

COMMON READ BOOK CLUB

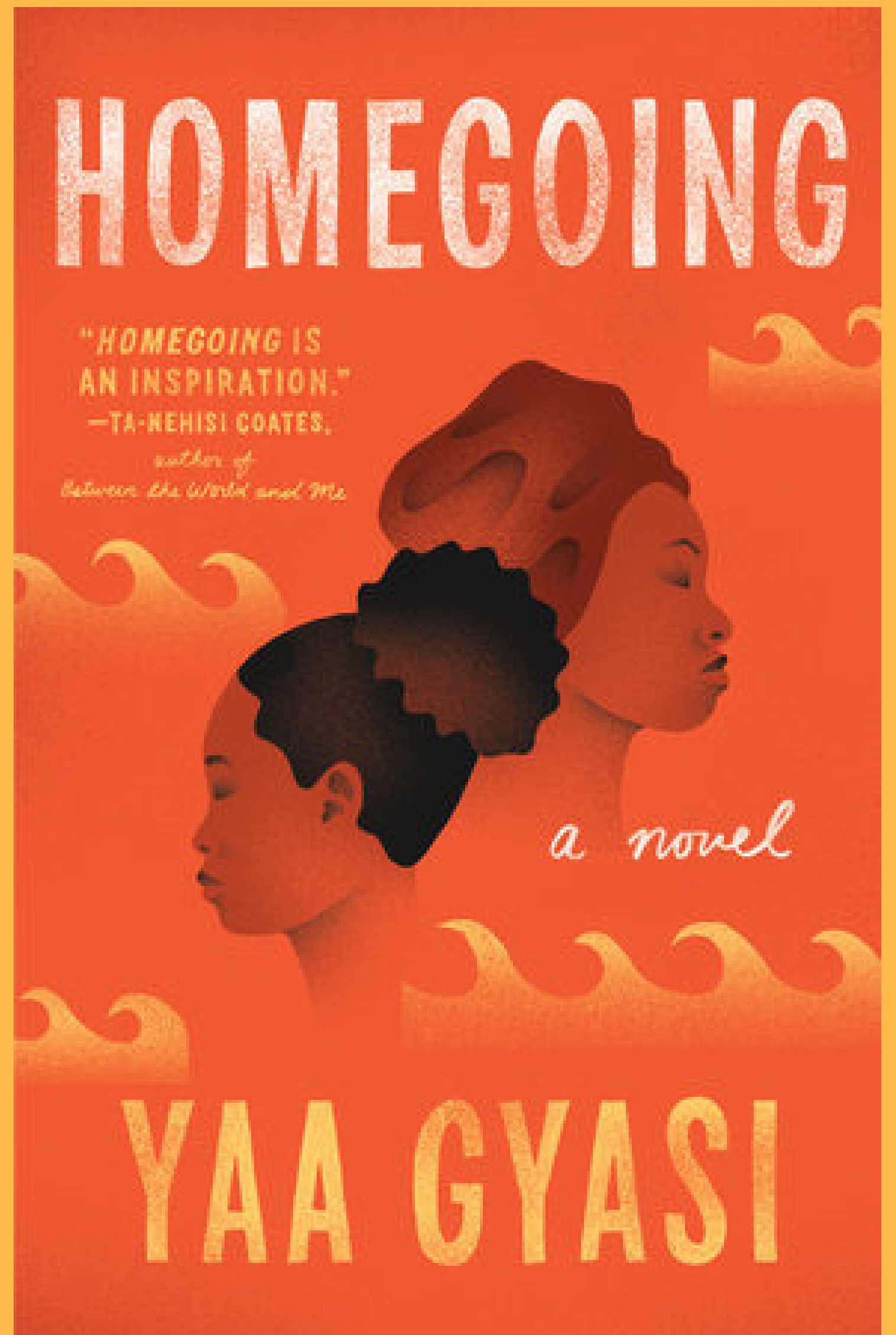
PROGRAM

This fall we invite you to attend the Common Read Book Club, a unique opportunity aimed at building community connections. Common reading programs rest on a simple idea: that reading the same book brings people closer together as a community by creating common ground for discussion. All incoming first-year students at Grinnell College have been asked to read *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. Reading the same book during the summer gives incoming students, who often come from very different backgrounds, a shared experience. We are excited to expand this program to include both college students and community members alike. We hope you will join us!

BOOK

Ghana, eighteenth century: two half sisters are born into different villages, each unaware of the other. One will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort in the palatial rooms of the Cape Coast Castle. The other will be captured in a raid on her village, imprisoned in the very same castle, and sold into slavery.

Homegoing follows the parallel paths of these sisters and their descendants through eight generations: from the Gold Coast to the plantations of Mississippi, from the American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem. Yaa Gyasi's extraordinary novel illuminates slavery's troubled legacy both for those who were taken and those who stayed—and shows how the memory of captivity has been inscribed on the soul of our nation. —Penguin Random House, 2017



COMMON READ CONVOCATION:

August 30, 11 am-noon, JRC 101

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS: MONDAYS 6:30-7:30 PM

- SEPTEMBER 17:** Drake Community Library Story Room
- OCTOBER 1:** Drake Community Library Story Room
- OCTOBER 15:** Drake Community Library Story Room
- OCTOBER 29:** Grinnell College Burling Library
- NOVEMBER 12:** Drake Community Library Story Room
- NOVEMBER 26:** Grinnell College Burling Library

**YOU'RE INVITED TO
ATTEND ONE OR
ALL MEETINGS!**



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