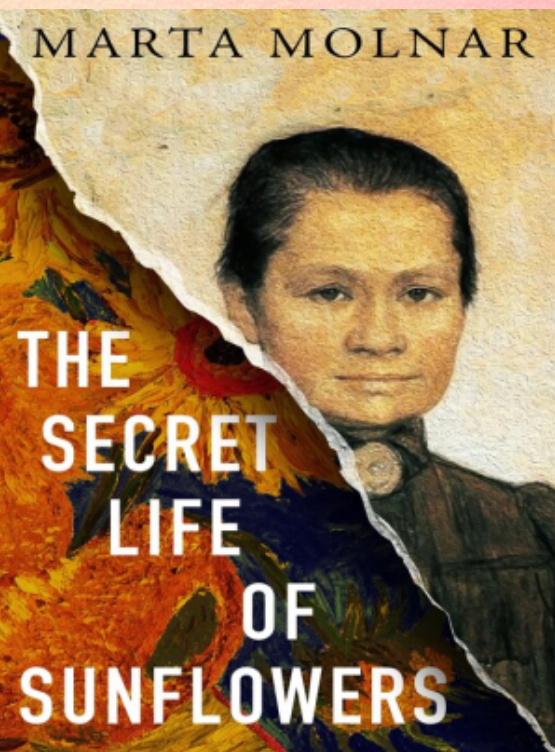


No Pressure Book Group Book List

February 2024

The Waterbury Public Library's No Pressure Book Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00. We'll be meeting on Zoom throughout the winter - see the library website for more information!



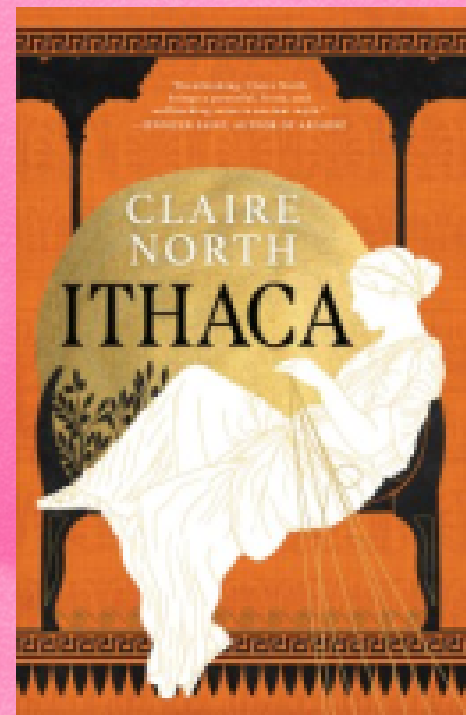
The Secret Life of Sunflowers

by Marta Molnar

The story of the life, last days, and legacy of Vincent van Gogh through the eyes of his brother and, especially, his sister-in-law, Johanna. The young widow inherits van Gogh's paintings, and takes on the task of ensuring the master artist's legacy.

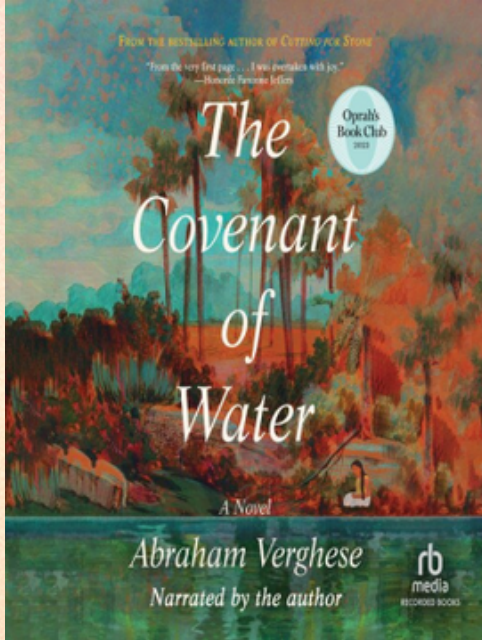
Ithaca by Claire North

The story of The Odyssey through the eyes of the women left behind to manage the kingdom with all fighting-age men off at war. Women and goddesses take center-stage in this well-written reimagining.



