

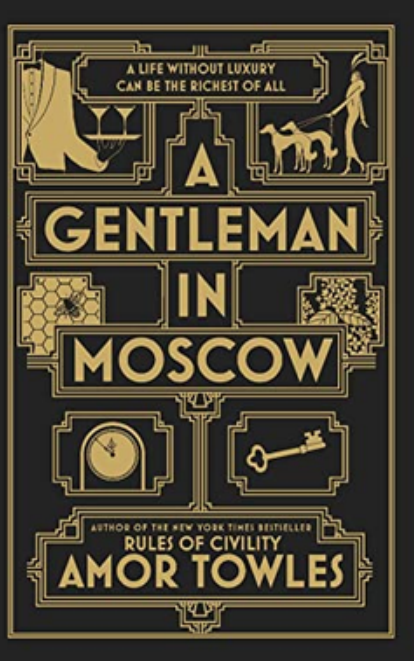
No Pressure Book Group Book List

January 2023

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! Nine of us shared books we've recently read and loved this month.

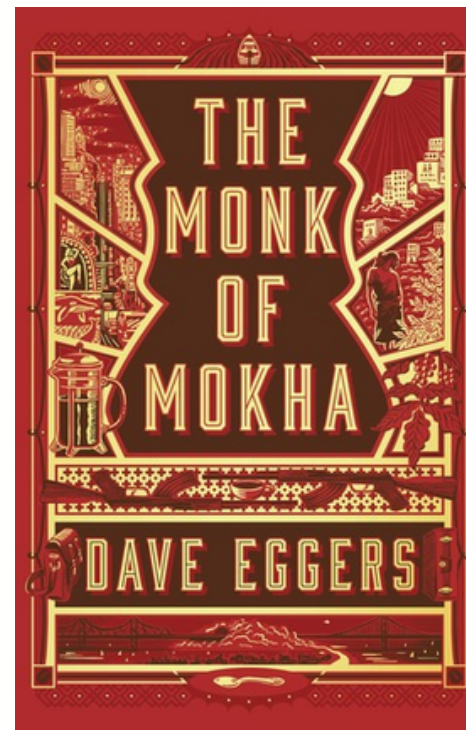
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

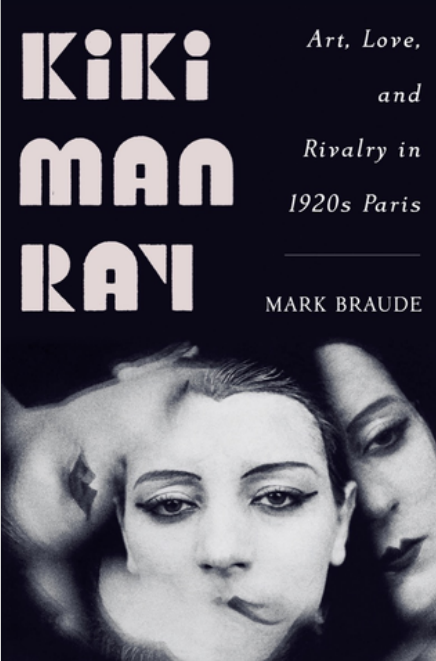
The second book by a favorite author of NPBG readers. A disgraced count is placed under house arrest in the elegant Hotel Metropol in 1922 Moscow and must learn to make a life in these now limited surroundings. Touching and beautifully written.



The Monk of Mokha by Dave Eggers

The true story of a Yemeni American man whose obsession with the history of Yemeni coffee leads him onto a dangerous journey to his homeland just as war breaks out. From the author of A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius.



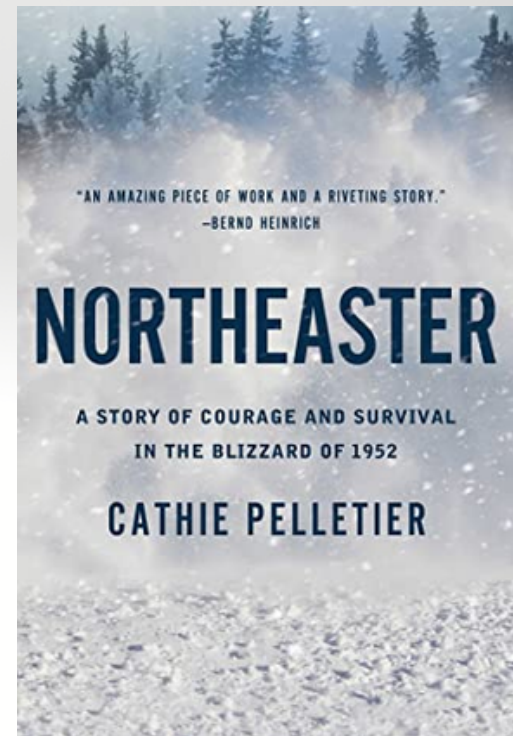


Kiki Man Ray: Art, Love, and Rivalry in 1920s Paris by Mark Braude

A great new biography of the performer, model and muse who was born into abject poverty and eventually became the symbol of bohemian Paris, and her tumultuous relationship with the innovative photographer.

