



Book Discussion Collection

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Your book discussion group may check out multiple copies from our collection of fiction and non-fiction titles.

All circulate for six (6) weeks.

They are filed alphabetically by title under the alcove windows north of our Mystery Fiction collection.

[ABC Murders](#)

Christie, Agatha

A is for Ascher, cudgeled in Andover. B is for Barnard, strangled in Bexhill. C is for Clarke, struck down in Churston. Beside each body is an A.B.C. Railway guide; before each murder Hercule Poirot is notified. In one of Christie's most twisted tales, the meticulous Belgian sleuth must navigate the eerie maze of a serial killer's mind. *Fiction*

[American Dirt](#)

Cummins, Jeanine

A bookstore manager is forced to flee Mexico in the wake of her journalist husband's tell-all profile and finds her family among thousands of migrants seeking hope in America. *Fiction*

[And Then There Were None](#)

Christie, Agatha

Ten people, strangers to each other, are invited to a lavish estate on an island. The tension mounts as, one by one, they are murdered. *Fiction*

[Ask Again, Yes](#)

Keane, Marybeth

A moving novel about two neighboring families in a suburban town, the friendship between their children, and a tragedy that reverberates over four decades. *Fiction*

[Bad Day for Sunshine](#)

Jones, Darynda

Challenged to prove herself when her New Mexico community becomes the center of a nationwide manhunt, police chief Sunshine Vicram is seduced by an alluring FBI agent and a sultry U.S. Marshal who test her feelings for a childhood crush. *Fiction*

[Beartown](#)

Backman, Fredrik

In the tiny forest community of Beartown, the possibility that the amateur hockey team might win a junior championship, bringing the hope of revitalization to the fading town, is shattered by the aftermath of a violent act that leaves a young girl traumatized. *Fiction*.

[Bel Canto](#)

Patchett, Ann

When terrorists seize hostages at an embassy party, an unlikely assortment of people is thrown together, including American opera star Roxanne Coss, and Mr. Hosokawa--a Japanese CEO and her biggest fan. *Fiction*

[Britt-Marie was Here](#)

Backman, Frederik

Walking away from her loveless marriage and taking a job in a derelict, financially devastated town, sixty-three-year-old Britt Marie uses her fierce organizational skills to become a local soccer coach to a group of lost children. *Fiction*

[Bullet that Missed](#)

Osman, Richard

While Elizabeth is presented with a deadly mission--kill or be killed--the Thursday Murder Club and their unlikely new friends, including TV stars, money launderers and ex-KGB colonels, investigate two murders, 10 years apart, and must catch the culprit and save Elizabeth before the murderer strikes again. *Fiction* (**available March 2023**)

[Burning Girls](#)

Tudor, C.J.

Reverend Jack Brooks, a single parent with a fourteen-year-old daughter and a heavy conscience, arrives in the village hoping to make a fresh start and find some peace. Instead, Jack finds a town mired in secrecy and a strange welcome package: an old exorcism kit and a note quoting scripture. The more Jack and daughter Flo get acquainted with the town and its strange denizens, the deeper they are drawn into their rifts, mysteries, and suspicions. *Fiction*

[Christmas Train](#)

Baldacci, David

Tom Langdon, a weary and cash-strapped journalist, is banned from flying when a particularly thorough airport security search causes him to lose his cool. Now, he must take the train if he has any chance of arriving in Los Angeles in time for Christmas with his girlfriend. *Fiction*

[Daisy Jones & the Six](#)

Reid, Taylor Jenkins

When singer Daisy Jones meets Billy Dunne of the band The Six, the two rising 70s rock-and-roll artists are catapulted into stardom when a producer puts them together, a decision that is complicated by the seductions of fame. *Fiction*

[Darkest Evening](#)

Cleaves, Ann

Discovering a toddler in an abandoned vehicle near the run-down home where her estranged father grew up, Detective Inspector Vera Stanhope approaches the property during a boisterous Christmas party before discovering the body of a woman outside. *Fiction*

[Daughters of Foxcote Manor](#)

Chase, Eve

Moving to 1970 Foxcote Manor when their London home burns down, a woman and her children take in an abandoned baby girl who is forced to investigate a murder and her own origin story 40 years later. *Fiction*

[Deal of a Lifetime](#)

Backman, Fredrick

A holiday novella about a successful businessman contemplating the choices he made in his life and the little girl battling cancer who provides him with the inspiration he needs. *Fiction*

Dinner Lady Detectives

Hendy, Hannah

When Margery and Clementine's kitchen manager is found dead, the police want to write it off as an accident, but the women know that there's much more to this story. Will they be able to track down the perpetrator before time runs out? *Fiction (available April 2023)* *Fiction*

[Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine](#)

Honeyman, Gail

A socially awkward, routine-oriented loner teams up with a bumbling IT guy from her office to assist an elderly accident victim, forging a friendship that saves all three from lives of isolation and secret unhappiness. *Fiction*

[Exiles, The](#)

Kline, Christina Baker

Seduced by her employer's son, Evangeline, a naive young governess in early nineteenth-century London, is discharged when her pregnancy is discovered and sent to the notorious Newgate Prison. After months in the overcrowded jail, she learns she is sentenced to 'the land beyond the seas, ' Van Diemen's Land, a penal colony in Australia. *Fiction*

[The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell](#)

Dugoni, Robert

Born with ocular albinism, small-town eye doctor Sam Hill, who was called "Devil Boy" in his youth, must finally face a past tragedy that caused him to turn his back on his friends, his hometown and the life he'd always known--a journey that makes him realize what truly matters. *Fiction (available April 2023)*

[Family Remains](#)

Jewell, Lisa

Two women are faced with complicated mysteries that are linked to a cold case that left three people dead in a Chelsea mansion 30 years ago. Fiction **(available May 2023)**

[A Gentleman in Moscow](#)

Towles, Amor

When, in 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, he is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery. *Fiction*

[Giver of Stars](#)

Moyes, Jojo

Volunteering for Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library in small-town Kentucky, an English bride joins a group of independent women whose commitment to their job transforms the community and their relationships. *Fiction*

[Guest List](#)

Foley, Lucy

An expertly planned celebrity wedding between a rising television star and an ambitious magazine publisher is thrown into turmoil by an untimely murder. *Fiction*

[Hercule Poirot's Christmas](#)

Christie, Agatha

The cerebral Belgian detective uses impeccable logic to locate the murderer of a millionaire in the dreary English Midlands. *Fiction*

His & Hers

Feeney, Alice

When a woman is murdered in Blackdown village, Anna Andrews is reluctant to cover the case. Anna's ex-husband, DCI Jack Harper, is suspicious of her involvement, until he becomes a suspect

in his own murder investigation. *Fiction* (**available February 2023**).

[Homegoing](#)

Gyasi, Yaa

Two half-sisters, unknown to each other, are born into different villages in 18th-century Ghana and experience profoundly different lives and legacies throughout subsequent generations marked by wealth, slavery, war, coal mining, the Great Migration and the realities of 20th-century Harlem. American Book Award Winner. *Fiction*

[Honor](#)

Umrigar, Thrity

Indian American journalist Smita has returned to India to cover a story, but reluctantly: long ago she and her family left the country with no intention of ever coming back. Smita comes face to face with a society where tradition carries more weight than one's own heart, and a story that threatens to unearth the painful secrets of Smita's own past. *Fiction* (**available February 2023**)

[Hostage](#)

Mackintosh, Clare

A flight attendant working an inaugural nonstop trip from London to Sydney is given the choice to cooperate with the terrorists on board or her young daughter.

[I Found You](#)

Jewell, Lisa

A lonely single mom who offers shelter to an amnesiac man and a young bride who is told that her missing husband never existed struggle to make sense of their transforming worlds and connection to a sister and brother whose lives were shattered by secrets more than two decades earlier. *Fiction*

[I Let You Go](#)

Mackintosh, Clare

Devastated by a hit-and-run accident that has ended the life of her young son, Jenna moves to the remote Welsh coast to search for healing while two dedicated policemen try to get to the bottom of the case. *Fiction*

[Invisible Girl](#)

Jewell, Lisa

Suspended from work amid allegations of sexual misconduct, a teacher is targeted by a sinister predator upon joining an online support group. Then a therapist's distraught patient goes missing. *Fiction*

[The Keeper of Lost Things](#)

Hoban, Ruth

Hogan's whimsical first novel weaves together the stories of two British assistants, one of whom works for a publisher in the 1970s and the other who, in the present day, works for an unusual elderly gentleman who has dedicated himself to assembling a room full of 40 years' worth of detritus lost or abandoned by its owners. *Fiction*

[Klara and the Sun](#)

Ishiguro, Kazuo

Waiting to be chosen by a customer, an Artificial Friend programmed with high perception observes the activities of shoppers while exploring fundamental questions about what it means to love. *Fiction*

[Last Flight](#)

Clark, Julie

Working for months on a plan to escape her secretly violent husband, Claire impulsively swaps airline tickets with a stranger also on the run before a fateful accident compels her to assume the other's identity. *Fiction*

[Last Thing He Told Me](#)