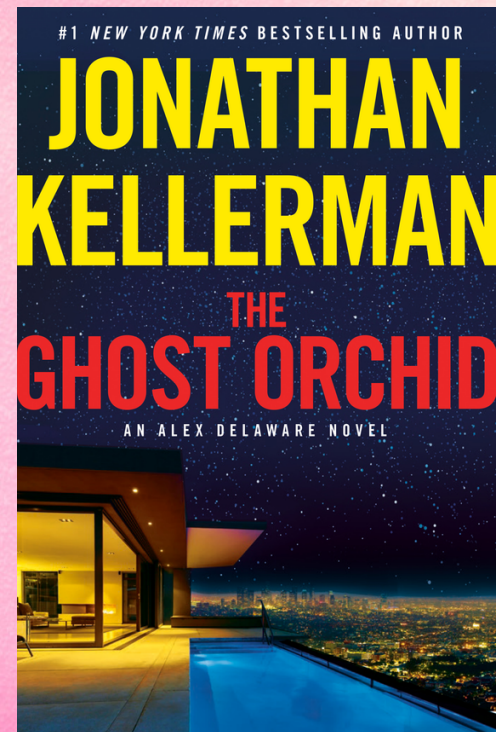
The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

Author of the beloved novel *Cutting for Stone*, medical doctor Verghese returns with an epic story following three generations of a family in South India who are cursed to lose a family member to drowning in each generation. Over 700 pages but well-worth the effort.



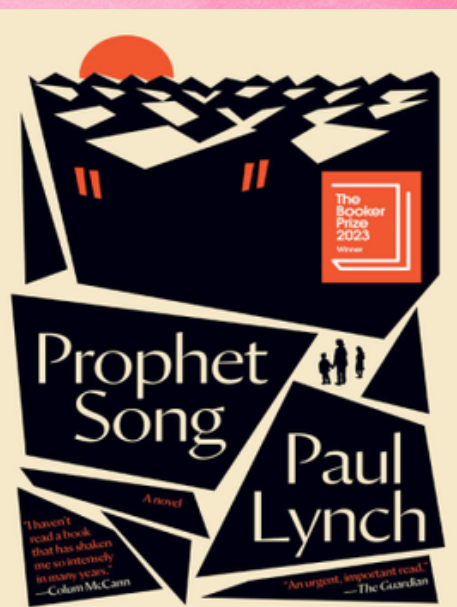
The Ghost Orchid by Jonathan Kellerman

Our reader described this as the “99,000” Alex Delaware book, but it turns out it’s only the 39th! Kellerman is always an entertaining read, and the latest outing is no exception. A double homicide, stolen identities and lots of secrets to uncover, against a glitzy LA backdrop.



Prophet Song by Paul Lynch

Mother and scientist Eilish is disheartened and surprised when her husband is taken in for questioning by the secret police force in a version of Ireland fast on the road to becoming a tyrannical police state. This disturbing story of dystopia and love won the 2023 Booker Prize.



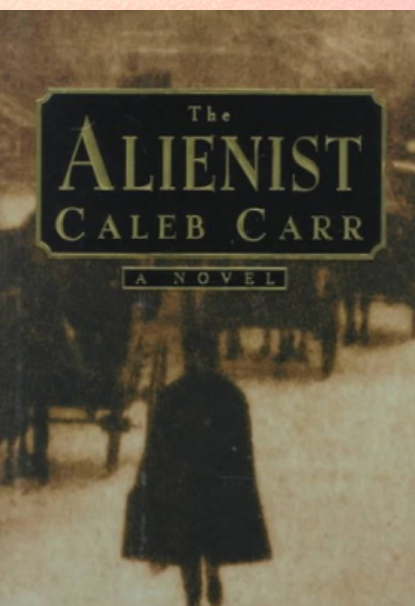
Go as a River by Shelley Read

A young woman grows up poor in rural Colorado - and faces the loss of everything she knows when her town is in the path of a planned flood to create a reservoir. A story of resilience, love and friendship in the face of great hardship. A debut novel by an author we're excited to hear more from.



