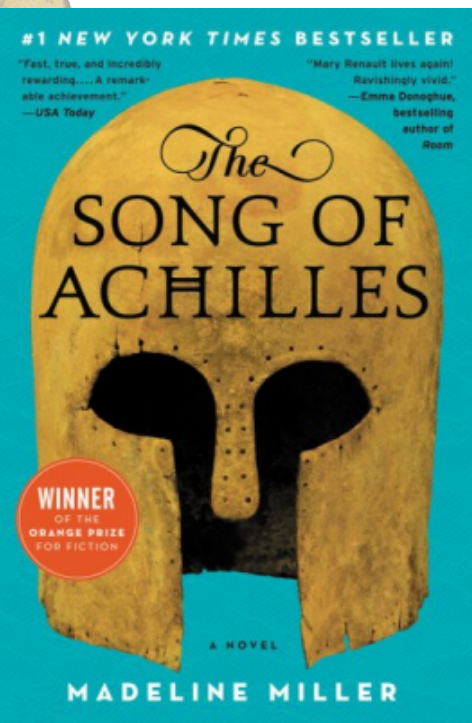


No Pressure Book Group Book List

November 2024

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!



The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller

Miller is becoming an NPBG favorite! This retelling of *The Iliad* is a page-turner. A unique and action-packed take on the Trojan War. Time travel back to ancient Greece!

The Year of Living Constitutionally

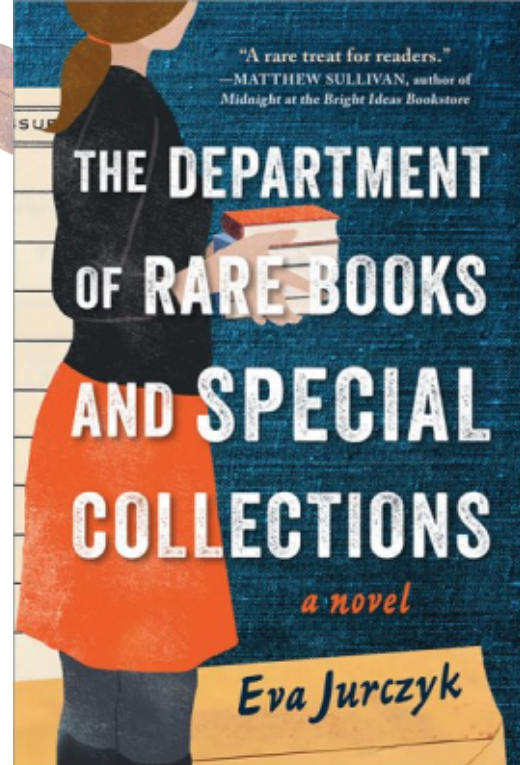
by A.J. Jacobs

A timely political read by the author of *The Year of Living Biblically*. What happens when you follow the constitution's guidance as strictly as possible? Jacob exposes the challenges of following too literally an over 200 year old document.



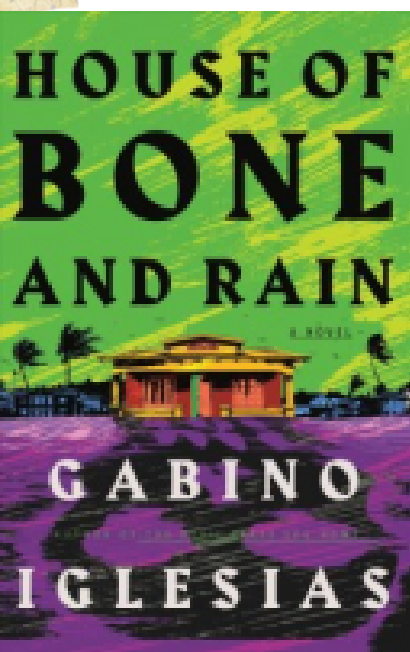
The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections by Eva Jurczyk

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

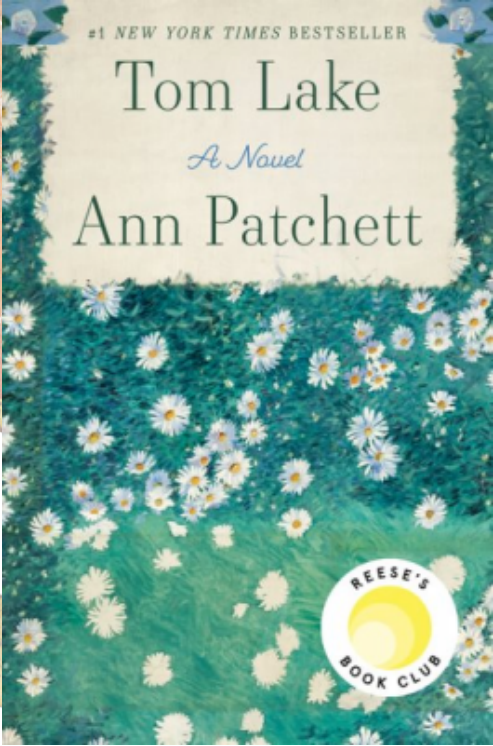
When Bimbo's mother is killed in a drive-by shooting, his tight-knit circle of friends rally round to enact revenge. Unfortunately, they find that the forces they are fighting are more powerful than they could imagine. A horror story about friendship set in Puerto Rico during a hurricane.



