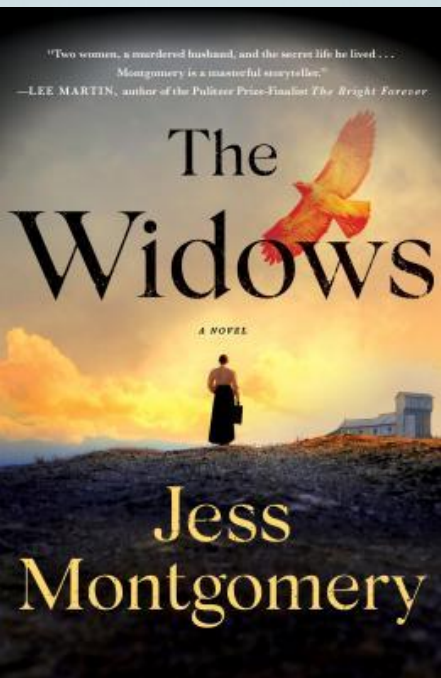


No Pressure Book Group Book List

December 2022

The Waterbury Public Library's No Pressure Book Group meets virtually on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00. Join us to share what you are reading, trade suggestions, and talk books! This month many of us read wintery books on these dark December nights.

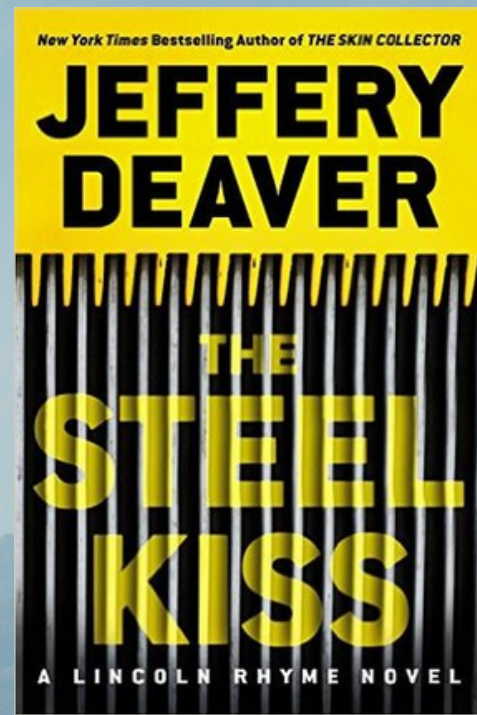


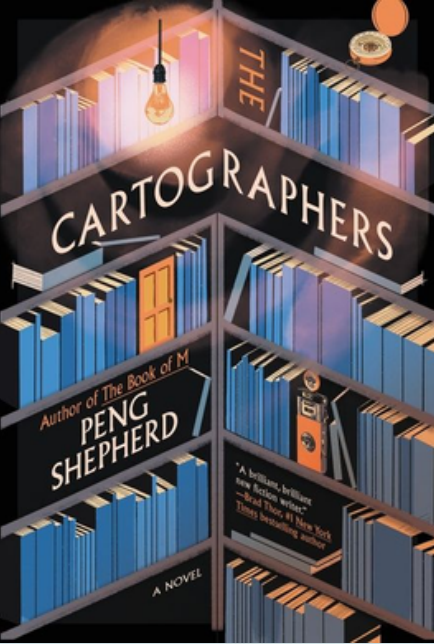
The Widows by Jess Montgomery

The first book in Montgomery's Kinship series, this work of historical fiction tells the story of Ohio's first female sheriff, seeking to avenger her husband's death in 1924. Our reader found this book in the Friends of the Waterbury Public Library book sale and enjoyed it so much she's reading the entire series!

The Steel Kiss by Jeffery Deaver

The 12th book in the Lincoln Rhyme series features a disturbing killer who uses everyday objects to murder - an escalator, a microwave, etc. Our reader enjoyed this book so much that this was her second read of it.



