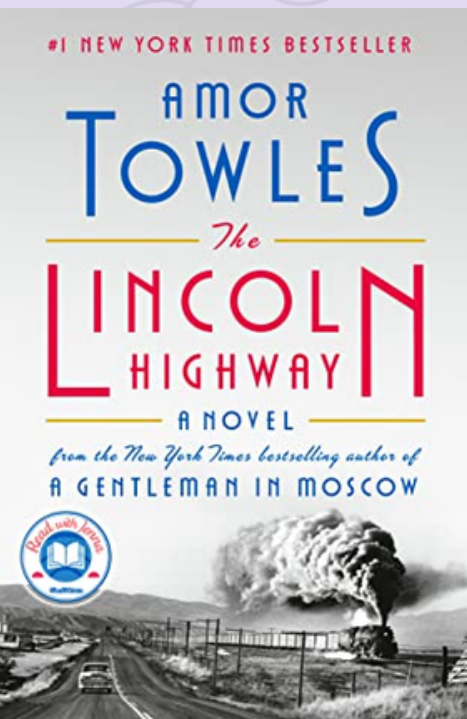


No Pressure Book Group Book List

November 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 books about struggling to survive under harsh conditions.

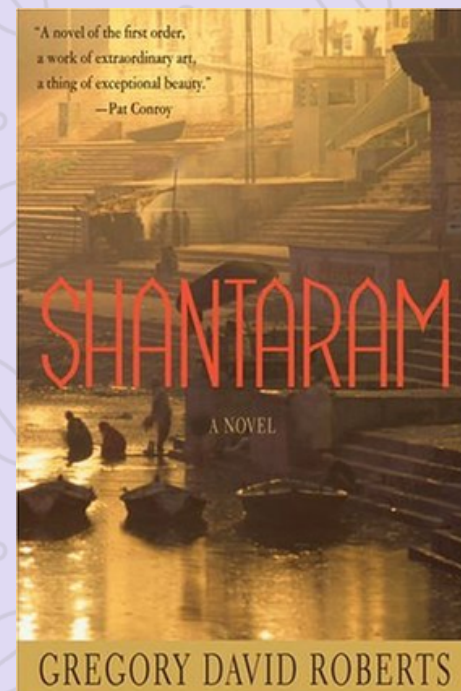


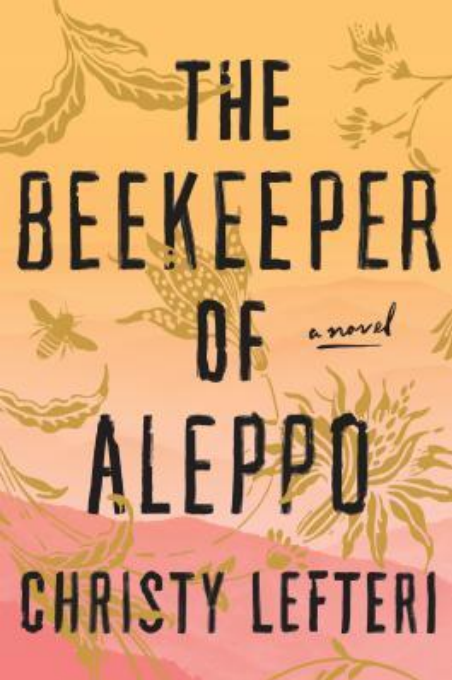
The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

The beloved author of A Gentleman in Moscow returns with a very different story set in 1950s America. Freshly released from a work farm, Emmett Watson just wants to be united with his younger brother. But he discovers he's been followed home by two escapees from the farm and his plans take a decided turn.

Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts

At over 900 pages, this epic proves to be a surprisingly fast page-turning read. Set in the underworld of contemporary Bombay, the story follows Lin, an escaped convict from Australia navigating a foreign and fascinating world. Inspired by the author's personal story.





The Beekeeper of Aleppo

by Christy Lefteri

A soothing and beautiful love story to savor. Beekeeper Nuri and his wife, artist Afra, live in the Syrian city of Aleppo when their lives are torn apart by war. Together, the broken couple travel through a war-ravaged world, holding out hope that there is a better life ahead for them.

Beautiful Country: A Memoir of an Undocumented Childhood

by Qian Julie Wang

Qian is seven when she arrives in New York City from China in 1994. Her parents, professors in their homeland, work in sweatshops to keep the family afloat. Qian's curious spirit and determination keeps her going even as her family fractures around her.



Grey Bees by Andrey Kurkov

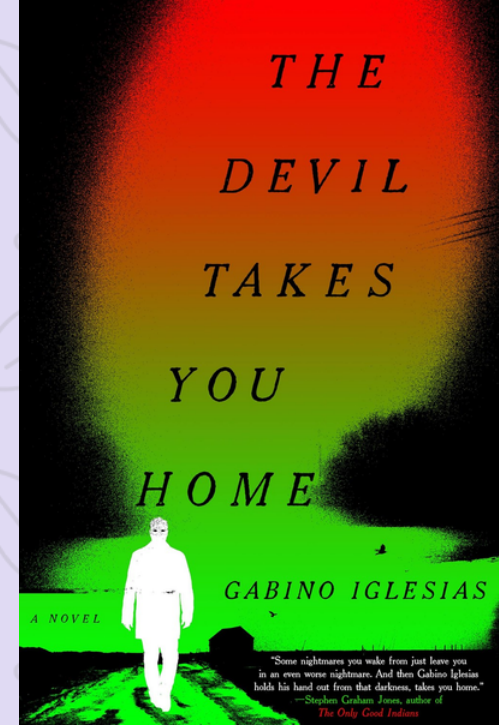
Another beekeeper! Sergey lives in war-torn Ukraine and wants only to care for his bees in peace. Originally written in Russian, this is an amazing glimpse into the ongoing conflict and the humanity that survives in the darkest circumstances.



