



**Book Club in a Bag Annotated Bibliography**  
(Located at the Farmingdale Public Library)

***Color of Water*** by James McBride

A young African American man describes growing up as one of twelve children of a white mother and black father, and discusses his mother's contributions to his life and his confusion over his own identity.

***Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*** by Anne Tyler

Eighty-five-year-old Pearl Tull recalls the desertion of her husband and her attempts to raise their three children, who must come to terms with their own lives and with their feelings toward their father after their mother's death.

***How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*** by Julia Alvarez

Forced to flee their native Caribbean island after an attempted coup, the Garcias--Carlos, Laura, and their four daughters--must learn a new way of life in the Bronx, while trying to cling to the old ways that they loved.

***Lottery*** by Patricia Wood

Having learned essential life skills from his dedicated grandmother that helped him overcome his low IQ, Perry finds himself without a caregiver at the age of thirty-one and wins a fortune by playing the lottery, a lucrative windfall that brings him more family than he ever wanted.

***Snow in August*** by Pete Hamill

An unlikely friendship between an eleven-year old Irish-Catholic boy and a lonely rabbi from Prague in 1947 Brooklyn has the two opening new windows of understanding with each other but still fighting the prejudices of the day.