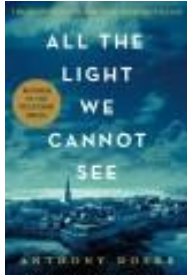




# Community Raving About Books (C.R.A.B.) Book Club Guide



## ***All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr**

Scribner, 2014; 544 pages/audio 16 hours

“Doerr captures the sights and sounds of wartime and focuses, refreshingly, on the innate goodness of his major characters.”

–Kirkus Reviews, 3/5/2014

### **Summary**

The paths of a blind French girl and a German boy collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris and is blind by age six. Her father builds her a model of their neighborhood, so she can memorize it and navigate the real streets. When the Germans occupy Paris, they flee to Saint-Malo on the coast. In Germany, Werner grows up enchanted by a crude radio he finds. He becomes a master at building and fixing radios, which wins him a place with the Hitler Youth. Werner travels throughout Europe, and finally to Saint-Malo, where he meets Marie-Laure. Deftly interweaving the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, Doerr illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another.

### **Author Information**

Anthony Doerr is the author of two story collections, *Memory Wall* and *The Shell Collector*, the novel *About Grace*, and the memoir *Four Seasons in Rome*. He has won four O. Henry Prizes, the Rome Prize, the New York Public Library's Young Lions Award, the National Magazine Award for fiction, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and the Story Prize, as well as the Pulitzer Prize for *All the Light We Cannot See*. Doerr lives in Boise, Idaho, with his wife and two sons.

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