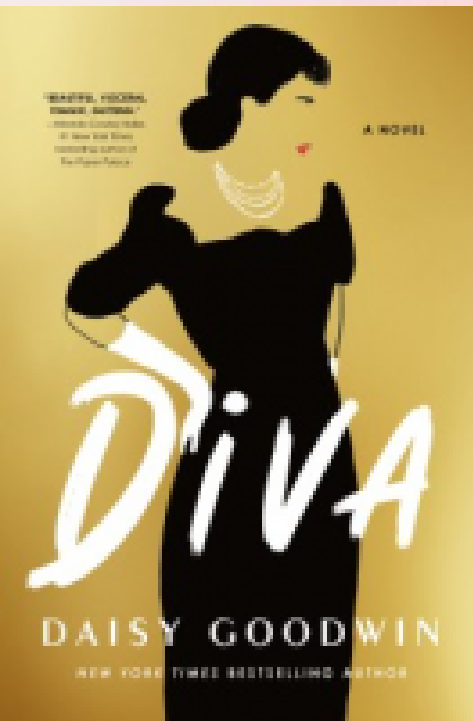


# No Pressure Book Group Book List

## February 2025

***The Waterbury Public Library's No Pressure Book Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 on Zoom, throughout the winter.***

***See the library website for more information!***

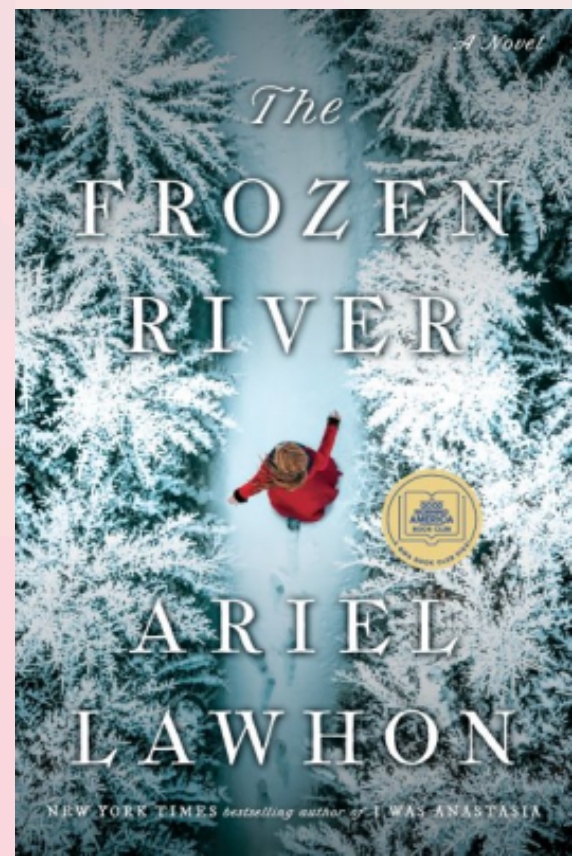


### Diva by Daisy Goodwin

Historical novel about Maria Callas, still the most celebrated opera singer of all time, and her love affair with Aristotle Onassis who would go on to marry former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy.

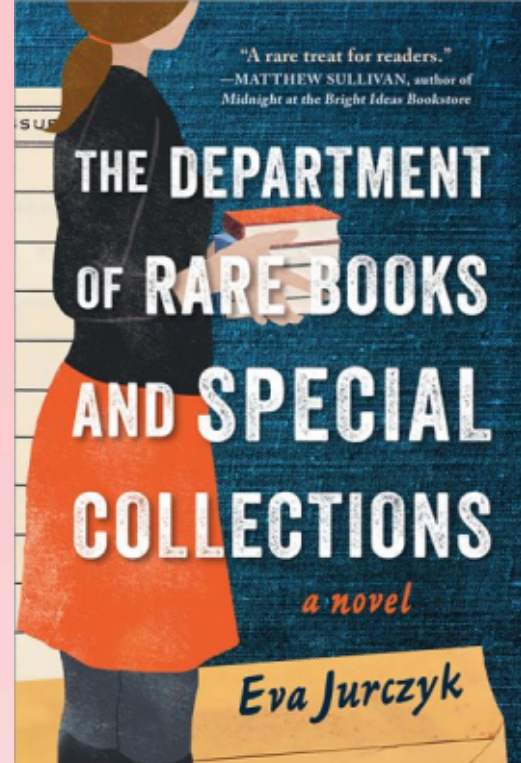
### The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

A No Pressure Book Group favorite returns again! The dramatic mystery of a man found dead in the ice in 1789 New England and the midwife who seeks the truth. An NPR Book of the Year.