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.



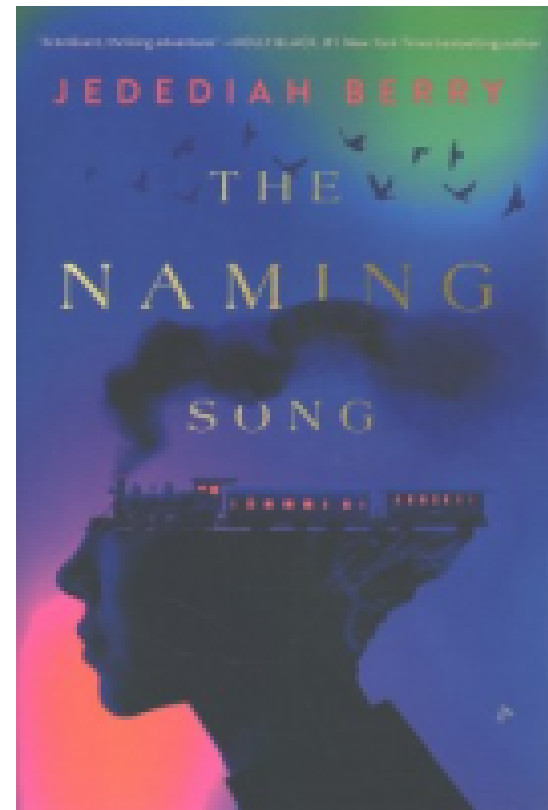


Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

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.

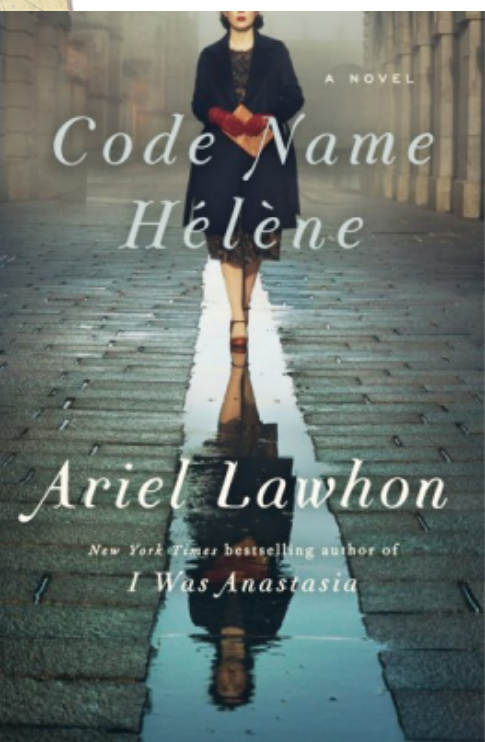
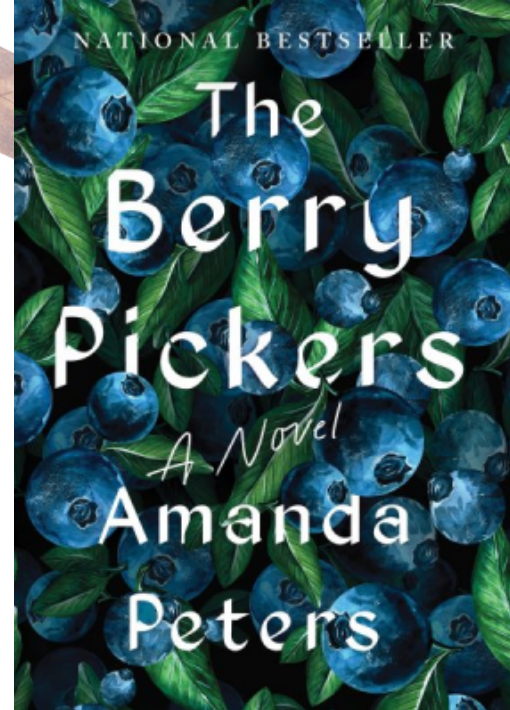


The Women of Chateau Lafayette by Stephanie Dray

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.

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

When NPBG readers take each other's suggestions, we see repeats on this list! Here's another favorite - a 4 year old Mi'kmaq girl disappears from a blueberry field in Maine. Norma grows up a member of a wealthy white family haunted by dreams of a past she can't remember. Will she put the pieces together and solve the mystery of her origins?