The Devil Takes You Home

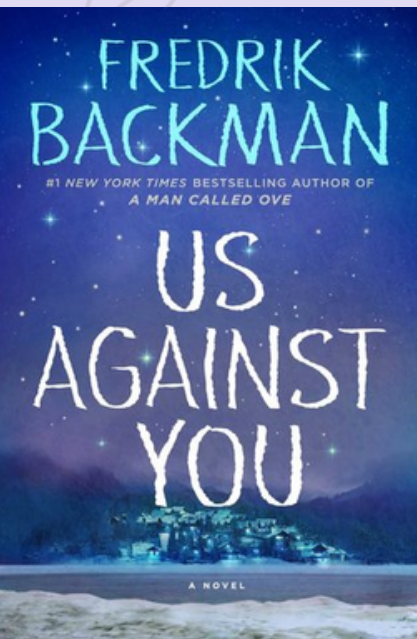
by Gabino Iglesias

Iglesias describes this book as "barrio noir" - a very dark story of a desperate man and the depths he will sink when his daughter's death leaves him with a mountain of debt and little to live for. An intense, genre-defying story of crime and evil along the Mexican border.



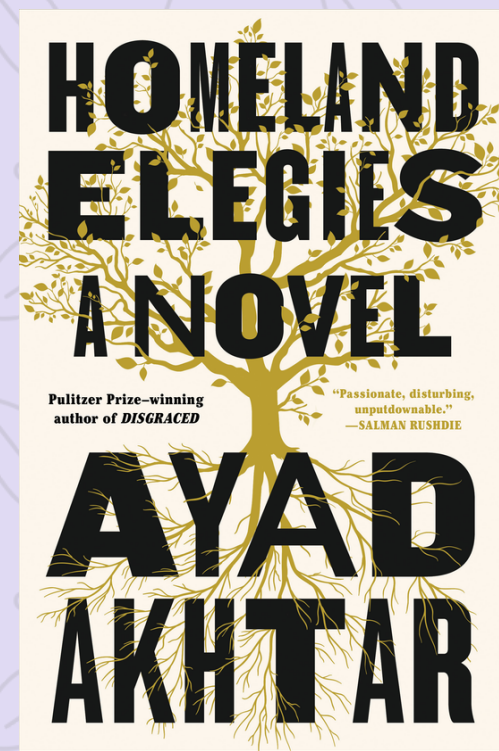
Us Against You by Fredrik Backman

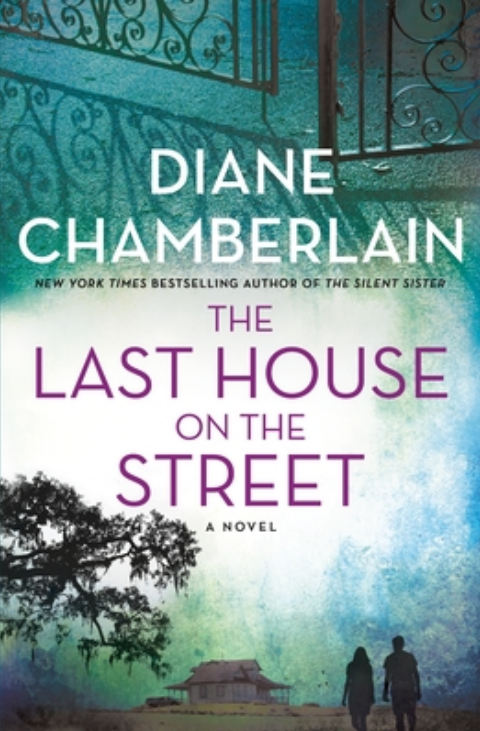
The second title in Backman's Beartown series, the residents of Beartown struggle with the loss of their hockey team, and the pranks and incidents between rival players and teams begin to take a dark turn. From the author of the greatly loved *A Man Called Ove*.



Homeland Elegies by Ayad Akhtar

Another fictionalized biography, an exploration of the damage debt has on lives in America, a country never recovered from the wounds of 9/11.





The Last House on the Street by

Diane Chamberlain

Kayla's husband dies while building their dream house in North Carolina, a home that now holds difficult memories for her and her daughter. Told in two time periods, Kayla is forced to confront the difficult past of the community in which she lives.

Bloomsbury Girls by Natalie Jenner

The second book in the Jane Austen Society series, *Bloomsbury Books* is a bookstore in post-war London where three very different and spirited young women find work in a changing world, and interact with the literary figures of their age.

