

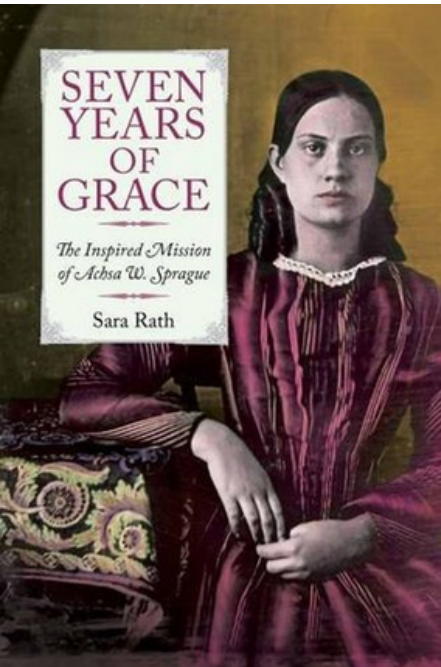
No Pressure Book Group Book List

May 2022

The Waterbury Public Library's No Pressure Book Group meets virtually on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00, except in summer. Join us to share what you are reading, trade suggestions, and talk books! Here are titles that were discussed at our last gathering.

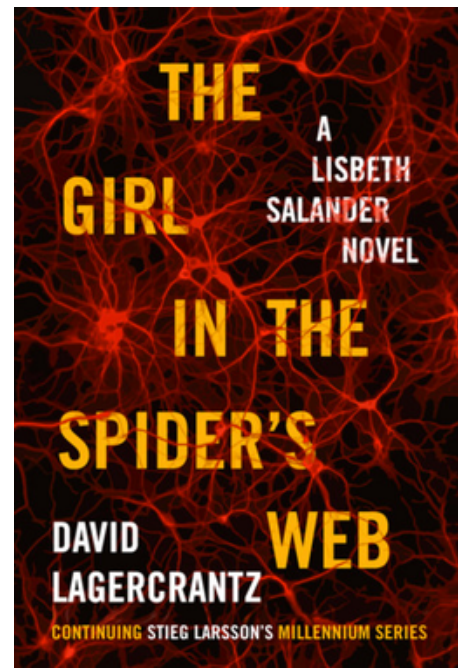
Seven Years of Grace: the Inspired Mission of Achsa W. Sprague by Sara Rath

Vermont's own Achsa Sprague was an early suffragist, abolitionist, and prison reform advocate who found her voice and power through mediumship. This fictional account of her life is a fascinating glimpse of a unique woman and the Spiritualist movement in America.



The Girl in the Spider's Web by David Lagercrantz

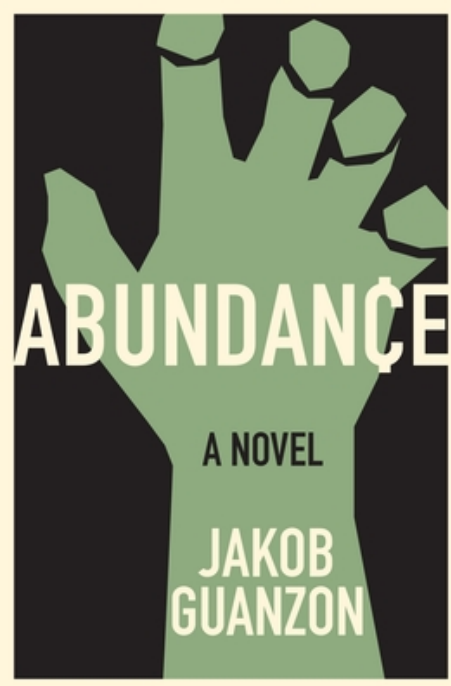
The fourth in the Millennium series created by the late Stieg Larsson, the girl with the dragon tattoo carries on her adventures as a skilled hacker in a world of lies, spies, and cybercrime. A fun, fast-paced read.



