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May 2026 Reading List

Theme: Read a Book About High Society

High Society sparks amazing stories, in May we are looking for books that takes us to a realm of the aristocrat, the fancy wines, the Dijon mustards, the 1%, where will it take you?

Book Title (A-Z)	**Author**	**Reader Reflection**
		Prompt: In a sentence or two, tell us what you think about the book and/or why you chose this title.
The Paris Wife	Paula McLain	It was about an Author that was privileged but ended his life by suicide. -*Cathy, Buffalo*
Diamonds and Deadlines: a Tale of Greed, Deceit and a Female Tycoon in the Gilded Age	Betsy Prioleau	Miriam Leslie, a well-regarded publisher (died 1914), was determined to break into N.Y. society despite her tarnished background. Gilded Age society was bigoted, corrupt, anti-immigrant; activists were vilified and executed; the rich ignored the poor. Rather than care about her rise, I was disheartened to see once again that nothing ever changes. Although an anti-feminist in her early years and writings, she left her estate to Carrie Catt who used the funds to fight for women's voting rights. Annoyingly, the book abounds w/ foreign words and phrases indiscernible in context. Clunky read. -*RoseMarie, Laramie*

Mornings on Horseback	David McCullough	This was a fascinating book about Theodore Roosevelt's family, one of the richest in New York City in the 1800s. The family once spent a year in Europe and sailing the NIle, traveled in private train cars, built several mansions in NYC, and of course knew all the other people who were the cream of society. But what struck me about the family was how they adored each other. The four children worshipped Theodore Sr. and their mother MIttie, who were wonderful parents. The four's affection and reliance on each other remained throughout their lives. - *Mary, Sheridan*