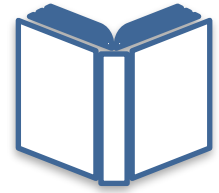# PCOP
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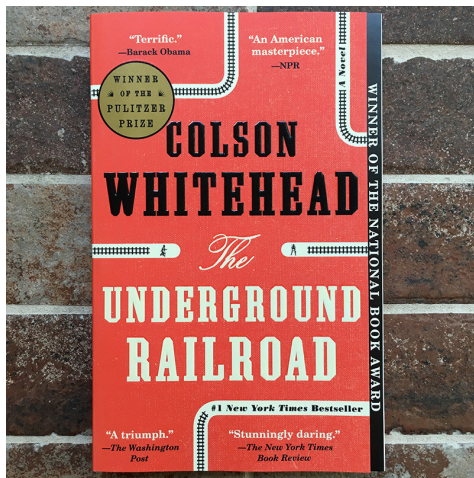## You are cordially invited to the...
PCOP Zoom Book Club

Two Meetings via Zoom:

Sunday, November 29th from 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm *(read p. 3-163)*

Sunday, December 13th from 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm *(read p. 164-313)*

Discussions will be led by PCOP Members Frank Tisano & Sonja Ware

Colson Whitehead's
The Underground Railroad

Winner of the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction
Winner of the National Book Award

For this Book Club, we have selected a second novel by Colson Whitehead, *The Underground Railroad*. This book club is independent from the previous one; participation is possible, whether you have read "The Nickel Boys" or not. This earlier book of Whitehead, published in 2016, digs closer to the racist roots of our nation. Using the genre of magic realism, Colson Whitehead imagines the Underground Railroad as actually running on secret tracks and tunnels, with steam engines, engineers, and conductors.

Cora is a young slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. An outcast even among her fellow Africans, she is on the cusp of womanhood - where greater pain awaits. And so when Caesar, a slave who has recently arrived from Virginia, urges her to join him on the Underground Railroad, she seizes the opportunity and escapes with him.

Cora embarks on a harrowing flight from one state to the next, encountering, like Gulliver, strange yet familiar iterations of her own world at each stop. As Whitehead brilliantly re-creates the terrors of the antebellum era, he weaves in the saga of our nation, from the brutal abduction of Africans to the unfulfilled promises of the present day. *The Underground Railroad* is both the gripping tale of one woman's will to escape the horrors of bondage—and a powerful meditation on the history we all share.

This program is free of charge and open to the community, but please
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!
(Zoom meeting information will be attached to registration confirmation email)

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