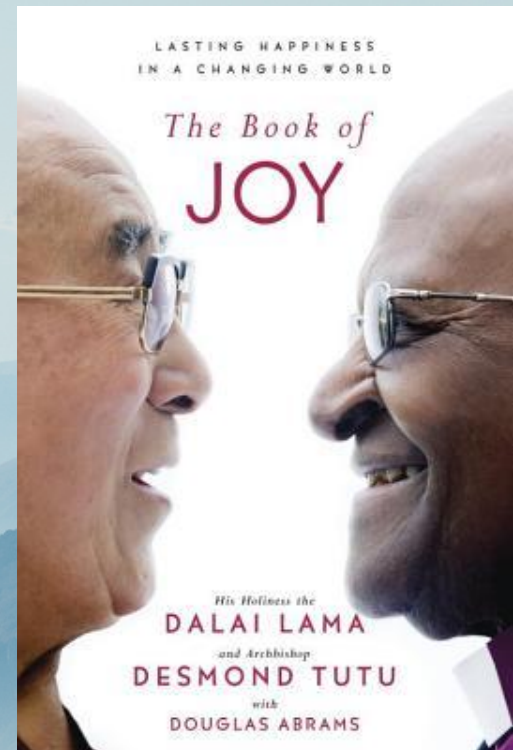


The Cartographers by Peng Shepherd

A young cartographer seeks to solve the mystery of strange map she finds in her father's desk after his death. Our reader was intrigued by the premise of this book, but found the writing was not for her. May appeal to Young Adult readers.

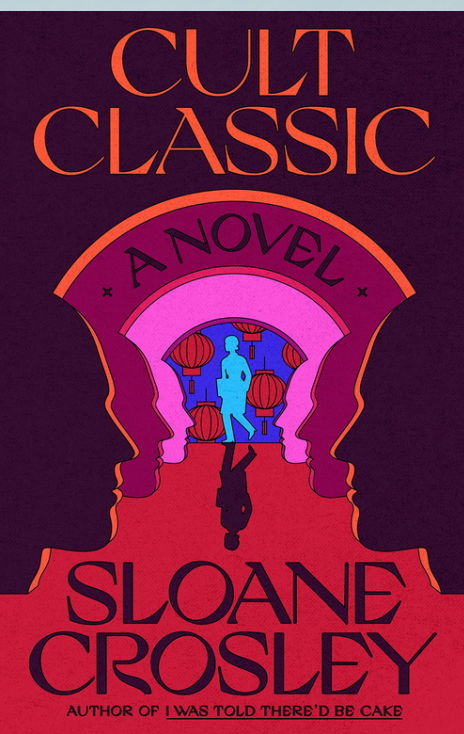
The Book of Joy by Dalai Lama XIV, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Carlton Abrams (translator)

In contrast to the dark and difficult reads of last month, our reader described this conversation between the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu as "positive, exuberant, joyful, empowering..." There's a lot to be learned from these two wise men!



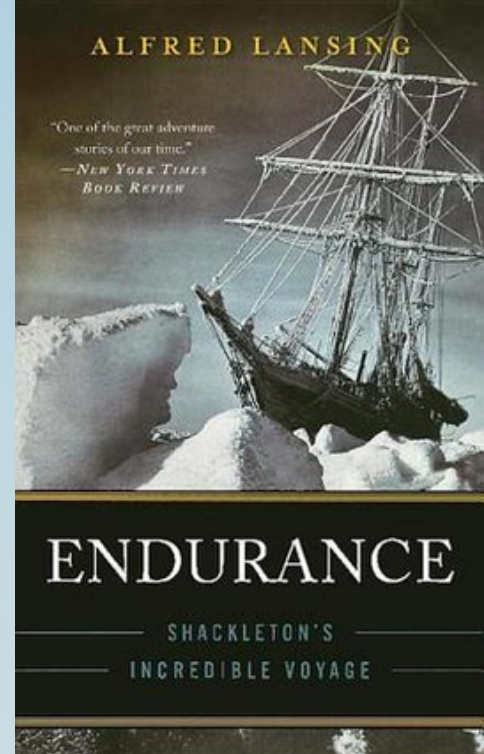
Cult Classic by Sloane Crosley

Lola is a late-30s New Yorker on the verge of marriage when she suddenly begins running into a laundry list of exes. She soon discovers this is no coincidence but she's the focus of an obsessive social experiment around love and closure. A sharp, funny, strange little book.



