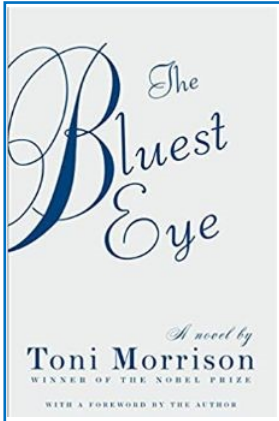


# Contemporary Issues Highlight Fall 2020 Great Books Conference

October 24th Tampa Bay forum to feature notable works by Toni Morrison and John Lewis

The Tampa Bay Great Books Council resumes its series of seasonal literary conferences with an October event examining two selections designed to focus our attention on current societal issues. The conference will be held on Saturday, October 24th, with two sessions — from 10 AM to 12 Noon, and from 1-3 PM — as a ZOOM meeting, so you won't have to leave your home computer.



The Fiction selection for this conference is the first novel by Nobel Prize-winner Toni Morrison, “The Bluest Eye.” In his New York Times review, John Leonard praised Morrison’s writing as “a prose so precise, so faithful to speech, and so charged with pain and wonder that the novel becomes poetry...But “The Bluest Eye” is also history, sociology, folklore, nightmare and music.”

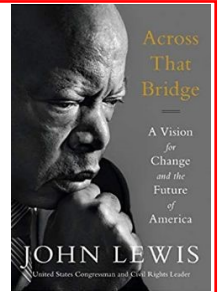
A more recent review in “The New Yorker” observed: “Morrison’s book cut a new path through the American literary landscape by placing young black girls at the center of the story.”

Discussion of “The Bluest Eye” will be led by Sara Cohen and Linda Feeney.

Following a break for lunch on your own, the conference will resume at 1 PM, for examination of the non-fiction selection, “Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America,” by John Lewis.

In this deeply personal and uplifting book, Congressman Lewis shares his memories of the Civil Rights struggles and his steadfast belief in the efficacy of peaceful resistance in today's protest culture.

Patrick DeMarco will lead the discussion.



## Important Information

- 1) Attendance is limited to 25 participants, so early registration is important. The \$15 fee covers both sessions.
- 2) You are responsible for obtaining copies of the two books, both of which are available on Amazon.com and bn.com for less than \$15 each (not including shipping).
- 3) Follow the registration instructions in the form below. Please write legibly and send as directed.
- 4) A few days before the conference, you will receive an e-mail with your ZOOM meeting credentials.

### Register Now to Guarantee Your Place at the Fall 2020 Tampa Bay Great Books Conference!

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**Attach this form to your \$15 check made payable to “Tampa Bay Great Books Council.”**

**Mail the completed form and your check to: Mark Simo, 6604 Markstown Dr., Apt. B, Tampa, FL 33617**