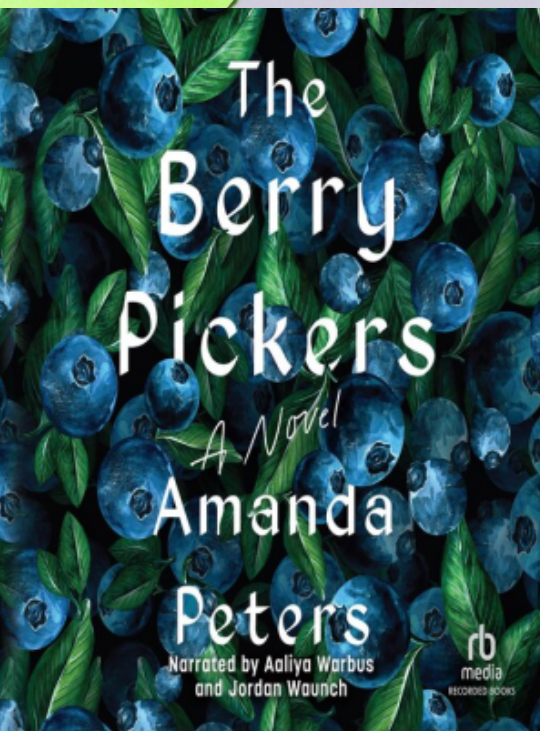


No Pressure Book Group Book List

March 2024

The Waterbury Public Library's No Pressure Book Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 on Zoom. See the library website for more information!

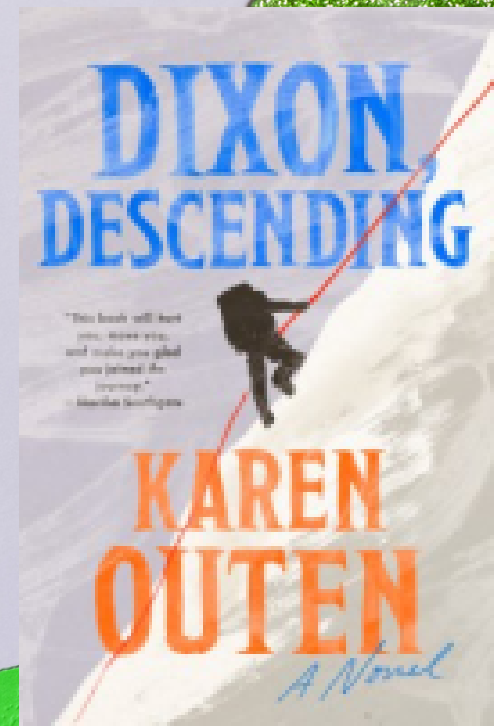


The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

Each year, a Mi'kmaq makes the trip from Nova Scotia to Maine to pick blueberries. Things take a dark turn when the four year old daughter of the family disappears on one of these trips. The search for truth and the long-term trauma on all involved are explored in this debut novel.

Dixon, Descending by Karen Outen

Two brothers, successful, athletic Black men, take on a mid-life adventure when they decide to ascend Everest. What happens on the mountain is life-changing and shattering. A powerful story exploring how the paths we choose can impact lives beyond our own.



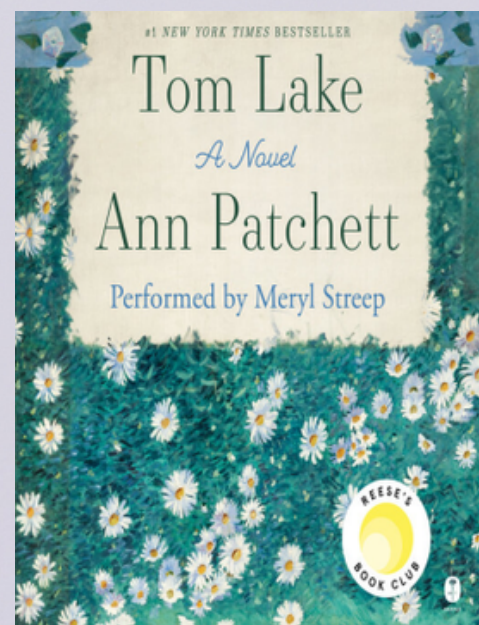


The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Based on the true story of the partnership and friendship between Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune. The daughter of formerly enslaved parents, Mary's passion and intelligence caught the attention of Eleanor, forming a bond that would last years.

Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

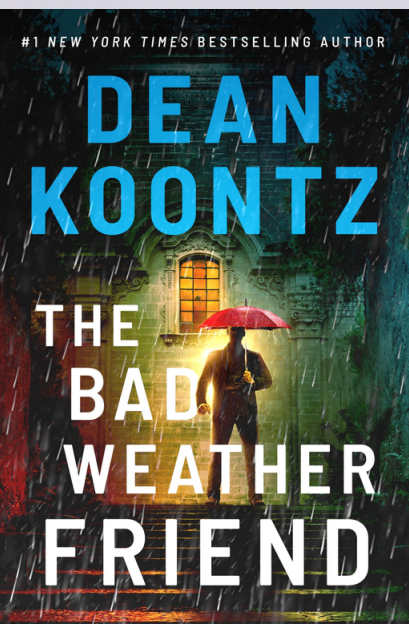
Lara reunites with her adult daughters at the family orchard in Northern Michigan. While they pick cherries, she tells them the story of sharing a romance and stage with a man who would go on to become a famous actor. Our reader suggests checking out [this interview](#) between Patchett and children's author Kate DiCamillo as a companion to the book.



The Bad Weather Friend

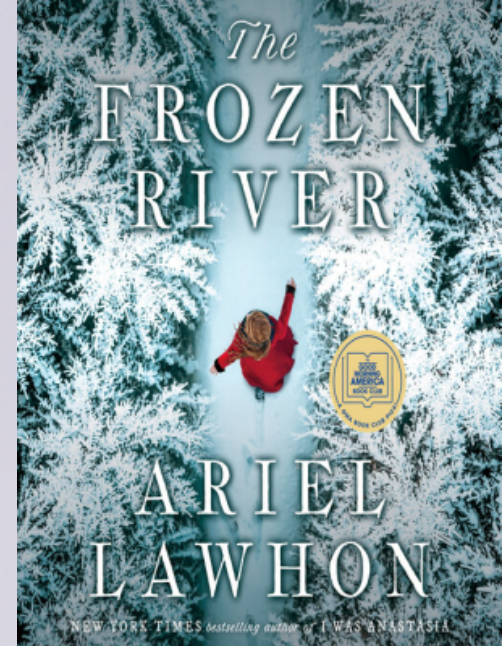
by Dean Koontz

Benny receives a mysterious inheritance from his uncle - and what he finds in that crate launches him into a world of adventure. A just plain fun book of pure magic - suspend reality and enjoy!



The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

In 1789 during a harsh, Maine winter a midwife is called upon to examine a frozen body. Midwives filled in the gaps when it came to healthcare in rural communities. This fascinating mystery is inspired by the diary of a real woman - Martha Ballard.