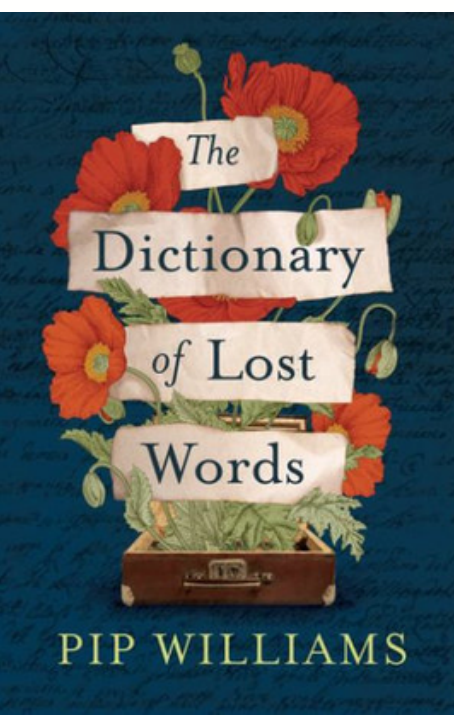
Northeaster: A Story of Courage and Survival in the 1952 Blizzard by Cathy Pelletier

The true story of the destruction, death, and resilience that followed an epic blizzard in Maine, and how different people respond to difficult times and situations.



The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams

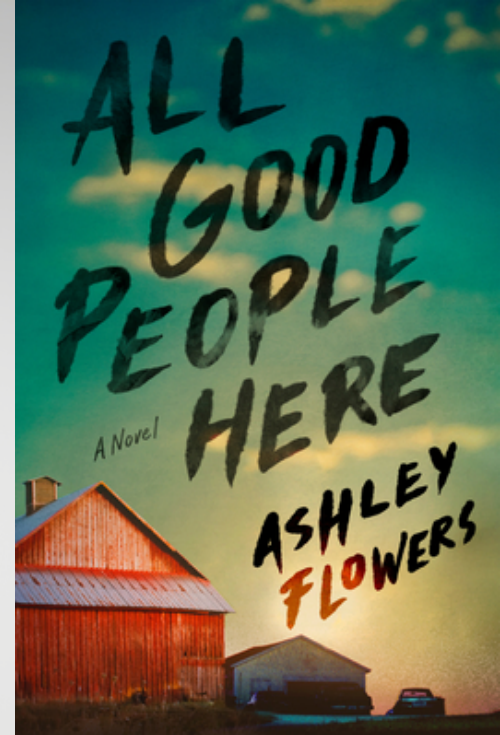
A young girl whose father is working on the first Oxford English Dictionary in the early 20th century becomes fascinated by the words that don't make the cut - words that frequently relate to the experiences of women and other marginalized people. A thought-provoking examination of language and history.



All Good People Here

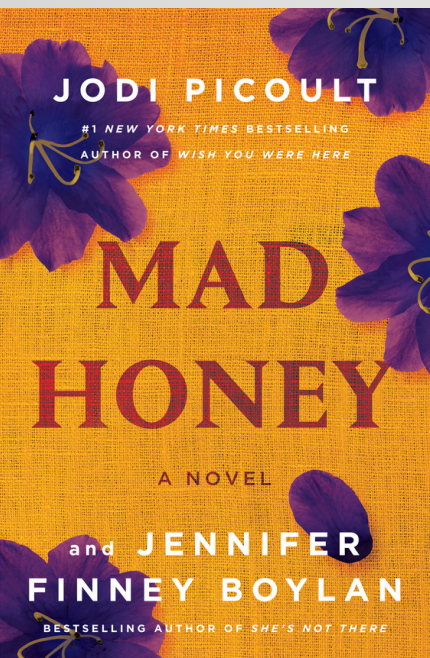
by Ashley Flowers

A mystery full of twists and turns. Journalist Margot has returned to rural Wisconsin to care for her uncle. When a young child goes missing it stirs up memory of an eerily similar incident from her youth - and Margot vows to solve the murder. Our reader found this to be a fun ride with a little bit of an unsatisfying ending.



