



## 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 nine (9) 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, cudged 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*

### [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*

### [Augusta Hawke](#)

#### **Malliet, G.M.**

Successful crime author Augusta Hawke lives a quiet existence in her village outside Washington DC, until the police appear next door. Where are her neighbors, the Normans? They've been missing over a week. Sensing a bestselling story is unfolding next

door, Augusta puts the investigatory skills she's developed during her writing to the test. *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*

### [Bluebird, Bluebird](#)

#### **Locke, Attica**

In a rural East Texas town, the body of an African American lawyer from Chicago is found in a bayou, followed several days later by that of a local white woman. What's going on? African American Texas Ranger Darren Mathews hopes to find out. *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*

### [Bleeding Heart Yard](#)

#### **Griffiths, Elly**

Twenty years after she and her friends killed a fellow student, Cassie Fitzgerald is working as a police officer and must investigate her former classmates for what seems to be another very recent murder. *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*

## [Death Comes to Marlow](#)

**Thorogood, Robert**

The Marlow Murder Club investigates the murder of a groom on his wedding day. *Fiction*

## [Dutch House](#)

**Patchett, Ann**

A tale set over the course of five decades traces a young man's rise from poverty to wealth and back again as his prospects center around his family's lavish Philadelphia estate. *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*

## [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*

## [Finding Dorothy](#)

**Letts, Elizabeth**

Reimagines the story behind the creation of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* from the perspective of L. Frank Baum's intrepid wife, whose hardscrabble life on the Dakota prairie inspires her husband's masterpiece and her advocacy of an exploited Judy Garland.

*Fiction*

## [First Lie Wins](#)

### **Elston, Ashley**

Evie Porter, a woman with many faces and identities, covertly moves from job to job for her unknown employer until Ryan Summer, her latest mark, gets under her skin and makes her envision a different sort of life. *Fiction* (**available September 2024**)

## [Game of Lies](#)

### **Mackintosh, Clare**

Seven reality show contestants are trapped in the Welsh mountains, facing the shameful worldwide reveal of their deepest secrets. Then, when the disappearance of a contestant triggers a deadlier game, DC Ffion Morgan is employed in an investigation more complex than she had ever imagined. *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*

## [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*

## [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.

## [Housemaid](#)

**McFadden, Freida**

"Welcome to the family," Nina Winchester says as I shake her hand. I smile politely, gazing around the marble hallway. Working here is my last chance to start fresh. I can pretend to be whoever I like. But I'll soon learn that the Winchesters' secrets are far more dangerous than my own.... *Fiction*

## [Just the Nicest Couple](#)

**Kubica, Mary**

When her husband Jack vanishes without a trace, Nina Hayes will stop at nothing to uncover the truth, which is inextricably linked to their close friends, who may have been the last to see Jake before he went missing. *Fiction*

## [Killers of a Certain Age](#)

**Raybourn, Deanna**

Billie, Mary Alice, Helen, and Natalie have worked for the Museum, an elite network of assassins, for forty years. When the foursome is sent on an all-expenses paid vacation to mark their retirement, they are targeted by one of their own. Now to get out alive they have to turn against their own organization, relying on experience and each other to get the job done. *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*

## [Lager Queen of Minnesota](#)

**Stradal, J. Ryan**

A talented baker running a business out of her nursing home reconnects with her master brewer sister at the same time her pregnant granddaughter launches an IPA brewpub. *Fiction*  
**(available October 2024)**

## [Last Dance](#)

### **Billingham, Mark**

Working with partner DS Sara Xiu, Detective Miller, a man who's unique, unconventional and criminally underestimated, is tasked with investigating the double killings of a gangland family scion which could be linked to his wife's murder. *Fiction* (**available October 2024**)

## [Last Devil to Die](#)

### **Osman, Richard**

When a dangerous package goes missing on Boxing Day, the Thursday Murder Club, when one of their own is murdered, take on their deadliest opponents yet. *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*

## [Lie Maker](#)

### **Barclay, Linwood**

A man desperately tries to track down his father—who was taken into witness protection years ago—before his enemies can get to him. *Fiction* (**available November 2024**)