Abundance by Jakob

Guanzon

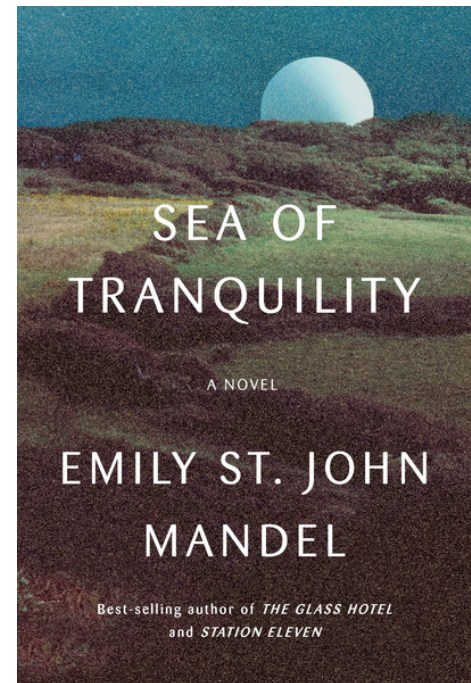
An ex-con and single dad struggles with crippling poverty and homelessness while he seeks a job and a better life for his son. A dark, anxiety-inducing, and eye-opening read about life in America for the most marginalized people.



Sea of Tranquility by Emily St. John

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The author of *Station Eleven* brings us another touching and very human science fiction story. This is a very fast and mesmerizing read about time travel, family, love and loss that links back to earlier books by the same author.

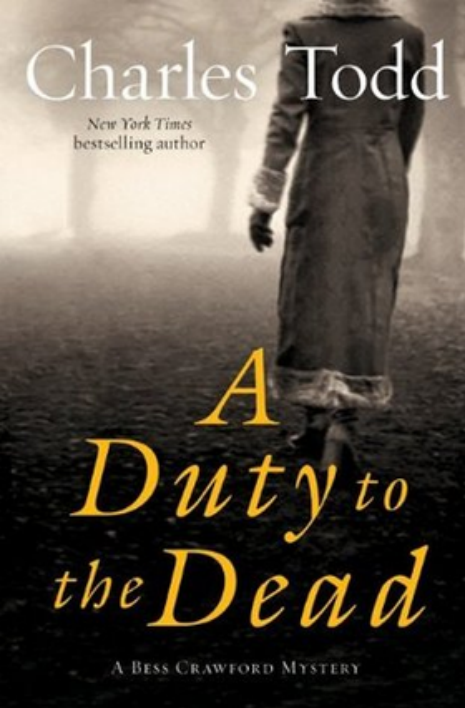


Project Hail Mary by

Andy Weir

Another science fiction story by a beloved writer. The author of *The Martian* presents a story of a desperate last-chance mission to save the earth. Heavy on science and conversational tone, Weir's readers will love this one.



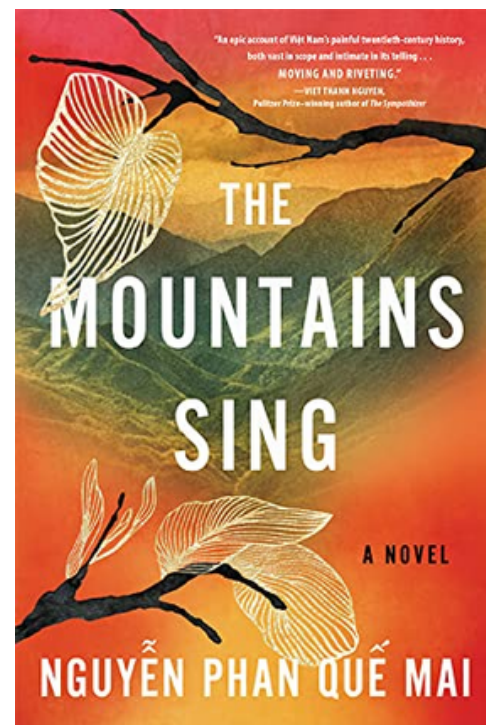


A Duty to the Dead by Charles Todd

The first Bess Crawford mystery introduces the protagonist - a spirited World War I nurse turned detective. Bess delivers a message to a dying soldier's brother, leading to an unexpected web of intrigue and family drama, with Bess at the center.

