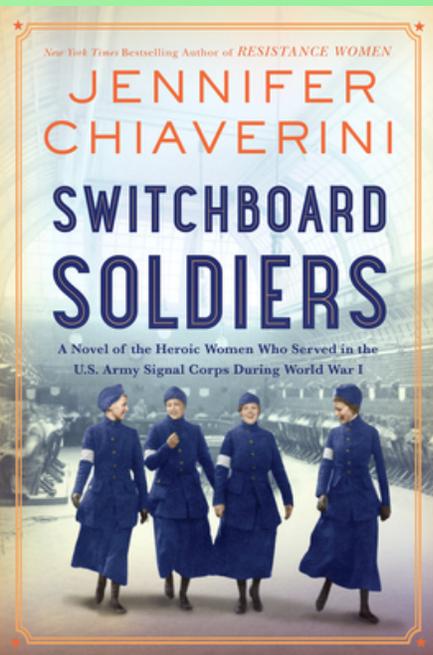


# No Pressure Book Group Book List

## March 2023

*The Waterbury Public Library's No Pressure Book Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00. Join us (in person or via Zoom) to share what you are reading, trade suggestions, and talk books!*

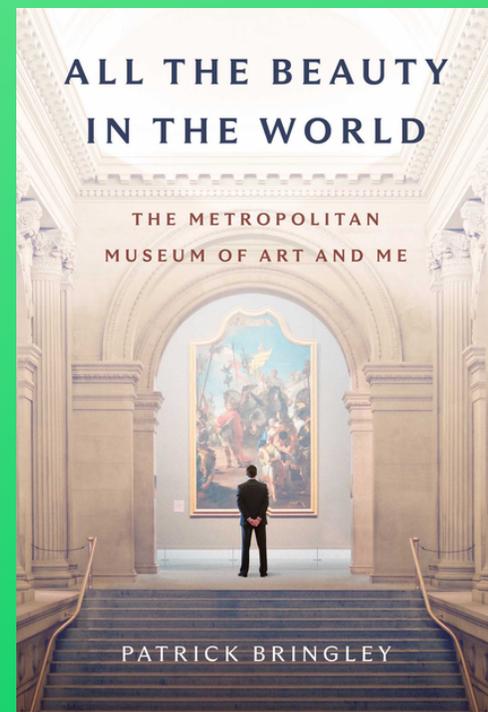


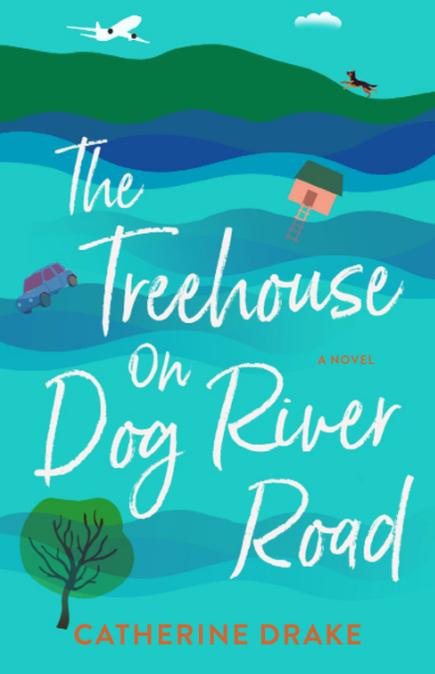
### Switchboard Soldiers by Jennifer Chiaverini

Known for her vibrant historical fiction, Jennifer Chiaverini does not disappoint with this story of a group of women who took their experience as telephone operators in the US to the front lines of Europe. These women soldiers could connect calls in 10 seconds - it generally took their male counterparts a full minute to do the same!

### All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me by Patrick Bringley

Struggling with the early loss of his older brother to cancer, *New Yorker* writer Bringley left his fast-paced world behind to become a guard at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and finds solace and home in this strange world.



