Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018

7:00pm The Great American Read
Episode 1 Fall Kick Off

8:00pm Cover to Cover: The Houston Public Media Book Club
The Great State of Texas

Join host Ernie Manouse and his book club panel of the day as they discuss our favorite books for and about the great state of Texas.

Guest Panel Includes:
Author Ann Weisgarber, Author and Houston's Former First Lady Andrea White, Editor and Columnist Joe Holley, and TV Personality Deborah Duncan

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018

7:00pm The Great American Read
Episode 2 Who Am I

Explore the ways that America's best-loved novels answer the age-old question, “Who am I?” From life lessons to spiritual journeys, these books help us understand our own identities and find our place in the world.

8:00pm Cover to Cover: The Houston Public Media Book Club
Who Am I

Our local panel join host Ernie Manouse to explore the ways their best-loved novels answer the question, “Who am I?” From life lessons to spiritual journeys, these books help us understand our own identities and find our place in the world.

Guest Panel Includes:
Author Jennifer Mathieu, University of Houston's Christine LeVieux-Haley, Meteorologist & Author Frank Billingsley, and Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star CEO Pierce Bush
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018

7:00pm The Great American Read
Episode 3 Heroes

Follow the trials and tribulations of some of literature’s favorite heroes. From Katniss Everdeen to Don Quixote, examine how the everyday hero and the anti-hero find their inner strength, overcome challenges and rise to the occasion.

8:00pm Cover to Cover: The Houston Public Media Book Club
Heroes

Host Ernie Manouse and his panel explore the trials and tribulations of some of their favorite heroes. From the Little Prince to Atticus Finch, they explore what makes a hero ring true for them.

Guest Panel Includes:
Author Christie “C.C. Hunter” Craig, Radio Personality Terrance Bolton, Houston Public Media Foundation Board Member Leslie Flynne, and Volunteer and Activist The Houston Spider

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018

7:00pm The Great American Read
Episode 4 Villains & Monsters

Learn why literature’s most notorious villains began behaving badly. Many weren’t born evil, but became that way when faced with some of the same choices we make every day. See what these villains can teach us about our own dark impulses.

8:00pm Cover to Cover: The Houston Public Media Book Club
Villains & Monsters

Host Ernie Manouse and his panel of local readers explore what it means to be a villain or monster - are they born that way or do they grow into it? And if they find redemption before the end of their book - are they still “the bad guy”? 

Guest Panel Includes:
Houston Poet Laureate Deborah D.E.E.P. Mouton, Actor Deborah Hope, FMR Army Special Ops Evo Gambino, and Performer Christina Stroup
Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018

7:00pm The Great American Read
Episode 5 What We Do For Love

Fall in love with some of literature's most beautiful romances and explore the many forms of love, from family to passion to the unrequited type. Learn how America's best-loved novels reflect the things we do for love.

8:00pm Cover to Cover: The Houston Public Media Book Club
Love

Our panel shares with host Ernie Manouse what makes them fall in love with their favorite books, and how reading about love impacts their own lives.

Guest Panel Includes:
America's Got Talent's Christina Wells, Author Caroline Leech, AIDS Foundation CEO Kelly Young, and Houston Public Library Specialist Savannah Dorsett

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018

7:00pm The Great American Read
Episode 6 Other Worlds

Take a magical journey to another world through some of America's best-loved novels. From Middle Earth to Lilliput, the trials and tribulations of these alternate universes help us to better understand our own world.

8:00pm Cover to Cover: The Houston Public Media Book Club
Other Worlds

The panel takes host Ernie Manouse on a journey into their favorite stories of other worlds. From the works of Stephen King's Old West to Margaret Atwood's future America, our panel take us on a surprising journey into their favorite other worlds.

Guest Panel Includes:
Straight No Chaser's Charlie Mechling, Author Lacy M. Johnson, Poet Jasminne Mendez, and Author Daniel Pena

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

7:00pm The Great American Read
Episode 7 Series Finale
America's Favorite Book Revealed