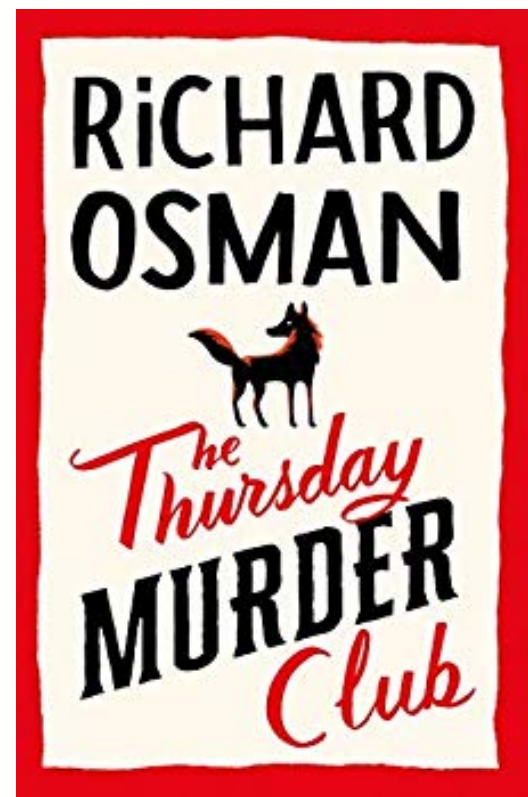
Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan

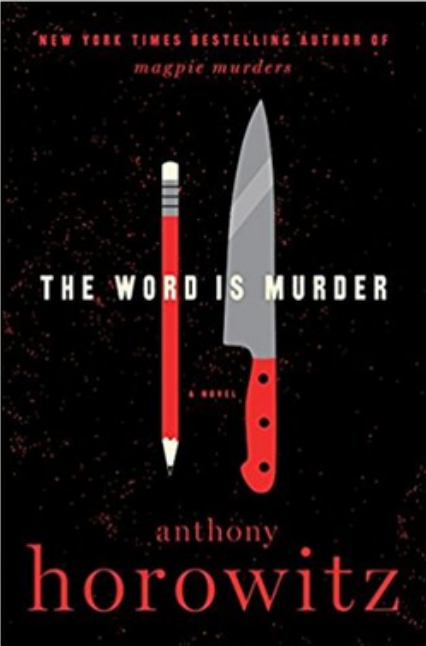
The hugely popular latest book from Jodi Picoult does not disappoint. The story of a woman in crisis who relocates to a seemingly simpler life, only to have it upended when her beloved son becomes a suspect in a young woman's murder.



The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

The first title in a fun new mystery series featuring an unorthodox group of sleuths. A crew of aging crime buffs living in a retirement village are shocked when a murder turns up on their doorstep, and they jump into action to catch the killer.





The Word is Murder

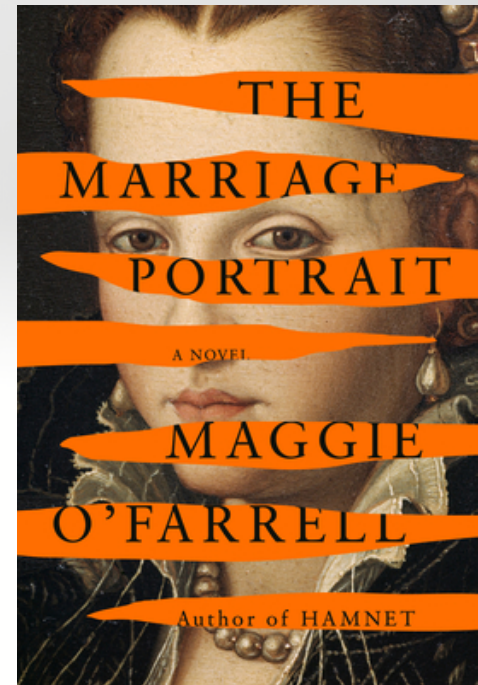
by Anthony Horowitz

A woman walks into a funeral home to plan her own funeral...and then turns up dead later the same day. Disgraced Police Detective Hawthorne partners with a writer named Anthony Horowitz (yes, the very same) to solve the crime, and find some glory in the novelization of the mystery. A fun read!

The Marriage Portrait

by Maggie O'Farrell

The author of the award-winning bestseller *Hamnet* returns with another deep and thoughtful imagining of a historical incident we know little about. In this case - 15-year-old Lucrezia, 15th century Florentine daughter of the grand duke, is betrothed to a royal stranger, and is dead within a year of her marriage.



The Cloisters by Katy Hays

Ann finds herself unexpectedly assigned to a summer position working in New York City's museum of medieval art. Here she is pulled into a world of intrigue surrounding the history of divination - one that soon turns deadly.

