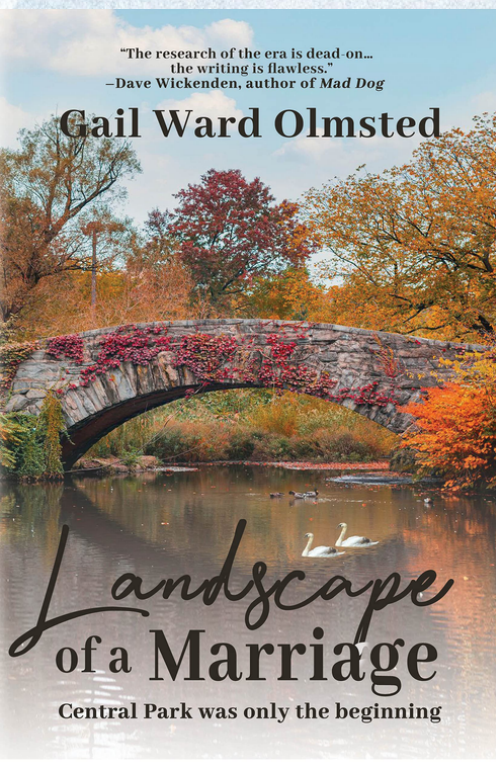


# No Pressure Book Group Book List

## January 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!***

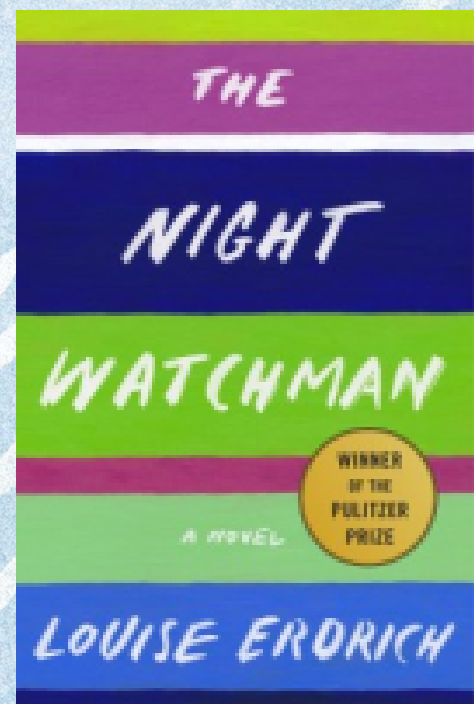


### Landscape of a Marriage by Gail Ward Olmsted

A fictional account of the long partnership between famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted and his wife Mary, his brother's widow. If you've marveled over the beauty of Central Park (or Shelburne Farms!) you'll find this behind the scenes story intriguing.

### The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

The 2021 Pulitzer Prize winner for fiction - Erdrich takes inspiration from the true story of her grandfather, a night watchman at a jewel bearing plant who fought for the rights of Native people. An eye-opening read.



"Part mystery and part prayer, this page-turner about mortality is iridescent."

—ROBIN OLIVERA, author of *Winter Sisters*



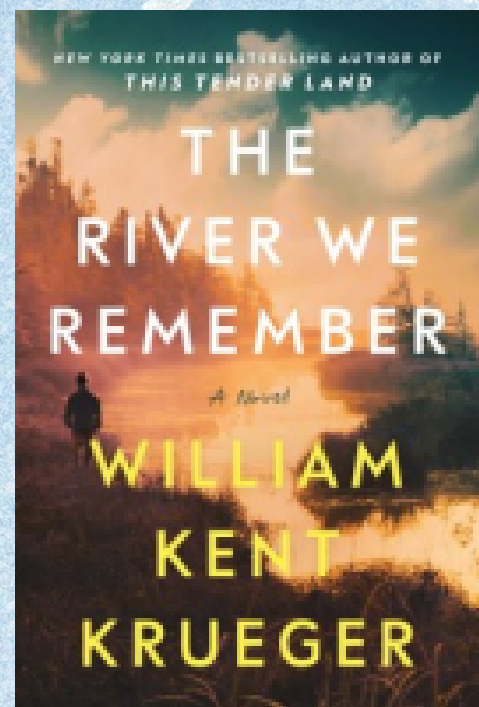
## The Falling Woman by Richard Farrell

A wild story of survival - one woman survives a midair explosion and must hold on to life as investigators seek her out. While not based on a true story, this book takes some inspiration from actual stories of extreme survival. A fascinating read!

