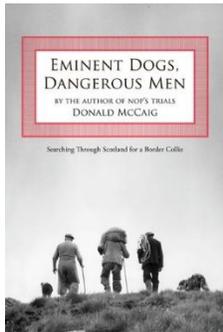


## ***No Pressure Book Group Suggestion List- October 2021***

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 we are reading, trade suggestions, and generally talk books, in a relaxed setting. All are welcome!

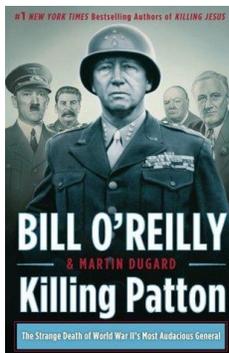
Register at: <https://www.waterburypubliclibrary.com/no-pressure-book-group/>

In October we found that many of us had taken an interest in war stories, and we chatted about formative reading experiences from our high school days. Here's some of the titles that were discussed that evening:



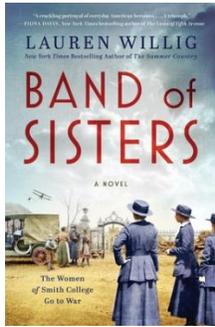
[Eminent Dogs, Dangerous Men: Searching through Scotland for a Border Collie](#) by Donald McCaig

Originally published in 1991, this is the autobiographical account of a search through Scotland for a trained border collie, and cast of characters encountered along the way.



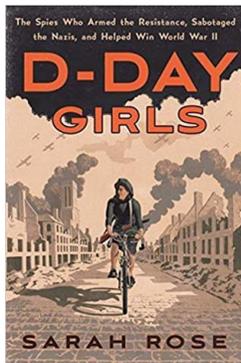
[Killing Patton: The Strange Death of World War II's Most Audacious General](#) by Bill O'Reilly

An historical look at Patton's last days and the suspicion surrounding his death. Our reader found this book fascinating and recommends all of O'Reilly's "Killing..." series.



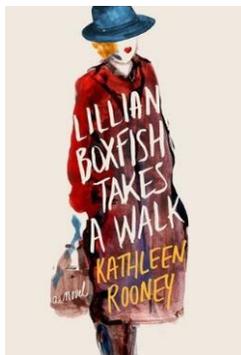
### [Band of Sisters](#) by Lauren Willig

Based on fact, this novel tells the story of a group of Smith College graduates who head to war-torn France in 1917 and find themselves facing the harsh realities of a country in conflict.



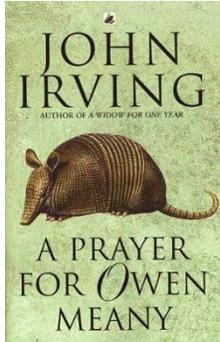
### [D-Day Girls: The Spies Who Armed the Resistance, Sabotaged the Nazis, and Helped Win World War II](#) by Sarah Rose

Another story of women during wartime, this nonfiction account draws on declassified files, personal writings, and oral history to reveal long-held secrets of Englishwomen in espionage.



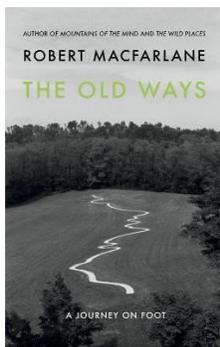
### [Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk](#) by Kathleen Rooney

On the lighter side, this novel captures one New Year's Eve night when 83 year old Lillian finds herself on a ten mile journey on foot through Manhattan in 1984, reflecting on her storied life and running into a wide range of city characters.



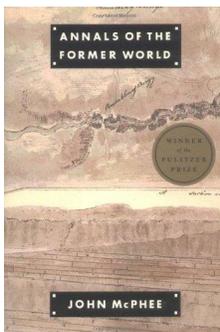
[A Prayer for Owen Meany](#) by John Irving

A beautiful, funny and sad New England story of faith and fate. This novel tells the story of two boys growing up in New Hampshire in the 1950s through 1970s, finding their place in the world and navigating their response to the Vietnam War.



[The Old Ways: A Journey on Foot](#) by Robert Macfarlane

A travel writer and explorer travels Britain's ancient paths on foot, and reflects on the impact human beings have had on the planet.



[Annals of the Former World](#) by John McPhee

The 1999 Pulitzer Prize Nonfiction winner follows route 80 across the United States, from New York City to the west coast, through the eyes of a geologist looking 4.6 billion years into the planet's past.