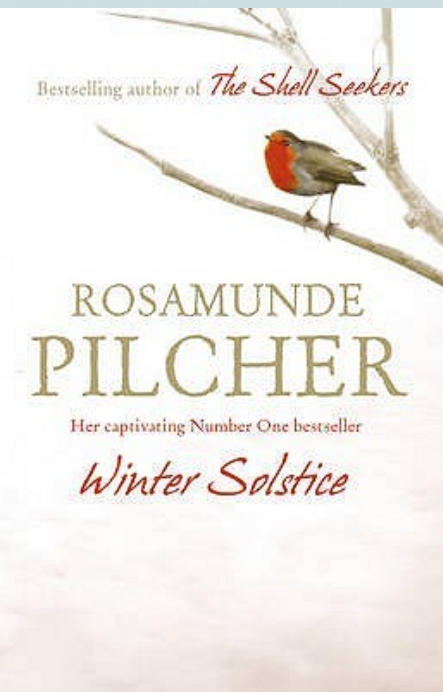
Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing

In 1914, Shackleton and a crew of 27 men set off to reach the South Pole. The story of their failed expedition and survival of the most harrowing circumstances is almost unbelievable. Pour a hot beverage and light a fire before you read this one!



Winter Solstice by Rosamunde Pilcher

A more pleasant winter tale than the previous! Our reader was revisiting an old favorite with this story of five very different people coming together in an old house in upper Scotland. A character-driven holiday story worth savoring.



Coming Home by Rosamunde Pilcher

This over 800 page epic tells a globe-spanning tale of a British family prior to World War II. Judith Dunbar is left behind at boarding school when her parents and sister relocate to Singapore. The coming war would change everything for Judith and her family. Another old favorite of our reader.

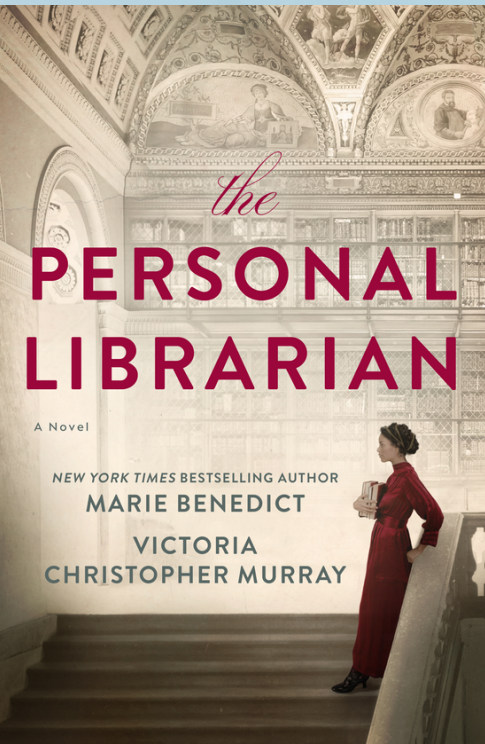


The Personal Librarian

by Marie Benedict

and Victoria Christopher Murray

Based on the life of Belle da Costa Greene, who served as J.P. Morgan's personal librarian while passing as white in a segregated world. Our reader found this to be a fascinating, light read - and it's been very popular at the Library!



The Wreck of the Whaleship Essex

by Owen Chase

The gruesome and disturbing tale of the whaling shipwreck that inspired Moby Dick. The Essex held a crew of thirty when it was rammed by a whale and began to sink in November, 1820. Ninety days later, eight men survived to tell the tale of starvation, madness, cannibalism and survival.

