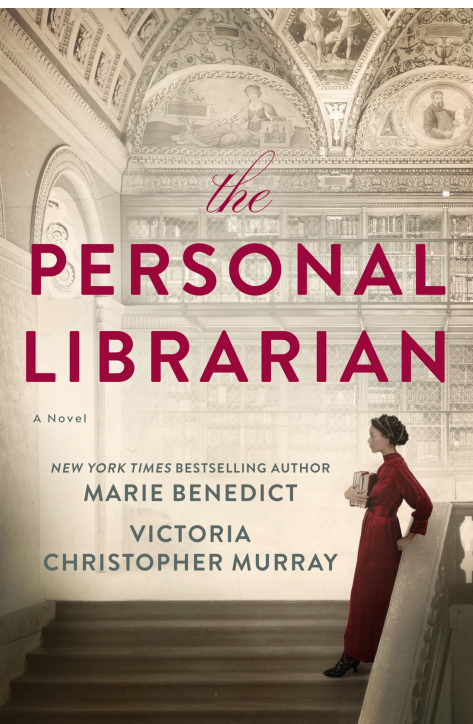


No Pressure Book Group Book List

September 2022

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

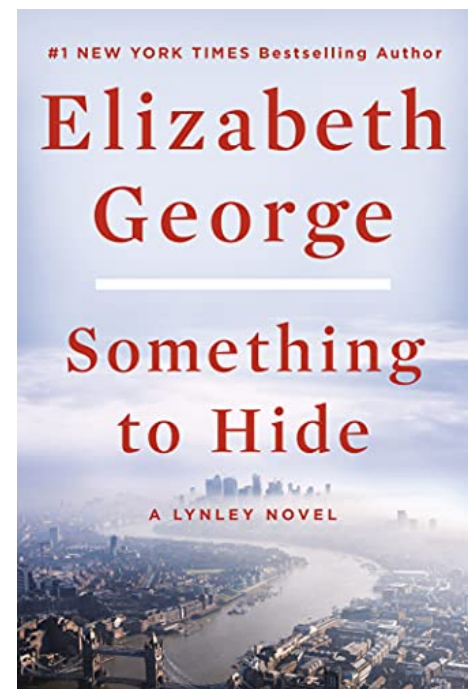


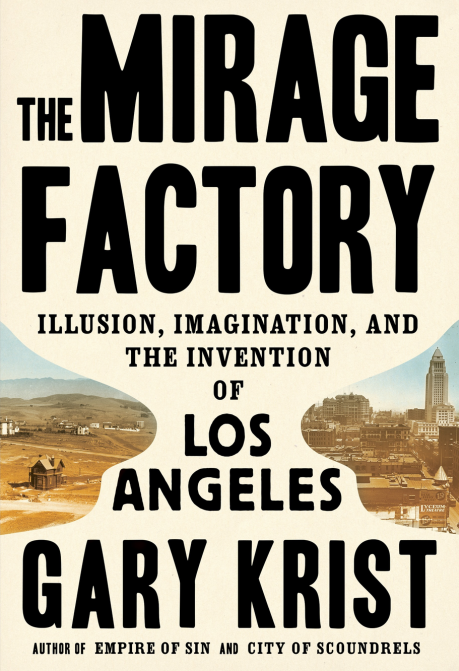
The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

This novel of historical fiction imagines the story of Belle da Costa Greene, J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, a Black woman who passed as white in order to find success in her field and world. Belle was a remarkable woman - brilliant, stylish, witty and admired, but struggled with her secret and double life.

Something to Hide by Elizabeth George

Our reader found the 21st entry in the Inspector Lynley series to be a particularly satisfying one, despite the book's intimidating length. This mystery takes place among North London's Nigerian community and the clash of cultures makes for an intriguing read. You won't be able to put it down!





