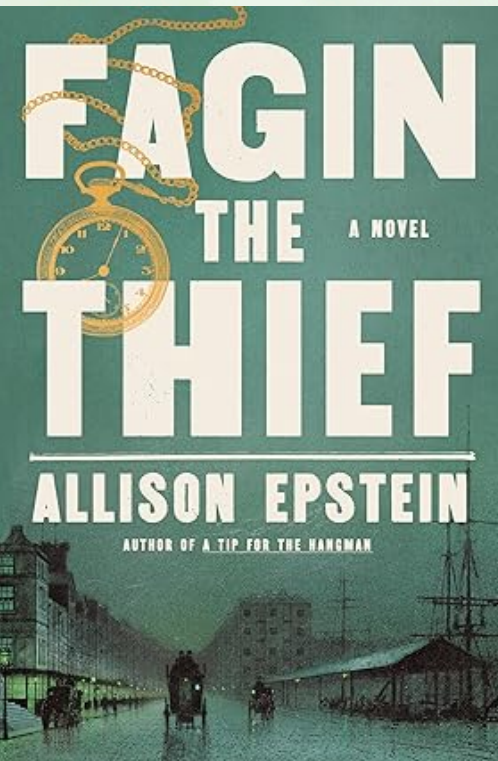


No Pressure Book Group Book List

March 2025

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



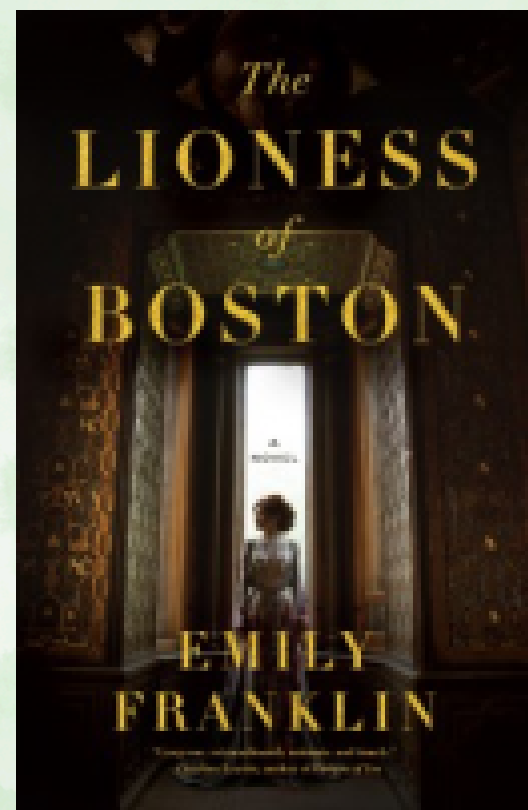
Fagin the Thief by Allison Epstein

Epstein imagines the life of beloved Dickens character Jacob Fagin. From his boyhood learning the ins and outs of pickpocketing, to his growth into the expert thief we know from *Oliver Twist*. A fun take on a familiar character.

The Lioness of Boston

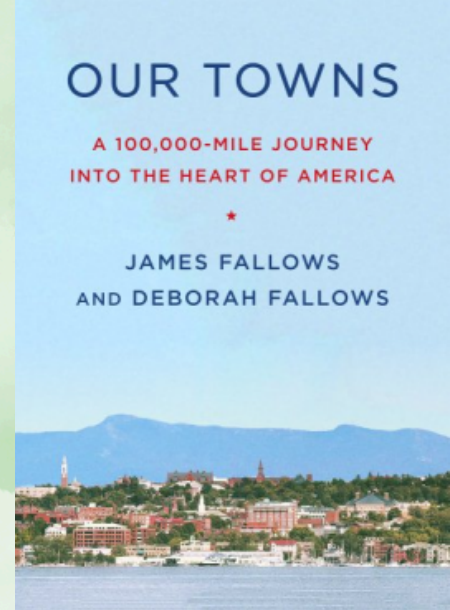
by Emily Franklin

We know Isabella Stewart Gardner's name today due to the spectacular art collection housed in her former home. This novel imagines her rise in Boston society, how she developed her keen eye for art, and eventually became the first woman to open a museum in the United States.



