

Anna Karenina, by Leo Tolstoy, translated by Pevear and Volokhonsky. Led by author Roxana Robinson. Part of “Cornwall Reads Great Fiction,” at the Cornwall Library.

Starting January 12, 4:00 – 5:00, 9 sessions. The sessions will be recorded for the Library Archives.

General instructions: No preparation for the first meeting. Thereafter, each week we will read 100 pages. The page numbers are listed below, and these will also appear on the Library Calendar. Each week I'll read a short passage out loud, talk about it, and lead a discussion.

Weekly preparation: I'd like you to mark something in that week's reading – a sentence, or an image, a passage, or just a word – that strikes you as interesting, or curious, or beautiful, or important, or confusing. Each week I'll ask the class for these comments, so we'll be able to have a discussion, not just a lecture.

Schedule:

January 12 – No preparation for the first session. General discussion, regarding translation, Tolstoy himself, his writing, Russian literature, and this book.

January 19 – Read Part One, Chapters I – XXXIV pp. 1-115

January 26 – Part Two chapter I – I- XXV – pp. 117 - 200

February 2 – From Parts Two And Three XXVI – XVIII pp. 200 - 302

February 9 From Parts Three and Four – XIX – XV pp. 302 – 405

February 16 – From Parts Four and Five XV -XXI pp. 405 – 505

February 23 From Parts Five and Six XXI- XVI pp. 505 – 605

March 2 From Parts Six and Seven XVI - XI pp. 605 – 701

March 9 From Parts Seven and Eight – XI – XIX 701 – 817 END

Other Readings

If you're curious, and want to read more by Tolstoy, or about him, here are some suggestions.

Leo Tolstoy, *Childhood, Boyhood, Manhood*.

Leo Tolstoy, *The Cossacks*

Leo Tolstoy, *The Kreutzer Sonata*

Rosamund Bartlett, *Tolstoy, a Russian Life*

The Paris Review, "Interview with Pevear and Volokhonsky." Interviewed by Cornwall resident Susannah Hunnewell, 2015