The Mirage Factory: Illusion, Imagination, and the Invention of Los Angeles

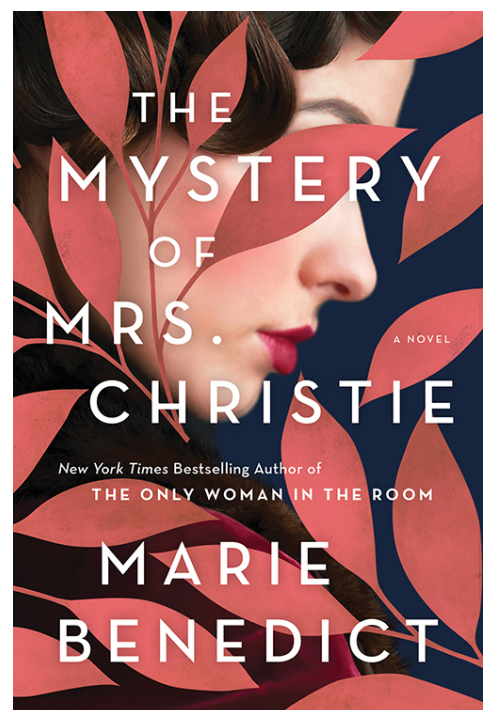
by Gary Krist

Published in 2018, this nonfiction work lays bare a Los Angeles very different from the one we know today - how did an underpopulated desert become the cradle of the film industry, and what did it take to bring the water necessary to allow people to live here?

The Mystery of Mrs. Christie

by Marie Benedict

The second Marie Benedict book to make our list this month! Agatha Christie really did disappear for eleven days in 1926. Beyond that is all speculation. While we may never know what really happened to Christie during that strange time, this novel is a riveting imagining of what may have been.



Lessons in Chemistry

by Bonnie Garmus

Don't let the bubblegum cover fool you! This novel tells the story of a brilliant, independent young chemist who finds herself a single (and never wed) mother trying to make ends meet in a male-dominated world. Equal parts infuriating and empowering, this is very fun read.

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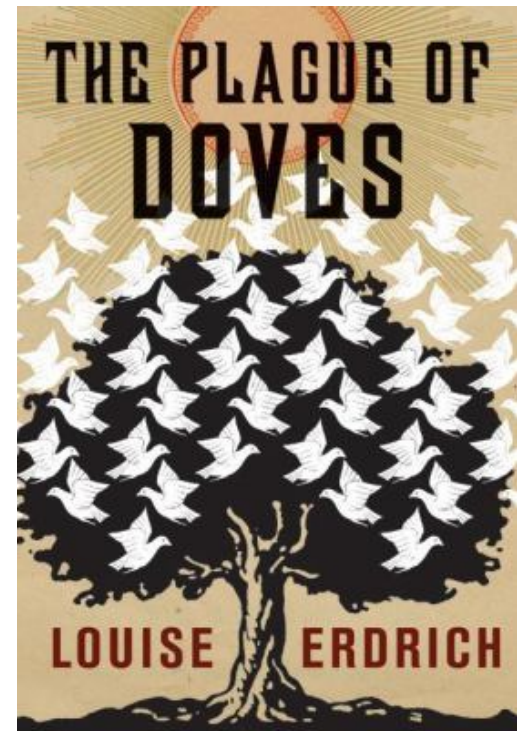


The Terminal List by Jack Carr

The first in a new series by an actual former Navy SEAL, this is an edge-of-your-seat thriller of revenge when a SEAL uncovers a conspiracy around the deaths of his teammates. Realistically detailed and very fast-paced!

The Plague of Doves by Louise Erdrich

Cultures clash between the small white farm town of Pluto, North Dakota and the nearby Ojibwe reservation after the murder of a farm family. Three distinct voices tell the story - a half white/half Ojibwe girl; her grandfather with a deep knowledge of tribal history; and the judge who bears witness to it all. Heart-wrenching.



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Difficult Women
and Bad Feminist

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We Are Never Meeting in Real Life. by Samantha Irby

This collection of essays explores some heavy topics in an often funny way - struggles with Crohn's Disease, awkward sexual encounters, race, gender, boy image...somehow she keeps it funny and thought-provoking. And who can resist that cover?

To Alice by J. Peter Cobb

By the former CEO of the VNAs of Vermont, this novel tells the story of a home health aide who becomes a little bit too involved with her patients - when does caring too much become a problem?



The Sentence by Louise Erdrich

The second author with two books in tonight's list! The Sentence is a strange and complex novel - partly the tale of a haunted bookstore; partly a pandemic family drama; and partly a wrestling with the uprising in Minneapolis after the murder of George Floyd. A sometimes sad, sometimes uplifting story of survival.