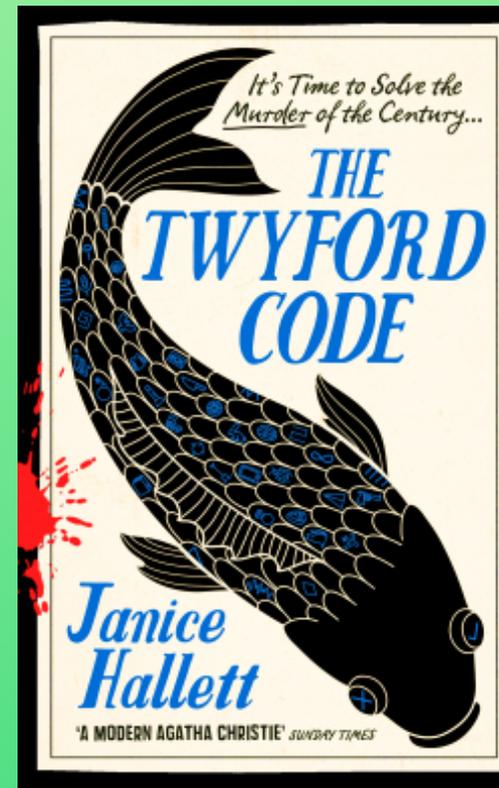


## The Treehouse on Dog River Road by Catherine Drake

We've likely mentioned this one before but can't resist including it again! Our reader is new to Waterbury and was tickled to find this fun read set in her new town. A fun, light romance.

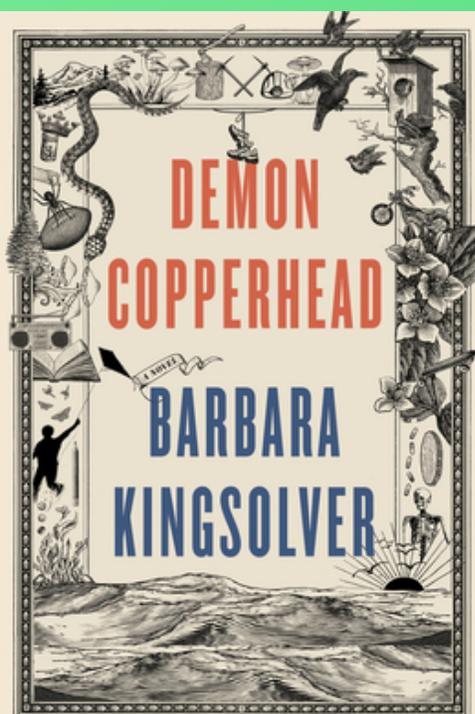
## The Twyford Code by Janice Hallett

Ex-con Steven wrestles with incomplete memories of a children's book and a perhaps deadly field trip when he was a remedial English student 40 years ago. Convinced the children's book author embedded a code in her writing, he begins to investigate. A fascinating mystery told in a unique voice.



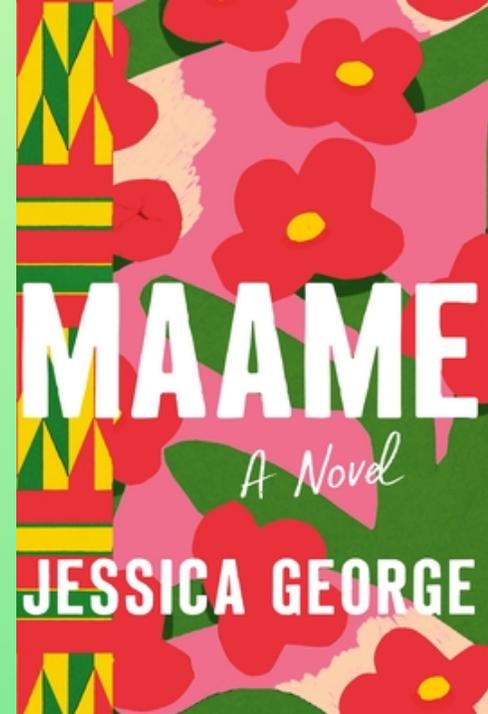
## Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

This is a book that is flying off the shelves! Beloved author Kingsolver is back with a story of survival set against the backdrop of crushing Appalachian poverty and inspired by Dickens' *David Copperfield*. A great read if you can get your hands on it!



