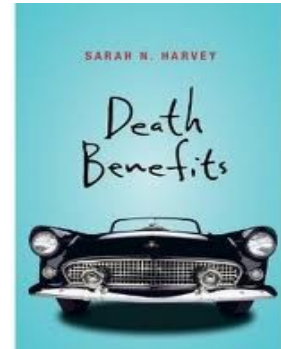
one of three friends who takes on many challenges to impress girlfriends or try to attract them. Unfortunately for Coop, he is stuck working with the one girl in his class no one likes and who he believes jeopardizes his chances of winning the heart of the girl he loves. However a number of unexpected events soon have him wondering if he has acted rashly.

*Blood Red Road* by Moira Young is another dystopian novel that has lots of fast-paced action. Shaba sets out to rescue her twin Lugh after he has been abducted by the King's men. In her journey she encounters both friends and enemies who propel her forward on her mission.



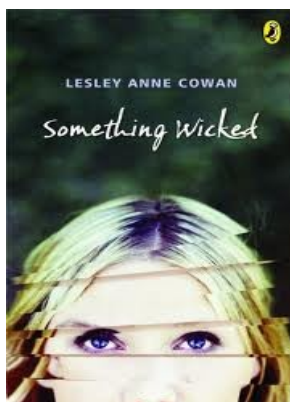
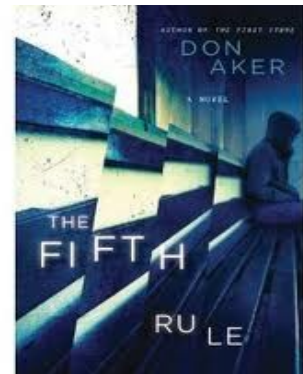
*Chance to Dance for you* by Sidone Sobat is the story of Ian a gay dancer who falls in love with Jess a quarter-back on the football team. To his surprise, Jess is in love with him too but he grapples with his sexual orientation and the effect his coming out will have on his reputation.

*Death Benefits* by Sarah N. Harvey tells the story of Royce and his tumultuous relationship with his grandfather, a world-renowned cello player.



*The Gathering* by Kelly Armstrong is a supernatural novel set in B.C. Maya begins to notice strange things happening around their village and when a good looking young man with a secret arrives in town, Maya knows something is amiss.

*The Fifth Rule* by Don Aker is a sequel to *The First Stone*. At the opening of the novel, Reef is working in Edmonton but is on his way back home to attend the funeral of his old mentor. His thoughts turn as always to the young woman who nearly died in a car accident he caused many years ago. Although Reef has been ordered to stay away from her, a series of events unfold that force him to face his past again.



*Something Wicked* by Lesley Anne Cowan is a dark look at the lives of children who faced emotional and physical pain at a young age. Melissa looks for love in all the wrong places; her life is in a downward spiral unless she can find a good reason to change it.

*The Way it is* by Donalda Reid is set in the 1960s. Ellen, a new arrival at her school is unaware of the discrimination directed toward First Nations People until she befriends a young native man. Their friendship grows but they both have choices to make concerning their futures.

*Motorcycles and Sweetgrass* by Drew Hayden Taylor is a comic novel set on a First Nation reserve somewhere. A mysterious stranger roars into town on a motorcycle and stirs things up including the feelings of the Chief, Maggie. Not everyone is happy with what is happening.

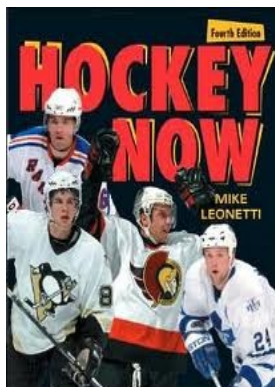
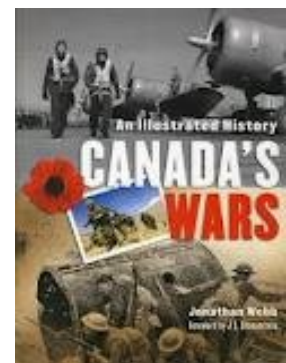


## Non-Fiction



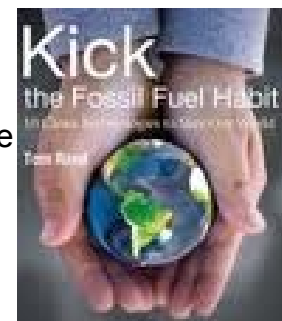
*The Book of Awesome* by Neil Pasricha is an uplifting book that reminds the reader of the many small things we need to be thankful for in our lives.

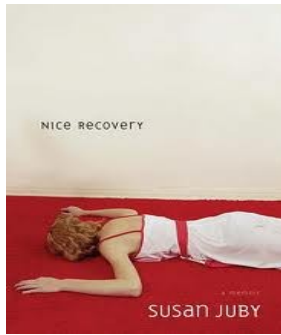
*Canada's Wars* by Jonathon Webb chronicles all the wars in which Canada has been involved as both a peacekeeper and a fighting force.



*Hockey Now* by Mike Leonetti provides brief write ups about current players and ones in the recent past.

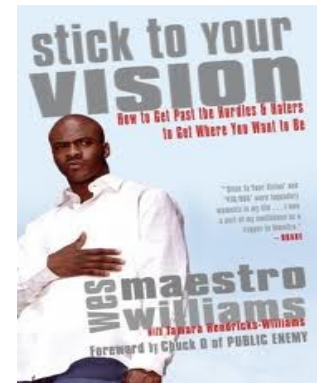
*Kick the Fossil Fuel Habit* by Tom Reid provides readers with a variety of ways to save energy as well as descriptions of alternative sources of power.





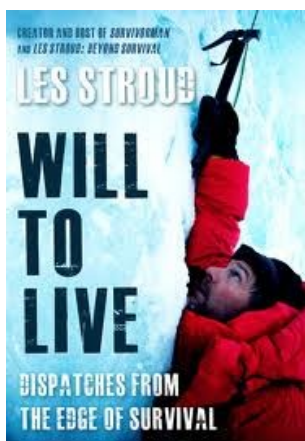
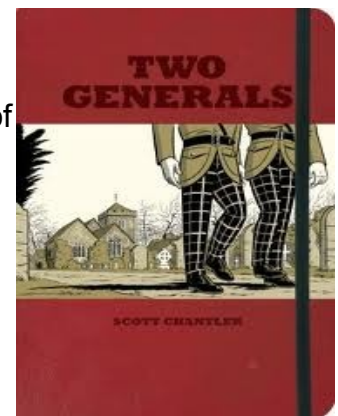
*Nice Recovery* by Susan Juby is a memoir about Juby as a teenage alcoholic. She writes in a candid but humorous way about how she started to drink and her spiral into alcoholism.

*Stick to Your Vision* by Wes “Maestro” Williams offers the reader tips and strategies on how to reach their goals.



*Stuff that Happens to Define Us* by Kate Scowen and Peter Mitchell recounts very brief, true stories that are piercingly sad. They then offer some strategies on how to deal with similar events in our own lives.

*Two Generals* by Scott Chandler is a biographic graphic novel of Chandler’s World War II experiences as told by his grandson.



*Will to Live* by Les Stroud is a collection of short, true adventure stories.