## [Lies I Tell](#)

### **Clark, Julie**

Determined to expose con artist Meg Williams, the woman who upended her life 10 years earlier, for who she really is, Kat Roberts begins to question her long-held assumptions as the two women grow close, leading her to wonder who Meg's real target is. *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*

## [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*

## [Local Woman Missing](#)

### **Kubica, Mary**

When Delilah, who disappeared 11 years earlier when she was only 6 years old, shockingly returns, the residents of a quiet suburban neighborhood want to know what happened to her, but no one is prepared for what they'll find. *Fiction*

## [London Séance Society](#)

### **Penner, Sarah**

In 1873, Lenna Wickes accompanies acclaimed spiritualist Vaudeline D'Allaire to England where they team up with London's exclusive Seance Society to solve a high-profile murder. *Fiction*

## [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*

## [Lost Apothecary](#)

### **Penner, Sarah**

Hidden in the depths of eighteenth-century London, a secret apothecary shop caters to an unusual kind of clientele. Women across the city whisper of a mysterious figure who sells well-disguised poisons to use against the oppressive men in their lives. But the apothecary's fate is jeopardized when her newest patron, makes a fatal mistake, sparking a string of consequences that echo through the centuries. *Fiction*

## [Mad Honey](#)

### **Picoult, Jodi**

Olivia knows what it feels like to start over. She never imagined she would end up back in her hometown, taking over her father's

beekeeping business. Lily is familiar with do-overs, too. When she and her mom relocate to New Hampshire for her final year of high school, they both hope it will be a fresh start. And for just a short while, these new beginnings are exactly what Olivia and Lily need. *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*

### [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*

### [The Measure](#)

#### **Erlick, Nikki**

When every person, all over the globe, receives a small wooden box bearing the same inscription and a single piece of string inside, world is thrown into a collective frenzy. *Fiction*

### [Meditation on Murder](#)

#### **Thorogood, Robert**

DI Richard Poole has been seconded from London to the beautiful Caribbean island of Saint Marie. More comfortable in woolen suits than short-sleeved shirts, he's struggling to adapt to his new home. But this paradise is about to get deadly.

### [The Mitford Affair](#)

#### **Benedict, Marie**

After her sister Diana divorces her wealthy husband to marry a fascist leader and her sister Unity follows Diana to Munich, inciting rumors that she's become Hitler's mistress, novelist Nancy Mitford, after uncovering disquieting documents, must



make difficult choices as Great Britain goes to war with Germany.  
*Fiction*

### [Mystic River](#)

#### **Lehane, Dennis**

Sean Devine must confront the world of violence and pain he tried to forget when his childhood friend's daughter is murdered, and the investigation brings him face-to-face with a vigilante killer and a man with a dangerous secret. *Fiction*

### [Nine Lives](#)

#### **Swanson, Peter**

When nine people, including FBI agent Jessica Winslow, receive a cryptic list with their names on it, they dismiss it as a joke, until bad things start happening, prompting Jessica to find the link that binds them all together to expose a murderous madman. *Fiction*

### [Nothing to See Here](#)

#### **Wilson, Kevin**

Agreeing to help her former college roommate care for two stepchildren who possess the ability to spontaneously combust when agitated, Lillian endeavors to keep her young charges cool in the face of an astonishing revelation. *Fiction*

### [Only One Left](#)

#### **Sager, Riley**

Home-health aide Kit McDeere arrives at a decaying Hope's End to care for Lenora Hope, helping her write about the events leading up to her family's massacre in 1929, and soon discovers this seemingly harmless woman could be far more dangerous than she first thought. *Fiction*

### [Other Birds](#)

#### **Allen, Sarah Addison**

in the small coastal town of Mallow Island, South Carolina, lies a cobblestone building comprised of five apartments. It's called The Dellawisp and it is named after the tiny turquoise birds who inhabit the building, alongside the human tenants, and imbue it

with an air of magical secrecy. When Zoey Hennessey comes to claim her deceased mother's apartment, she meets her quirky, enigmatic neighbors much in need of healing from wrongs of the past. *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*