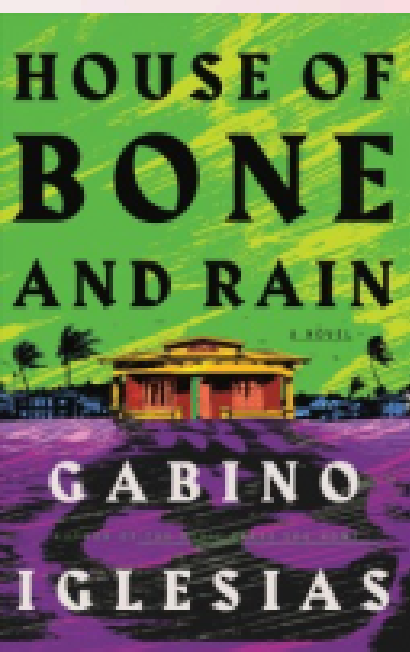
## The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections by Eva Jurczyk

A gentle mystery starring an unusual heroine - the middle-aged librarian who has to figure out what has become of a very rare volume in the wake of her library director's stroke. Book and library lovers will enjoy the characters and setting.



## House of Bone and Rain by Gabino Iglesias

When Bimbo's mother is killed in a drive-by shooting, his tight-knit circle of friends rally round to enact revenge. Unfortunately, they find that the forces they are fighting are more powerful than they could imagine. A horror story about friendship set in Puerto Rico during a hurricane.

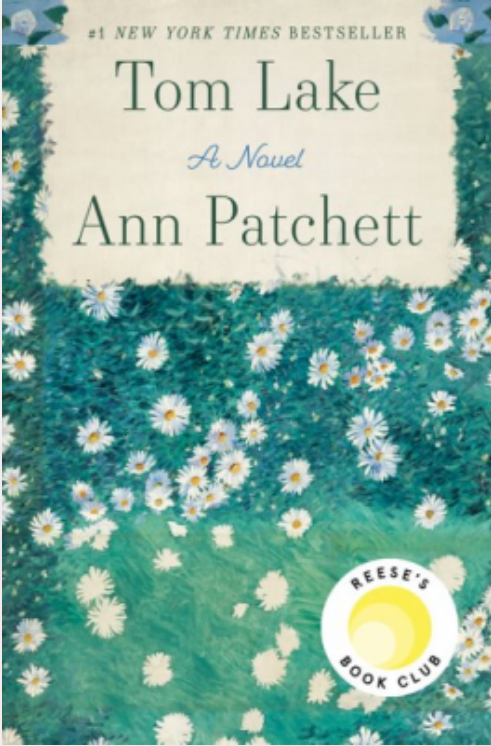


## Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Linda See

An NPBG repeat! The story of a woman physician in 15th century China. An examination of the struggles of a woman to break free of the tradition that binds her, and the strength and value of female friendship.





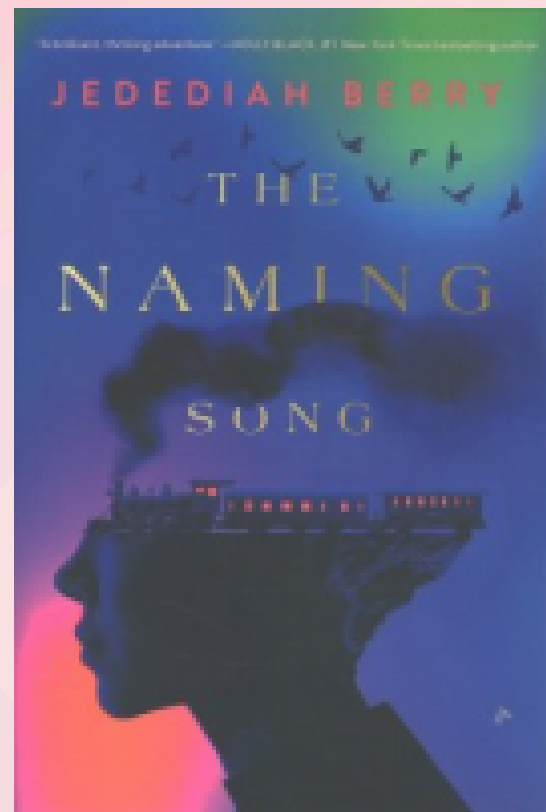


## Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

Another NPBG repeat! A pandemic-era novel in which a woman recounts her romance with a now famous actor to her daughters. A contemplation on love through the years of one's life. Set in Michigan during cherry-picking season.

## The Naming Song by Jedidiah Berry

A complex dystopian story about a world in which all the names have been lost, along with the meaning that comes with being named. You'll meet ghosts, monsters, actors, bureaucrats and so much more in this remarkably creative novel.