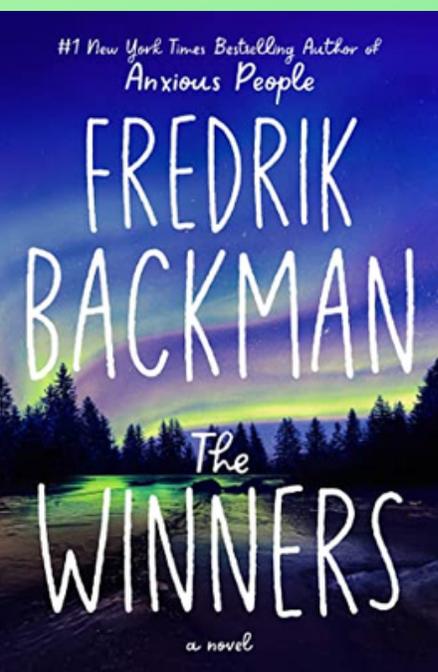
## Maame by Jessica George

Life in London is hard on Maddie, the full-time caretaker of a father with Parkinson's who all too frequently finds herself the only Black person in the room. The story of a young woman finding herself while struggling with the experience of being torn between two cultures.



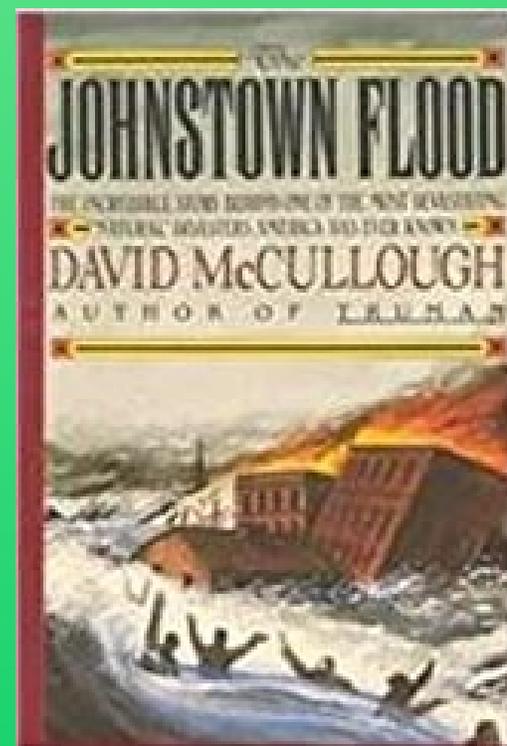
## The Winners by Fredrik Backman

The final book in Backman's Beartown trilogy. The residents of the Swedish town of Beartown struggle with the past and look for hope in a town defined by a violent and tragic act. Not to be missed if you're a Backman fan!



## The Johnstown Flood by David McCullough

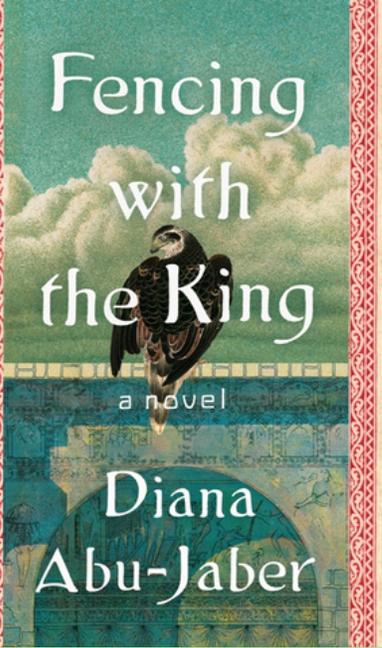
The booming coal and steel town of Johnstown, PA is struck suddenly by tragedy when a hastily built dam bursts leading to a flood that killed 2,000 people in 1889. The ensuing investigation and fallout became a national scandal. A powerful story with lessons for our own time.



# Fencing with the King

by Diana Abu-Jaber

Amani and her father travel to Jordan, her father's homeland, to celebrate the king's sixtieth birthday. A fascinating story of identity, greed, corruption, falconry and, of course, fencing.



## Bonus: NPBG Women's History Month Suggestions!