## [Pieces of Her](#)

### **Slaughter, Karin**

The daughter of a woman who has wanted nothing more than a quiet life in her small beachside home embarks on a desperate search for answers when she discovers the explosive truth about her mother's true identity. *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*

## [Pineapple Street](#)

### **Jackson, Jenny**

This story follows three women in an old Brooklyn Heights clan: one who was born with money, one who married into it, and one, the millennial conscience of the family, who wants to give it all away. *Fiction*

## [The Plot](#)

### **Korelitz, Jean Hanff**

Wildly successful author Jacob Finch Bonner, who had stolen the plot of his book from a late student, fights to hide the truth from his fans and publishers, while trying to figure out who wants to destroy him. *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*

### [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*

### [River We Remember](#)

#### **Krueger, William Kent**

On Memorial Day, 1958, as the people of Jewel, Minnesota gather to remember and honor the sacrifice of so many sons in the wars of the past, the half-clothed body of wealthy landowner Jimmy Quinn is found floating in the Alabaster River, dead from a shotgun blast. Investigation of the murder falls to Sheriff Brody Dern, a highly decorated war hero who still carries the physical and emotional scars from his military service. *Fiction* **(available December 2024)**

### [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*

### [Secluded Cabin Sleeps Six](#)

#### **Unger, Lisa**

While staying at an isolated luxury cabin in the woods with her brother, their spouses and another couple, Hannah finds their dream weekend turning into nightmare when someone comes looking to exact a payback for deeds long buried, exposing the secrets and lies between them all. *Fiction*

## [Sense and Sensibility](#)

### **Austen, Jane**

Two very different sisters find themselves thrown into an unkind world when their father dies. Marianne, wild and impulsive, falls dangerously in love, while Elinor suffers her own private heartbreak but conceals her true feelings, even from those closest to her. *Fiction*

## [Tom Lake](#)

### **Patchett, Ann**

Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew. *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*

## [A Tree Grows in Brooklyn](#)

### **Smith, Betty**

Young Francie Nolan, having inherited both her father's romantic and her mother's practical nature, struggles to survive and thrive growing up in the slums of Brooklyn in the early twentieth century. *Fiction* (**available September 2024**)

## [Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers](#)

### **Sutanto, Jesse**

When she discovers a dead man in the middle of her tea shop, Vera Wong, a suspicious Chinese mother with time on her hands, calls the police but not before swiping the flash drive from the body, setting a trap for the killer that becomes complicated by unexpected friendships with her customers. *Fiction* (**available October 2024**)

## [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*

## [Wife Upstairs](#)

### **McFadden, Freida**

Victoria Barnett has it all: a great career, a handsome and loving husband, and a beautiful home in the suburbs. Then she's in a terrible accident... and everything falls apart. She is confined to the top floor of her house with twenty-four-hour care. Sylvia Robinson is hired by Victoria's husband to help care for her. But it turns out Victoria isn't as impaired as Sylvia was led to believe. *Fiction* (**available December 2024**)

## [Woman in the Library](#)

### **Gentill, Sularie**

The beautifully ornate reading room at the Boston Public Library is completely silent one weekday morning, until a woman's terrified scream echoes through the room. While they wait for the all-clear, four strangers who had been sitting in the reading room get to

chatting and quickly become friendly. Harriet, Marigold, Whit, and Caine each have their own reasons for being in the reading room that morning - and it just happens that one of them may turn out to be a murderer. *Fiction* (**available August 2024**)

### [Wrong Place, Wrong Time](#)

**McAllister, Gillian**

After witnessing her teenage son kill a man, a mother falls asleep in despair, wakes up and it is yesterday, and wakes up again and it is the day before yesterday, getting chance after chance to stop the murder and save her son. *Fiction*

### [Yellowface: A Novel](#)

**Kuang, R.F.**

After the death of her literary rival in a freak accident, author June Hayward steals her just-finished masterpiece, sending it to her agent as her own work, but as emerging evidence threatens her success, she discovers just how far she'll go to keep what she thinks she deserves. *Fiction*

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