Dave, Laura

After her husband disappears, Hannah Hall quickly realizes he isn't who he said he was and that his 16-year-old daughter, who wants nothing to do with her, may hold the key to figuring out his true identity. *Fiction*

Little Black Lies

Bolton, Sharon

In the wake of a series of child kidnappings in a small Falkland Islands community, a lifelong islander, her childhood best friend and her ex-lover are forced to confront shattering secrets. *Fiction* (**available May 2023**)

Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules

Sundberg, Catharina

Bored with her dull, drab life in a retirement home, Martha and four of her best friends rebel against the rules imposed on them. *Fiction* (**available February 2023**)

[Long Bright River](#)

Moore, Liz

The story of two sisters--one, suffering from addiction, who has suddenly gone missing amid a series of mysterious murders; the other a police officer who patrols the neighborhood from which she disappeared. *Fiction*

Maid, The

Prose, Nita

When she discovers the dead body of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black in his suite, hotel maid Molly Gray finds her orderly life upended as she becomes the prime suspect in the case and is caught in a web of deception that she has no idea how to unravel. *Fiction* (**available April 2023**)

[Man Who Died Twice](#)

Osman, Richard

Elizabeth Best and her septuagenarian friends Joyce, Ron, and Ibrahim are once again on the trail of a killer. Elizabeth's ex-husband Douglas has contacted her after many years, asking her to hide him in her retirement village. Some bad people are after him, and there is a question about some diamonds that he may or may not have stolen. *Fiction*

[Marlowe Murder Club](#)

Thorogood, Robert

What a lady! After she hears a gunshot on her neighbor's property, she gets impatient with the police's slow response and decides to investigate the (supposed) murder on her own. But she isn't on her own for very long. *Fiction*

[Midnight Library](#)

Haig, Matthew

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. *Fiction*

[Miss Benson's Beetle](#)

Joyce, Rachel

Leaving London behind, Margery Benson, a schoolmarm and spinster in 1950, embarks on a quest to the other side of the world in search of her childhood obsession – the golden beetle of New Caledonia – with the help of a fun-loving assistant who changes her life forever. *Fiction*

[Ordinary Grace](#)

Krueger, William Kent

Looking back at a tragic event that occurred during his thirteenth year, Frank Drum explores how a complicated web of secrets, adultery, and betrayal shattered his Methodist family and their small 1961 Minnesota family. *Fiction*

[The Other Einstein](#)

Benedict, Marie

A tale inspired by the first wife of Albert Einstein follows the experiences of Mitza Mari, a female physics student at an elite late-nineteenth-century school in Zurich, where she falls in love with a charismatic fellow student who eclipses her contributions to his theory of relativity. *Fiction*

[The Paris Apartment](#)

Foley, Lucy

Arriving in Paris to stay with her brother, Ben, Jess learns that he has gone missing, and to find him, starts digging into his life, realizing, even though she has come to the City of Lights to escape her past, it's his future hanging in the balance. *Fiction*

[Piece of the World](#)

Kline, Christina Baker

Christina seemed destined for a small life. Instead, for more than twenty years, she was host and inspiration for the artist Andrew Wyeth, and became the subject of one of the best known American paintings of the twentieth century. *Fiction*

[Postscript Murders](#)

Griffiths, Ely

Detective Sergeant Harbinder Kaur investigates the seemingly unsuspecting death of a ninety-year-old woman with a heart condition who had a very extensive collection of crime novels, each one dedicated to her and each containing a mysterious post-script. *Fiction*

[The Reading List](#)

Adams, Sarah Nisha

Working at the local library, Aleisha reads every book on a secret list she found, which transports her from the painful realities she's facing at home, and decides to pass the list on to a lonely widower desperate to connect with his bookworm granddaughter. *Fiction* **(available May 2023)**.

[Rebecca](#)

DeMaurier, Daphne

A classic novel of romantic suspense finds the second Mrs. Maxim de Winter entering the home of her mysterious and enigmatic new husband and learning the story of the house's first mistress, to whom the sinister housekeeper is unnaturally devoted. *Fiction*

[Rock, Paper, Scissors](#)

Feeney, Alice

Ten years of marriage. Ten years of secrets. And an anniversary they will never forget. Think you know the person you married? Think again. *Fiction*

[Rules of Civility](#)

Towles, Amor

A chance encounter with a handsome banker in a jazz bar on New Year's Eve 1938 catapults Wall Street secretary Katey Kontent into the upper echelons of New York society, where she befriends a shy multi-millionaire, an Upper East Side ne'er-do-well, and a single-minded widow. *Fiction (available March 2023)*

[The Seagull: A Vera Stanhope Novel](#)

Cleeves, Ann

An encounter with an old enemy draws Vera into a cold case investigation with ties to her father. Part of the Vera Stanhope mystery series. *Fiction*