Our Towns by James M. Fallows

James and Deborah spent five years traveling the country in their single engine plane, visiting towns of all sorts throughout the country. They make a stop in Burlington, VT!



Witchcraft for Wayward Girls

by Grady Hendrix

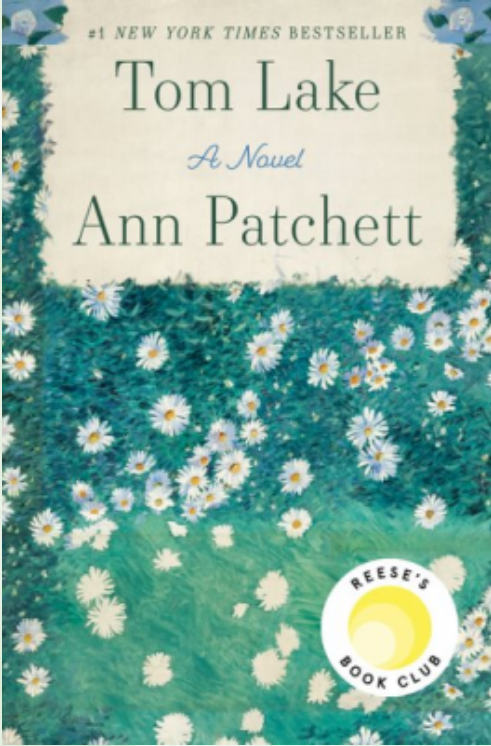
When an unmarried teen girl gets pregnant in 1970, she is shipped off to a home to give birth and adopt out her baby in secret. Here she makes important friendships, finds her strength and autonomy and, yes, fights an evil witch.



We Solve Murders by Richard Osman

Retired cop, Steve, and his tough private security daughter-in-law, Amy, join forces to, yes, solve a murder! And protect sassy best-selling author, Rosie. Other fun characters join along the way for this jet-setting adventure, launching a new series.



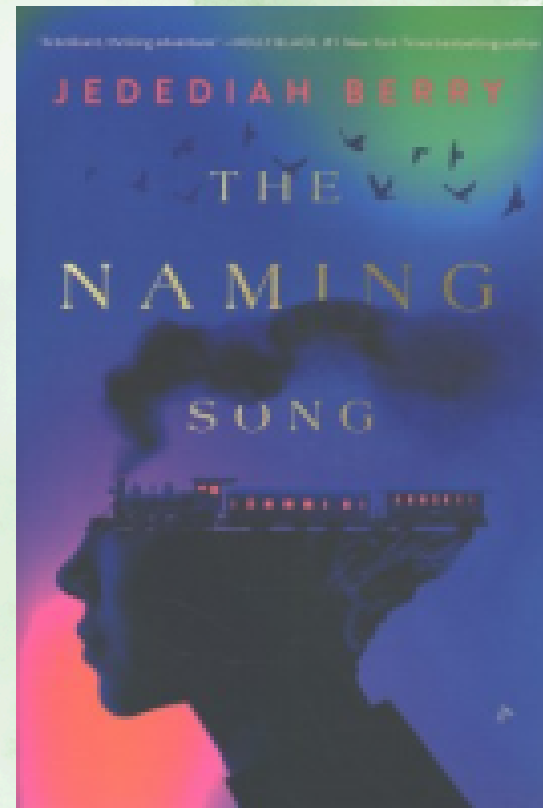


Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

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.

