
Kennebecasis Public Library – Book Club Program

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Please let Kirstin know which book(s) are selected so she can contact Madaline to reserve the book(s) the club wants to read next.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 1:30PM.

Take Your Breath Away, by Linwood Barclay

About the Author: Linwood Barclay, a New York Times bestselling author with twenty novels to his credit, spent three decades in newspapers before turning full time to writing thrillers. His books have been translated into more than two dozen languages, sold millions of copies, and he counts Stephen King among his fans. Many of his books have been optioned for film and TV, a series has been made in France, and he wrote the screenplay for the film based on his novel Never Saw it Coming. Born in the US, his parents moved to Canada just as he was turning four, and he's lived there ever since. He lives near Toronto with his wife, Neetha. They have two grown children.

A) Here are 10 discussion questions to help kick-off discussion. Members can take turns reading the question aloud.

1. What do you think of the book's title? How does it relate to the book's contents? What other title might you choose?
2. Which twist surprised you the most? Why did this surprise you?
3. Share a favorite quote from the book. Why did this quote stand out?
4. If you could ask the author anything, what would it be?
5. How did your opinion of the book change as you read it?
6. Did the book spook you, or get under your skin, in any way?
7. Are there plot points the book didn't address?
8. Did you guess the ending? If so, at what point?

9. How did you feel about the ending? How might you change it?

10. Would you read another book by the author? Why or why not?

B) Book questions and discussion from Book Club Members.

C) Discussion and choosing of the next book to read (by popular vote).

Here are some of the more popular books with availability from the Public Library:



Title: Dreamland

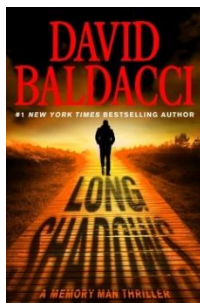
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Abstract: Colby Mills once felt destined for a musical career, until tragedy grounded his aspirations. Now the head of a small family farm in North Carolina, he spontaneously takes a gig playing at a bar in St. Pete's Beach, Florida, seeking a rare break from his duties at home. But when he meets Morgan Lee, his world is turned upside-

down, making him wonder if the responsibilities he has shouldered need dictate his life forever. The daughter of affluent Chicago doctors, Morgan has graduated from a prestigious college music program with the ambition to move to Nashville and become a star. Romantically and musically, she and Colby complete each other in a way that neither has ever known. While they are falling headlong in love, Beverly is on a heart-pounding journey of another kind. Fleeing an abusive husband with her six-year-old son, she is trying to piece together a life for them in a small town far off the beaten track.

Author: Nicholas Sparks

Call Number: F GRI



Title: Long Shadows

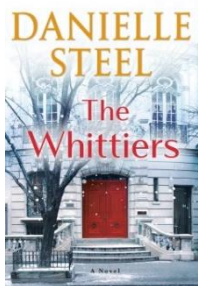
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Abstract: Amos Decker is called to South Florida to investigate a double homicide: a federal judge and her bodyguard. The judge had many enemies, but the bodyguard adds presents conundrums.

Meanwhile, Decker must contend with a new partner-- Special Agent Frederica "Freddie" White-- and an event that brings Decker's own tragic past to the present.

Author: David Baldacci

Call Number: F BAL



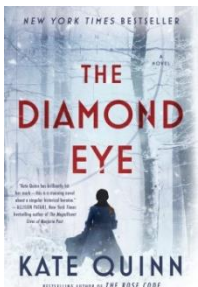
Title: The Whittiers

Author: Danielle Steel

Pages: 261

Call Number: F STE

Abstract: Preston and Constance Whittier have built a happy life together, with a brood of six children raised in a beautiful historic Manhattan mansion. Now, with a nearly empty nest, it's easier than ever for the Whittiers to maintain their tradition of a solo romantic "Wintermoon" ski trip. But with this year's trip comes tragedy, and suddenly the Whittier's adult children find themselves reuniting in the family home without their parents for the first time ever. The oldest, Lyle, is reaching a breaking point in his marriage and must decide whether a divorce would be best for him and his two children. Gloria's big job on Wall Street has kept her single at thirty-nine, and growing ever more cynical. The twins, Caroline and Charlie, moved out long ago to start a fashion business that may now be faltering. Benjie, with special needs, is hit hard by the loss of his parents and needs his siblings help. And Annabelle, the youngest, drops out of college and starts to spin out of control. The eldest four are forced to put aside their personal issues and their grief to keep the family together and support each other and their two youngest siblings. Selling the house, along with all the memories that live in its walls, feels like yet another devastating loss. Could there be another way, as unconventional as it seems?



Title: The Diamond Eye

Author: Kate Quinn

Pages: 435

Call Number: F QUI

Abstract: In 1937 in the snowbound city of Kiev (now known as Kyiv), wry and bookish history student Mila Pavlichenko organizes her life around her library job and her young son--but Hitler's invasion of Ukraine and Russia sends her on a different path. Given a rifle and sent to join the fight, Mila must forge herself from studious girl to deadly sniper--a lethal hunter of Nazis known as Lady Death. When news of her three hundredth kill makes her a national heroine, Mila finds herself torn from the bloody battlefields of the eastern front and sent to America on a goodwill tour. Still reeling from war wounds and devastated by loss, Mila finds herself isolated and lonely in the glittering world of Washington, DC--until an unexpected friendship with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and an even more unexpected connection with a silent fellow sniper offer the possibility of happiness. But when an old enemy from Mila's past joins forces with a deadly new foe lurking in the shadows, Lady Death finds herself battling her own demons and enemy bullets in the deadliest duel of her life.