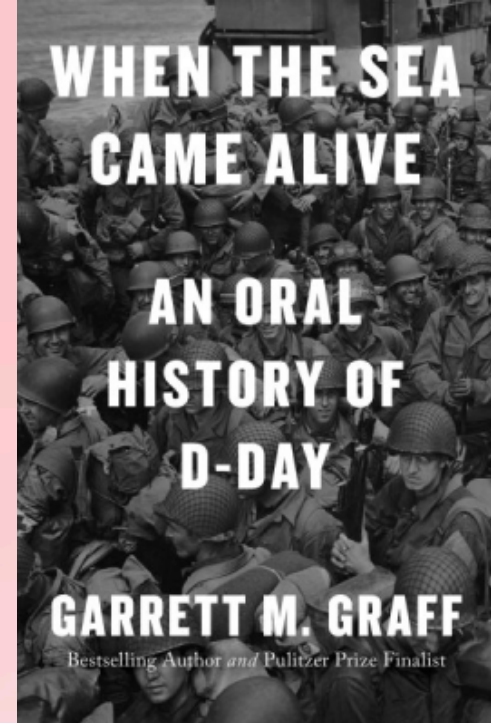
## The Women of Chateau Lafayette by Stephanie Dray

Many women graced the hall of the elegant castle throughout the years. Spanning the 18th century construction of the castle through Nazi occupation, women fight, survive and grow within its walls.

# When the Sea Came Alive

by **Garrett M. Graff**

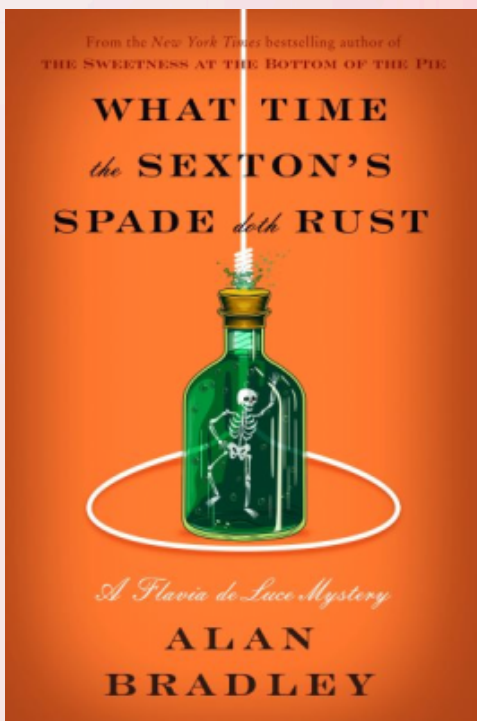
Vermont native Graff presents an exhaustive and gripping oral history of D-Day through the accounts of hundreds of eyewitnesses. A powerful, dramatic and page-turning work of nonfiction.



# What Time the Sexton's Spade doth Rust

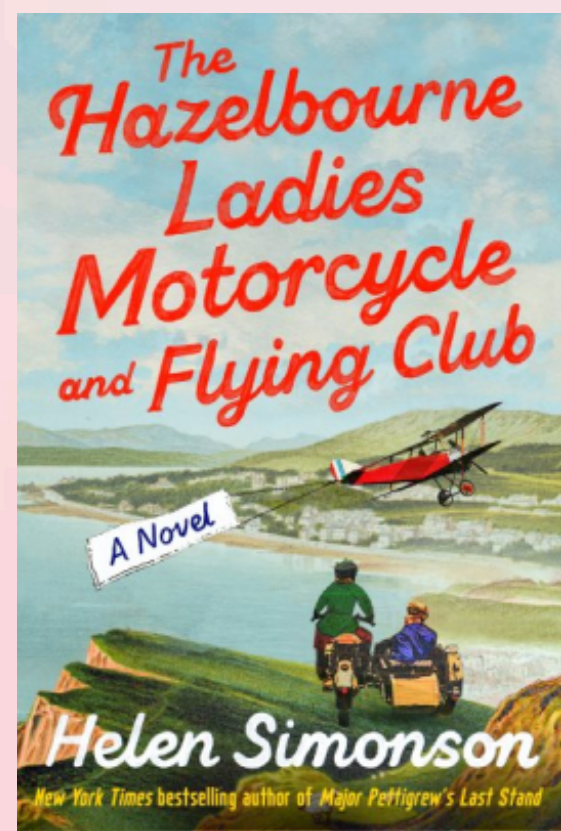
by **Alan Bradley**

The latest in the long-running Flavia de Luce mystery series. Flavia has her work cut out for her when her beloved house-keeper is accused of poisoning the local retired hangman. A rollicking and sometimes poignant adventure.



