

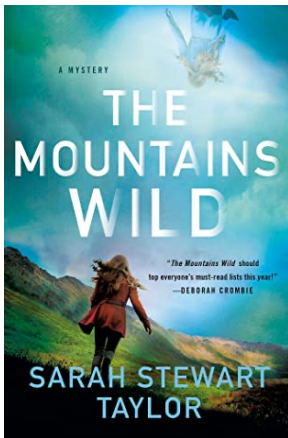
## No Pressure Book Group Suggestion List- January 2022

The Waterbury Public Library's *No-Pressure Book Group* meets virtually on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of the month, at 7:00. Join us to share what you are reading, trade suggestions, and generally talk books, in a relaxed setting. All are welcome!

Register at: <https://www.waterburypubliclibrary.com/no-pressure-book-group/>

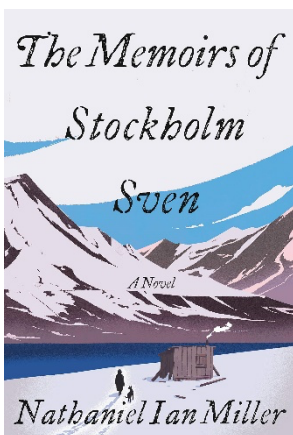
Some months a common thread seems to run through our suggestions, other months it's harder to find that commonality – and this is one of those months! If there was a theme at all this month I'd say it was around the pleasures of staying in and reading on a dark and cold night, and the technology that makes that possible.

Some of the titles that were discussed that evening:



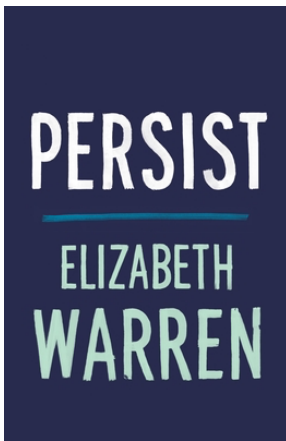
[The Mountains Wild](#) by Sarah Stewart Taylor

The first in a newer mystery series featuring Irish-American Long Island detective Maggie D'arcy, that will keep you guessing to the very last page. Readers with an interest in Irish or Long Island locales will find lots of familiar sites in these pages. The author now lives in Vermont. This and the second book in the series, [A Distant Grave](#), are both available at the library.



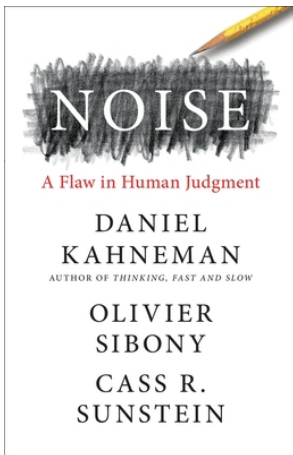
[The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven](#) by Nathaniel Ian Miller

Another Vermont author! This story of a disfigured man seeking a solitary life in the Arctic is a perfect winter read of survival and humanity. Our reader assures us the depictions of Norwegian men and food are spot on.



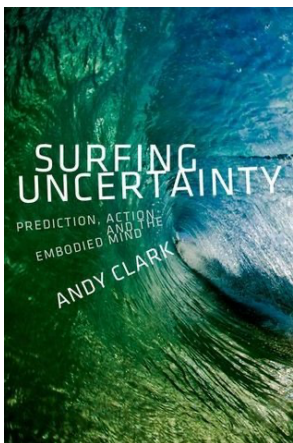
[Persist](#) by Elizabeth Warren

Warren shares how her roles as mother, teacher, planner, fighter, learner and woman have influenced her political viewpoints and driven her advocacy. An inspirational call to action for all Americans who are fed up with the status quo.



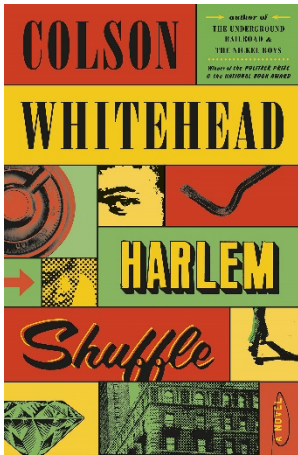
[Noise: A Flaw in Human Judgment](#) by Daniel Kahneman, Olivier Sibony and Cass R. Sunstein

An exploration of the variable factors that lead to dramatically different (and frequently bad) judgments by different individuals. This book draws on research in psychology and behavioral economics to explore why people are so impacted by noise and what can be done about it.