## The River We Remember

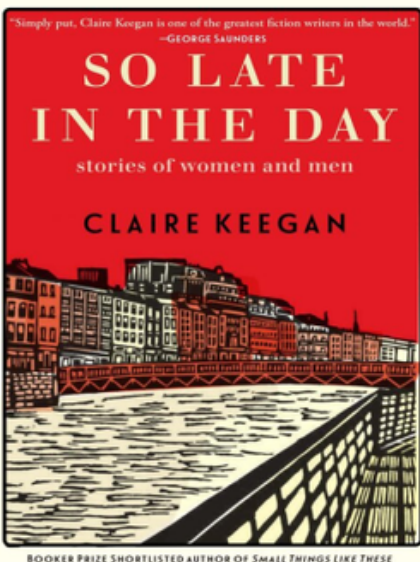
by William Kent Krueger

Another work of historical fiction - this one set in rural Minnesota in 1958. When the body of a wealthy land-owner is found floating in the river, fingers begin to point, particularly to a Native American veteran. Another vet, and now sheriff, seeks the truth while confronting his own war-time demons.



## So Late in the Day by Claire Keegan

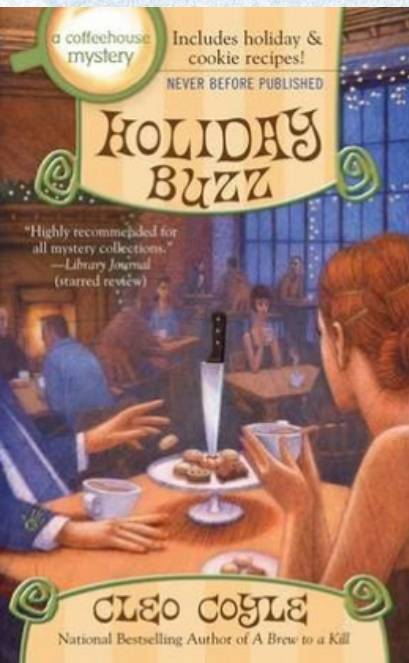
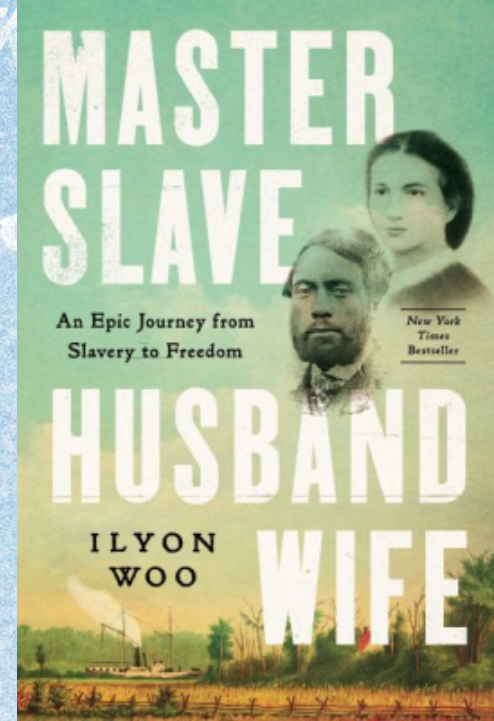
This book, subtitled "stories of women and men," is a compilation of three stories in which women and men interact, in less than satisfying ways. A man ponders his failed engagement; a middle-aged woman has an uncomfortable encounter with a stranger; a wife makes a poor choice with what was meant to be a meaningless fling. Heartbreaking, real and beautifully rendered.



# Master Slave Husband Wife

by Ilyon Woo

This work of nonfiction tells the story of Ellen and William Craft, who escaped slavery in 1848 when light-skinned Ellen disguised herself as a white man traveling with her slave. They traveled over 1000 miles this way, and then became heroes and celebrities of the abolitionist movement when their story became public.



## Cleo Coyle's Coffeehouse Mystery Series

A reader's husband sends along this recommendation - he found the first book in this series so delightful to read he immediately snapped up the second. You don't need to be a coffee lover to enjoy these cozy mysteries, but it sure doesn't hurt!

## Unraveling by Peggy Orenstein

The subtitle - "what I learned about life while shearing sheep, dyeing wool, and making the world's ugliest sweater" - really says it all! An epic tale that delves into the darker side of the fast fashion industry. Our reader particularly recommends the audiobook version. You will never look at a pair of jeans the same again.