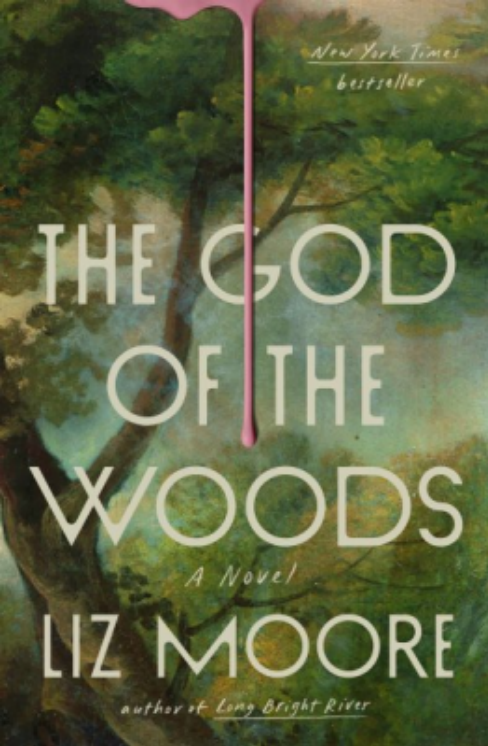
# The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club by **Helen Simonson**

Fun stories with long titles is a current trend we are loving! This work of historical fiction follows women post-WWI, losing the freedoms they gained while their men were at war and finding new ways to explore and expand their worlds.





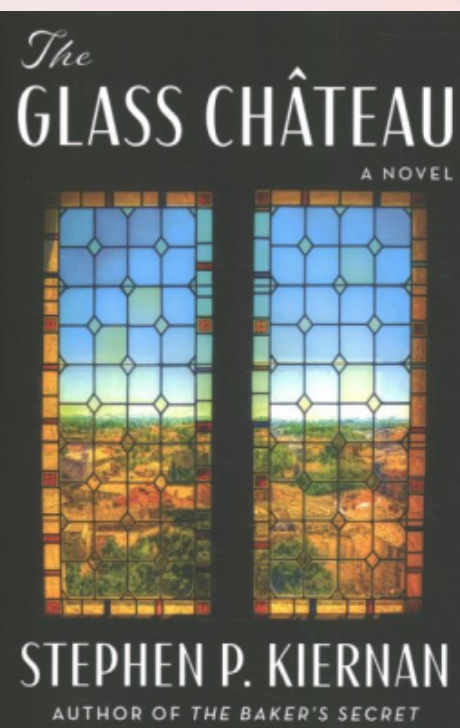
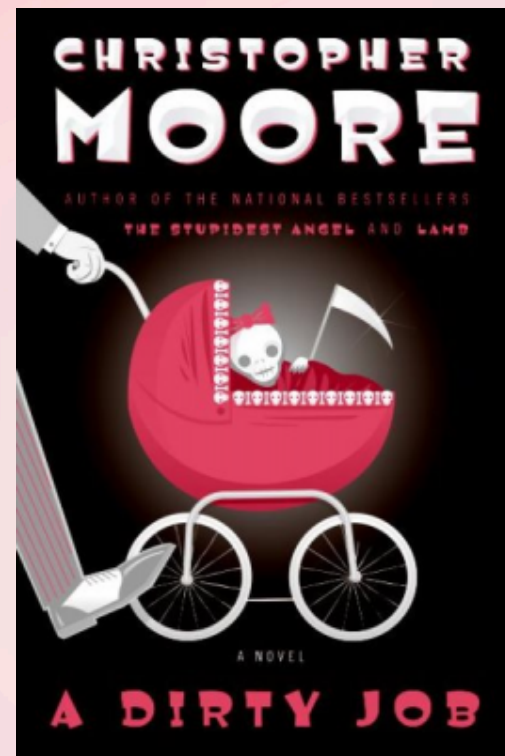
## The God of the Woods by Liz Moore



I know, I know - we just had this one last month! But this summer hit just keeps going. An absolutely page-turning historical fiction mystery about mysterious disappearances in the Adirondack Mountains and the complicated families around them.

## A Dirty Job by Christopher Moore

The popular humor writers serves up an absurdist novel about a man who is surprised to find himself stepping into a grim reaper role - a fun romp!



## The Glass Chateau

by **Stephen P. Kiernan**

Lots of historical fiction this month! The Vermont author explores stories of recovery and redemption through the eyes of a former Resistance assassin who finds healing in the work of stained glass making and repairing what was lost in the war.