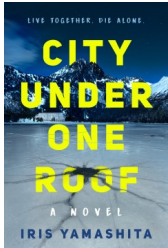


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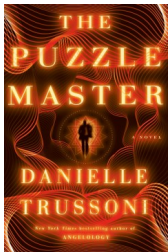
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This book club for adults focuses on genre fiction such as mystery, science fiction, fantasy and romance. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month. Stop at the front desk to pick up current selection.



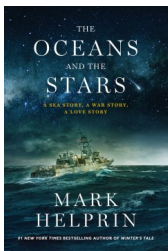
January 8: *City Under One Roof* by Iris Yamashita (*mystery*)

After a local teen discovers a severed hand and foot washed up on the shore, Detective Cara Kennedy investigates a murder in a small Alaskan town, teaming up with a town police officer as bad weather approaches.



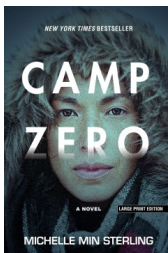
February 5: *The Puzzle Master* by Danielle Trussoni (*thriller*)

A celebrated and ingenious puzzle constructor, Mike Brink, finds his world upended by Jess Price, a woman serving 30 years in prison for murder who draws a perplexing puzzle believed to explain the crime she committed. Mike, obsessed with solving it, discovers there are powerful forces at work he cannot escape.



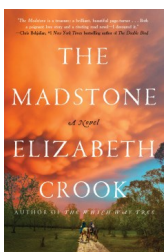
March 4: *The Oceans and the Stars* by Mark Helprin (*historical fiction*)

When the president of the United States attempts to humiliate him by assigning him to the doomed warship Athena, Navy captain Stephen Rensselaer, while exploring a last-chance romance with a brilliant lawyer, is deployed on a mission that subjects his integrity, morality and skill to the ultimate test.



April 1: *Camp Zero* by Michelle Min Sterling (*fiction*)

In the far north of Canada, a team led by an American architect is building a new community—and maybe a new way of life. A young woman is offered a chance to join the Blooms, a group meant to service the men in camp. In return, she'll receive a home for her displaced Korean immigrant mother and herself. Upon arrival at Camp Zero, she is named Rose. Rose quickly secures the trust of her target, but in the camp, everyone has an agenda, and her alliances begin to shift.



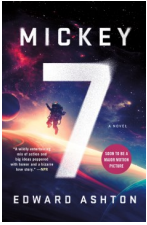
May 6: *The Madstone* by Elizabeth Crook (*western*)

Texas, 1868. As nineteen-year-old Benjamin Shreve tends to business in his workshop, he witnesses a stagecoach strand a passenger. When the man, a treasure hunter, persuades Benjamin to help track down the vanished coach—and a mysterious fortune left aboard—Benjamin is drawn into a drama whose scope he could never have imagined.



June 3: **Witch of Wild Things** by Raquel Vasquez Gilliland (*romance*)

When new feelings for her partner in botany sleuthing take root, Sage Flores, using her ability to communicate with plants to locate rare species, doesn't have time for romance, especially with a dead sister who brings her coffee and another sister whose anger fills the sky with lightning.



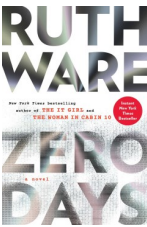
July 1: **Mickey7** by Edward Ashton (*science fiction*)

Mickey7 is an Expendable—a disposable employee on a human expedition. Whenever a mission is too dangerous—even suicidal—the crew turns to Mickey. After one iteration dies, a new body is regenerated with most memories intact. Then, Mickey7 goes missing and is presumed dead. By the time it returns to the colony base, there's a new clone, Mickey8, reporting for duty.



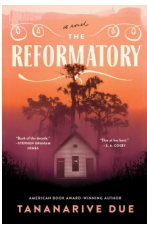
August 5: **Lovely War** by Julie Berry (*young adult*)

When immortals Ares and Aphrodite are caught in a World War II-era tryst by the latter's jealous husband, she defends her actions by imparting the tale of four young humans who became connected during World War I.



September 9: **Zero Days** by Ruth Ware (*mystery*)

When a routine assignment goes horribly wrong resulting in her husband's murder, penetration specialist Jack, now the #1 suspect, goes on the run, deciding who she can trust as she races against time to clear her name and find the real killer.



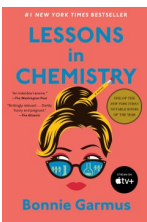
October 7: **The Reformatory** by Tananarive Due (*horror*)

In the Jim Crow South, 12-year-old Robbie Stephens Jr., who can see ghosts, is sent to *The Reformatory* where boys are forced to work to remediate their so-called crimes. Several boys have gone missing. And Robbie's sister rallies everyone in Florida to get him out before he's next.



November 4: **Fourth Wing** by Rebecca Yarros (*fantasy*)

Supposed to enter the Scribe Quadrant to live a quiet life among books and history, Violet Sorrengail has been instead ordered by the commanding general—a.k.a. her mother—to join the candidates striving to become elite dragon riders. But when you're small and your body is brittle, death is close...because dragons don't bond to "fragile" humans. They incinerate them.



December 2: **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmus (*fiction*)

In the early 1960s, chemist and single mother Elizabeth Zott, the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show due to her revolutionary skills in the kitchen, uses this opportunity to dare women to change the status quo.