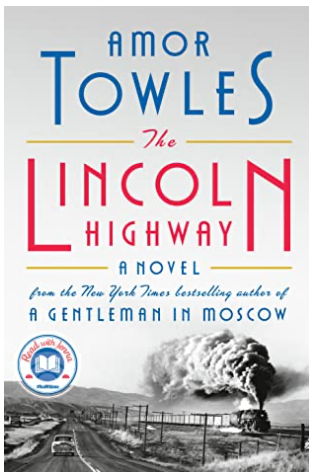
[Surfing Uncertainty: Prediction, Action and the Embodied Mind](#) by Andy Clark

An examination of how the brain works, why humans dream and create, and what it all means. Written by a philosopher and cognitive scientist, this book explores the way the human mind functions as a prediction machine, constantly processing and making choices based on sensory stimulation from the outside.



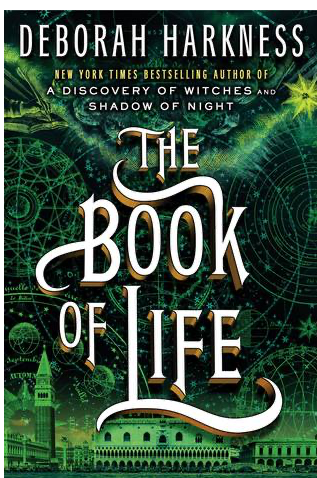
[Harlem Shuffle](#) by Colson Whitehead

Furniture store owner and family man Carney navigates a criminal underworld that he can't ever quite break away from in late 1950 and early 1960s Harlem. Set against a backdrop of racial tension and a rapidly shifting social landscape, Whitehead brings us into a world of deeply drawn and complex characters getting by however they can.



[The Lincoln Highway](#) by Amor Towles

The latest from the author of [A Gentleman in Moscow](#), this time the setting is 1950s Nebraska, where an 18-year-old recently released from a work farm sets off on a mission to track down his brother, but two escapees from the work farm have different plans.



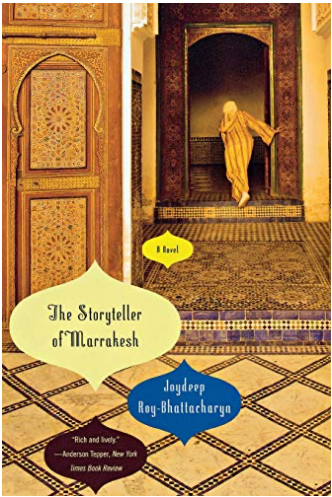
[The Book of Life](#) by Deborah Harkness

The third and final title in the All Souls series which started with [A Discovery of Witches](#), and is now a series on Sundance. This book wraps up the trilogy following the adventures of witch historian Diana Bishop and her vampire scientist husband as they search for a legendary alchemical work. While the characters are supernatural beings, the story is surprisingly grounded and you may accidentally take in some real medieval history while being entertained.



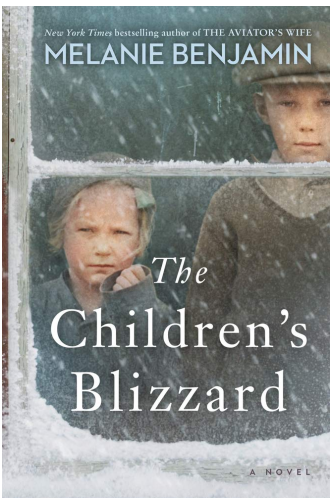
### [Glocusent LED Neck Reading Light](#)

Our reader declares this recent acquisition “life-changing!” Allowing for comfortable reading in bed, with various colors and brightness so you can find the light that is perfect for you. Perfect for these dark Vermont nights.



### [The Storyteller of Marrakesh](#) by Joydeep Roy-Bhattacharya

A storyteller in storied and dangerous Marrakesh square begins telling the tale of a couple who disappeared from that spot – but soon is competing with various points of view of the pair and what may have happened to them. Our reader found this book to be an evocative and real portrayal of a place that she’s visited and loved.



### [The Children's Blizzard](#) by Melanie Benjamin

Based on the true story of a fast-forming and brutal 1888 storm in the Dakota Territory that struck just as the school day was ending, leaving children and their not much older teachers struggling to determine the best course of action to survive.