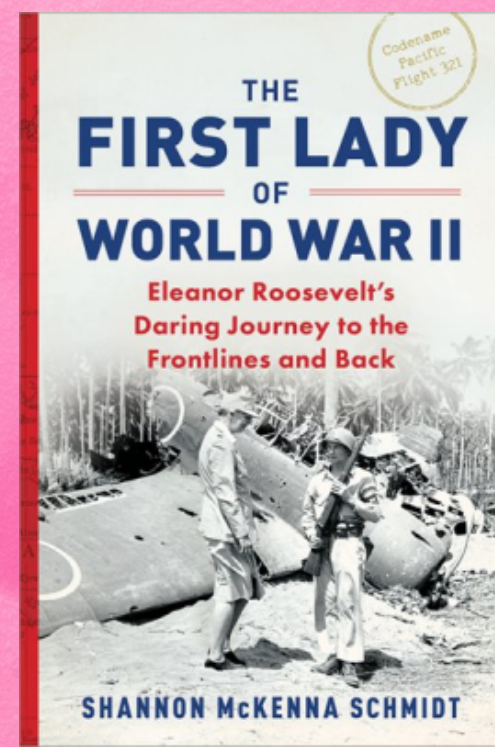
The Alienist by Caleb Carr

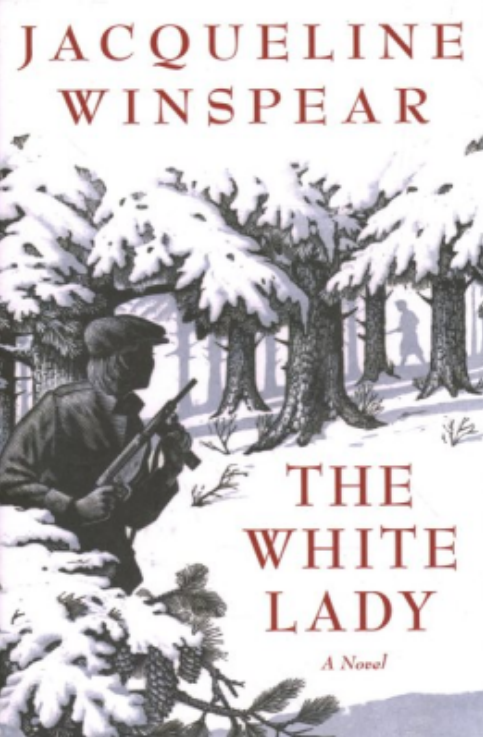
A thrilling read about the earliest days of forensic psychology. A small, unorthodox team come together at the behest of New York police commissioner Theodore Roosevelt to hunt down a brutal and disturbing killer. A true page-turner!



The First Lady of World War II by Shannon McKenna Schmidt

This nonfiction account of Eleanor Roosevelt's journey to the South Pacific during the war ended up having a remarkable personal connection for our reader, who came across a photo of her own father illustrating the book! A magical reading experience.



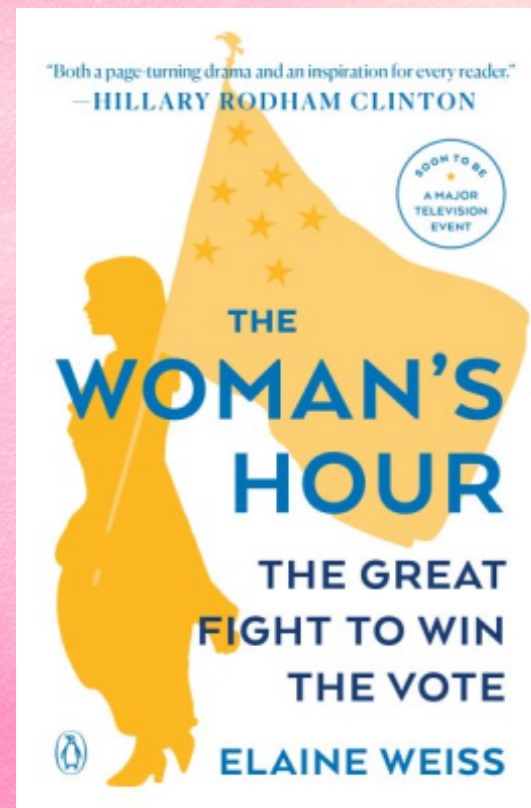


The White Lady by Jacqueline Winspear

The creator of the beloved Maisie Dobbs series introduces a new protagonist. Elinor White is a veteran of two wars drawn back into a life of intrigue in the tumultuous years following WWII in Britain.

The Woman's Hour by Elaine Weiss

This book was found on WPL's fabulous Friends of the WPL book sale shelves. A work of nonfiction charting the dramatic story of the fight for the right to vote. Be inspired by the amazing women and their allies who fought for their civil right.



Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting by Clare Pooley

Everyone knows you never speak to the other commuters on the train - until a series of events brings together advice columnist Iona and the various characters on the tube she's previously known only by nickname. Fun, escapist read.