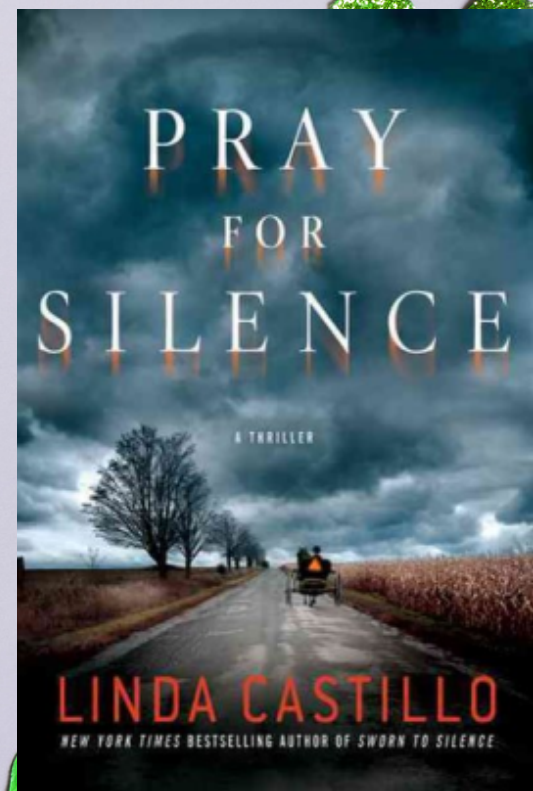
Wandering Stars by Tommy Orange

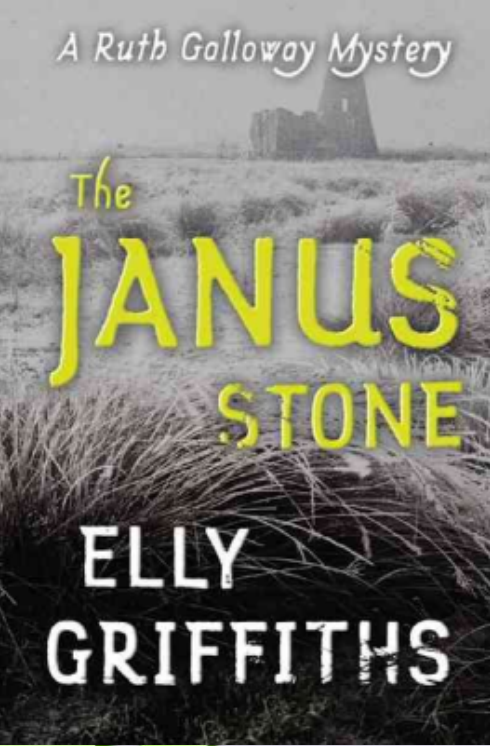
The much anticipated follow up (and prequel?) to Orange's phenomenal debut, *There There*. An exploration of the painful history of Native existence in America and what it is to hold onto that trauma for generations into the future.



Pray for Silence by Linda Castillo

The second in the Kate Burkholder series. When an entire Amish family is found slaughtered in their small, close-knit community, Police Chief Burkholder must dig into family secrets and put herself in danger to uncover the truth.



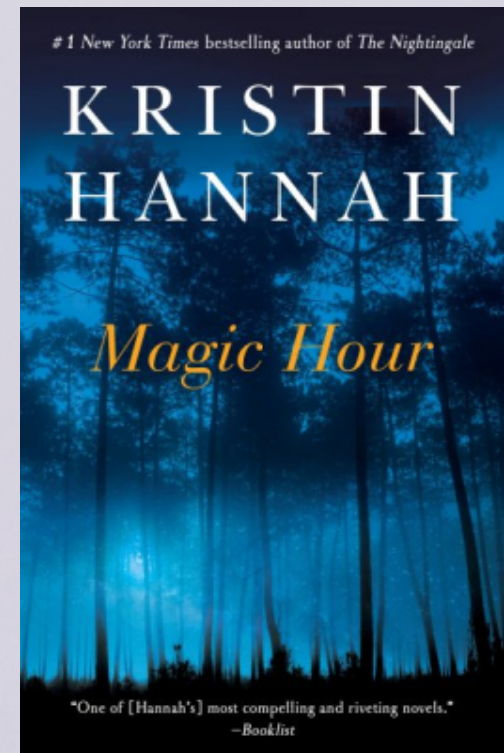


The Janus Stone by Elly Griffiths

The second in the beloved Ruth Galloway mystery series. This time the archeologist is called upon to investigate the skeleton of a child uncovered during a demolition project. The investigation turns dangerous the closer Ruth gets to the truth.

Magic Hour by Kristin Hannah

While you're waiting on the hold list for *The Women*, you may want to try one of her earlier books. When a 6 year old girl appears out of the woods - uncivilized, mute, and mysterious - a child psychologist whose career was rocked by scandal gets involved. A beautiful story of survival, resilience and love.



K2 the 1939 Tragedy by Andrew Kauffman and William L. Putnam

Another mountain climbing story - this a work of nonfiction marking the tragic story an American attempt at K2 that went terribly wrong.