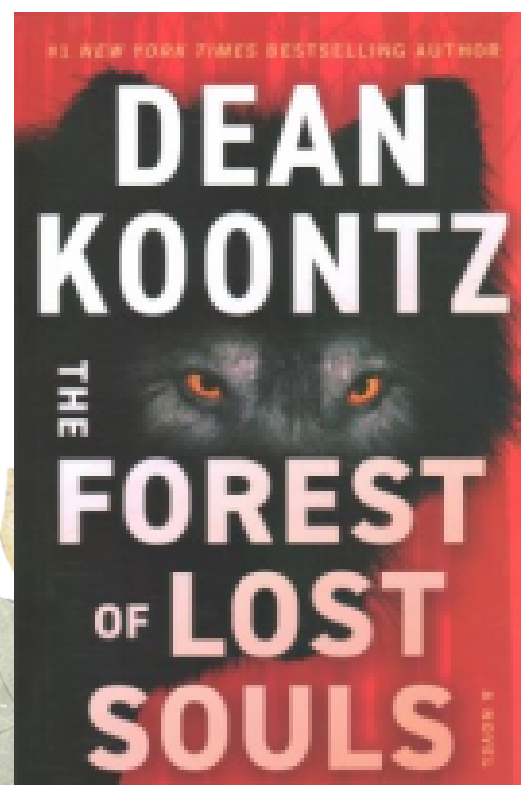


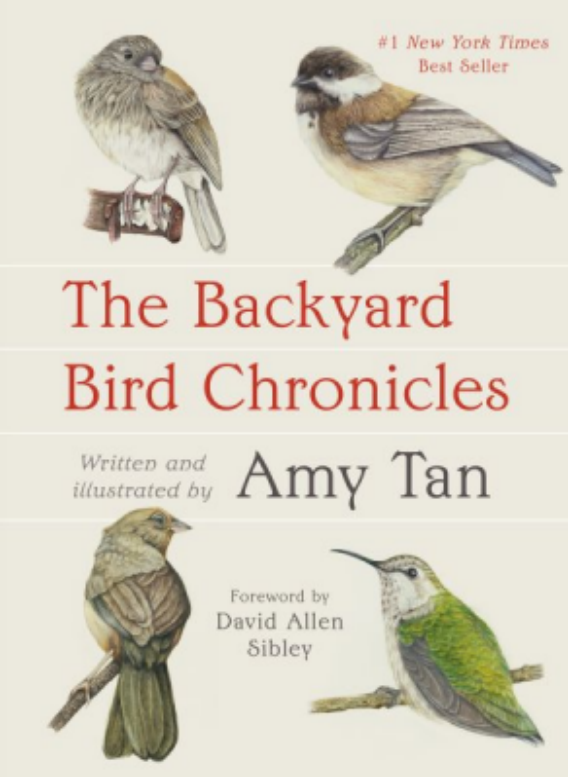
Code Name Helene by Ariel Lawhon

This novel imagines the story of the real-life Nancy Wake, socialite turned spy during WWII. Follow Nancy's remarkable story from expat Australian reporter in France to fearless leader of the French Resistance.

The Forest of Lost Souls by Dean Koontz

A story of the struggle between good and evil. Vida is raised somewhat wild in the wilderness. When a local hero dies in a tragic accident, the powerful men of the town come hunting.





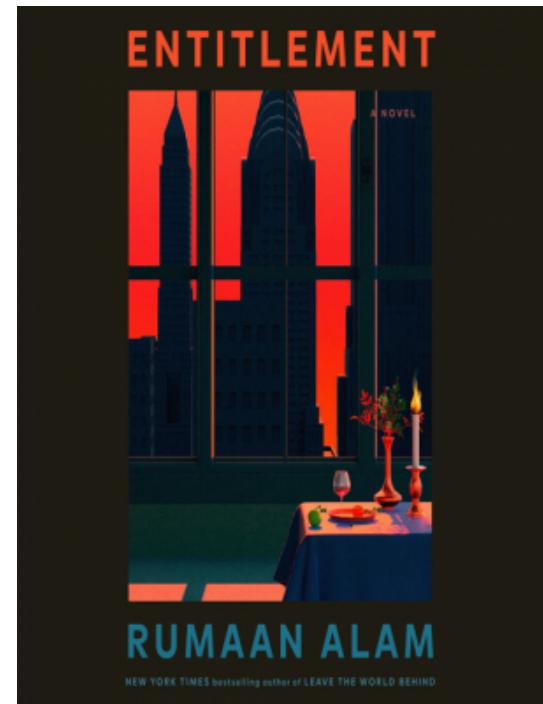
The Backyard Bird Chronicles

by Amy Tan

Celebrated novelist Amy Tan developed a passion for bird-watching during the pandemic lockdown - this lovely book is the result. Illustrated by Tan herself, you'll be reminded to pay attention to the beauty in nature all around us.

Entitlement by Rumaan Alam

Brooke is in her thirties, Black and floundering. She finds some meaning in her work with a wealthy, elderly white man's philanthropic foundation. But soon finds her proximity and access to all that wealth and privilege comes with its own challenges.



Eruption by Michael Crichton and James Patterson

Patterson was selected to complete the partial manuscript Crichton left behind after his death and this book is the result. What happens when science and military might meet as the world prepares for the eruption of a massive volcano in Hawaii.