The Mountains Sing by Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai

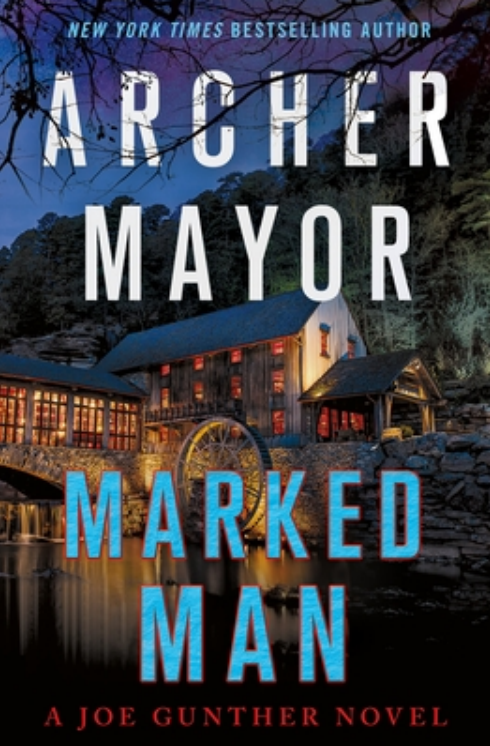
An epic family saga of the Viet Nam War's impact on multiple generations. This beautifully written story brings to life the language and traditions of Viet Nam, from the voice of a poet.



Beheld by TaraShea Nesbit

This novel follows the story of two women who are part of the Plymouth Colony, living under the harsh strictures of the puritans. A lively imagining of historic voices rarely heard.



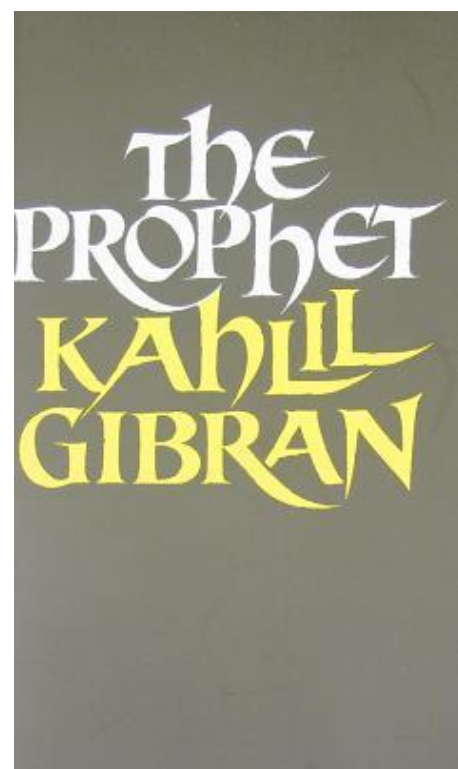


Marked Man by Archer Mayor

The 32nd book in the Joe Gunther series, believe it or not! Archer Mayor still charms with humor, lovable characters, and Vermont settings. In this offering, Gunther investigates the suspicious death of a millionaire who came by his money through less than savory means.

The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran

The beloved classic originally published in 1923, this collection of poetic essays touches on the great questions and truths of life. Our reader described it as like sitting down at the knee of a wise grandfather.



Conditional Citizens: On Belonging in America by Laila Lalami

A favorite author of Waterbury Public Library patrons, Lalami asks tough questions around what it means to be American. Eye-opening and upsetting, an important examination of identity and belonging.