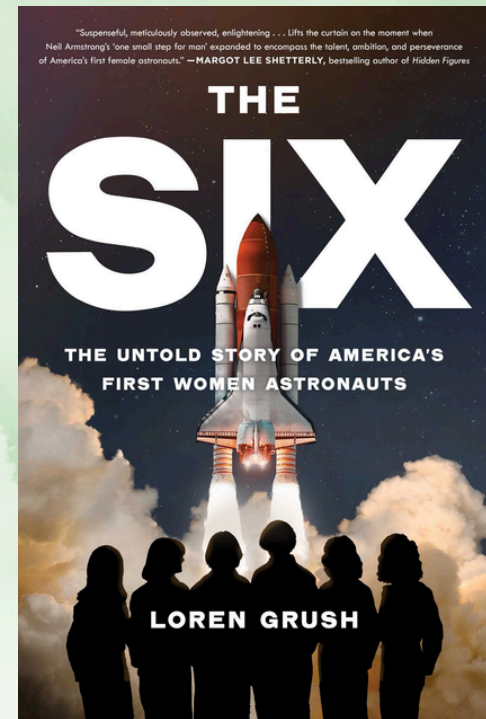


The Women of Chateau Lafayette by Stephanie Dray

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.

The Six by Loren Grush

Subtitled “The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts,” this is the fascinating and fun story of the first women to go to space - and the (sometimes quite funny) challenges of navigating this male-dominated career.



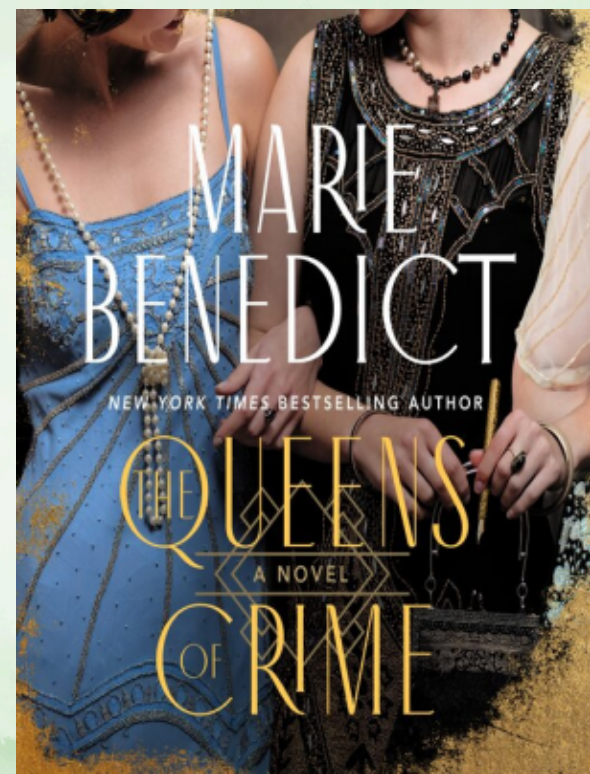
When the Ice is Gone by Paul Bierman

Geologist Bierman and his team researched glacier samples and discovered that the Greenland Ice Sheet had melted before, 400,000 years ago. An eye-opening and sobering exploration of climate change.



The Queens of Crime by Marie Benedict

This fun mystery set in 1930 imagines the five greatest women writers of crime fiction banding together to solve a real-life mystery. Inspired by a true story in the life of novelist Dorothy Sayers, this story explores the lives of women writers in a male-dominated field (and world).





The One-in-a-Million Boy

by **Monica Wood**

An unlikely friendship forms between 104-year-old Ona and the 11-year-old boy who comes to her house weekly to help around the yard. One day, the boy's father appears in his place, taking on the tasks the boy once did. A touching story of loss and love.

All the Water in the World

by **Eiren Caffall**

In the not-too-distant future a small community has survived on the roof of the Museum of Natural History as the water rises around them. When a massive storm surge causes them to flee they're forced to face the difficult realities of a post-climate change world.



The Magnolia Palace

by **Fiona Davis**

Another story of women in the world of art museums! Set in the Gilded Age mansion that houses the Frick collection, this novel follows two timelines - the story of a celebrated art model in 1920s New York and a 1970s fashion model exploring a mystery in the same majestic building. A page-turner!