[Silent Patient](#)

Michaelides, Alex

A therapist becomes dangerously obsessed with uncovering the truth about what prompted his client, an artist who refuses to speak, to violently murder her husband in a way that triggers mass public speculation. *Fiction*

[A Spool of Blue Thread](#)

Tyler, Anne

The Whitshanks are one of those families that radiate an indefinable kind of specialness, but like all families, their stories reveal only part of the picture: Abby and Red and their four grown children have accumulated not only tender moments, laughter, and celebrations, but also jealousies, disappointments, and carefully guarded secrets. *Fiction.*

[Sun Down Motel](#)

St. James, Simone

A young woman takes a night-clerk job at the same roadside motel from where her aunt went missing decades earlier before uncovering the work of a serial killer. *Fiction*

Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie

Bradley, Alan

Eleven-year-old Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, begins her adventure when a dead bird is found on the doorstep of her family's mansion in the summer of 1950. This propels her into a mystery that involves an investigation into a man's murder where her father is the main suspect. First in the Flavia de Luce mystery series. *Fiction*

Still Life

Penny, Louise

Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of Canada's Surete du Quebec is called to Three Pines, a tiny hamlet south of Montreal, to investigate the suspicious hunting "accident" that claimed the life of Jane Neal, a local fixture in the village. First in the Chief Inspector Gamache mystery series. *Fiction*

Take Your Breath Away

Barclay, Linwood

Finally putting his life back together six years after the disappearance of his wife, Brie, Andy Mason, settling down with a new partner, finds his future, and the lives of those closest to him, in danger when a woman bearing a striking resemblance to Brie shows up. *Fiction* (**available March 2023**)

There, There

Orange, Tommy

As we learn the reasons that each person is attending the Big Oakland Powwow-some generous, some fearful, some joyful, some violent-momentum builds toward a shocking yet inevitable conclusion that changes everything. A National Book Award winner. *Fiction*

Thursday Murder Club

Osman, Richard

Meeting weekly in their retirement village's Jigsaw Room to exchange theories about unsolved crimes, four savvy septuagenarians propose a daring but unorthodox plan to help a woman rookie cop solve her first big murder case. *Fiction*

[To Kill a Mockingbird](#)

Lee, Harper

When a southern white woman accuses a black man of rape, the outcome of the trial is a foregone conclusion and no lawyer except Atticus Finch will defend him. Finch's defense costs him friendships, but earns him the respect of his two children. Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, 1961. *Fiction*

[Vanishing Half](#)

Bennett, Brit

Twin sisters, inseparable as children, ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white. National Book Award nominee. *Fiction*

[Watching You](#)

Jewell, Lisa

When a murder occurs in Melville Heights, England, dangerous obsessions come to light involving the headmaster at a local school. *Fiction*

[We are the Brennans](#)

Lange, Tracey

Returning to the east coast to recover from a drunk driving accident she caused, 29-year-old Sunday Brennan must protect her family from a man from her past who brings her family's pub business to the brink of financial ruin. *Fiction*

[West with Giraffes](#)

Rutledge, Lynda

Inspired by true events, this part adventure, part historical saga and part coming-of-age love story follows Woodrow Wilson Nickel as he recalls his journey in 1938 to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. *Fiction*

[When the Stars Go Dark](#)

McClain, Paula

Retreating to her childhood foster home in the wake of a tragedy, a veteran missing-persons detective becomes entwined in the search for a local teen whose disappearance eerily resembles an unsolved case from the detective's past. *Fiction*

[Where the Crawdads Sing](#)

Owens, Delia

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark. But she is not what they say. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life -- until the unthinkable happens. One hundred- twenty- four weeks on the NYT bestseller list. *Fiction*

[Wild Horses of the Summer Sun](#)

Bilski, Tory

Describes the author's extraordinary annual reunions with a group of fellow women travelers at an edge-of-the-world northern Iceland equine farm where they find renewal, companionship and a reconnection with nature during remarkable horseback journeys. *Nonfiction*

[The Word is Murder](#)

Horowitz, Anthony

When a wealthy woman is found murdered after planning her own funeral service, disgraced police detective Daniel Hawthorne and his sidekick, author Anthony Horowitz, investigate. First in the Hawthorne and Horowitz mystery series. *Fiction*

[Yes, Chef](#)

Samuelsson, Marcus

The James Beard Award-winning proprietor of Harlem's *Red Rooster* traces his Ethiopian birth, upbringing by an adoptive family in Sweden, and rise to a famous New York chef, sharing personal insights into his challenges as a black man in a deeply prejudiced industry. *Nonfiction*

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