

Our Book Club read for May 2026 was *The Missing Pages* by Alyson Richman.

Harry Elkins Widener lost his life on the Titanic. In memory of Harry and his passion for books, his mother built a Library at Harvard University. In 1992, Violet Hutchins, also a book lover, was hired to translate some of Harry's letters. Harry's ghost tried to communicate his story to Violet.

Richman incorporates the Sinking of the Titanic into a book which is a ghost story, a love story, a story about book lovers and a story about grief. She presents 2 stories about 2 families in 2 time frames with 2 narrators. Richman creatively blends the past with the present through research of facts and her imagination in this historical fiction.

Our members enjoyed the book. It was easy to read and brought life to the characters. It was comforting to feel that those we have lost could still be with us. We also thought it sad, we questioned the use of the Ouija Board and were curious about Harry's Mother not mentioning her husband at all after the tragedy.

We recommend *Hidden Pages* to friends who enjoy historical fiction and mysteries.

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