

BOOK CLUB #1 2022

Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 4:00.
Please return books by the day of the book discussion.

- January 27 **Mrs Lincoln's Dressmaker** by Jennifer Chiaverini *Historical Fiction*
Presents a fictionalized account of the friendship between Mary Todd Lincoln and her dressmaker Elizabeth Keckley, a former slave.
- February 24 **American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummins *Immigrants*
A bookstore manager is forced to flee Mexico and finds her family among thousands of migrants seeking hope in America.
- March 24** **The Island Of Sea Women** by Lisa See *Cultural Heritage*
While working as divers with the all-female diving collective on a small Korean island, Mi-ja and Young-sook find their friendship challenged by their differences and forces outside their control.
- April 28 **The Last Flight** by Julie Clark *Suspense*
Working for months on a plan to escape her secretly violent husband, Claire impulsively swaps airline tickets with a stranger also on the run before a fateful accident compels her to assume the other's identity.
- May 26 **Hurricane Season** by Lauren Denton *Christian Romance*
Having long since given up on their desire for children, dairy farmers Betsy and Ty Franklin take in Betsy's sister Jenna's two young daughters while Jenna pursues her photography at a retreat and wonders if she can make room for her art in her life.
- June 23** **Have You Seen Luis Velez?** by Catherine Ryan Hyde *City Life, Friendship*
Two strangers—one a lonely boy and the other a Holocaust survivor—develop an unlikely friendship while trying to track down the survivor's missing caretaker.
- July 28 **Last Garden in England** by Julia Kelly *Historical Fiction*
Given the opportunity of a lifetime to restore an designer's famed historic gardens, Emma uncovers long-hidden secrets about her role model and three women who lived on the property during World War II
- August 25 **The Survivors** by Jane Harper *Mystery*
Haunted by guilt for a reckless and consequential mistake in his youth, Kieran returns to his coastal hometown and his struggling fishing-industry parents, before the discovery of a body on the beach reveals long-held secrets.
- September 22** **Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict *Historical, African-American Women*
Hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library, Belle de Costa Greene becomes one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she keeps. *Biographical Fiction*
- October 27 **Underground Railroad** by Colson Whitehead *Black & African American Historical Fiction*
Two escaped slaves seek the help of the Underground Railroad as they flee from state to state and try to evade a slave catcher, Ridgeway, who is determined to return them to the South.
- November 17** **The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family** by Ron & Clint Howard *Autobiography*
It's the journey of two brothers who survived "child-actor syndrome" to become fulfilled adults. For Ron, playing Opie on *The Andy Griffith Show* and Richie Cunningham on *Happy Days* offered fame, joy, and opportunity—but also invited stress and bullying. For Clint, a fast start on such programs as *Gentle Ben* and *Star Trek* petered out in adolescence, with some tough consequences and lessons.
- December 15** **Christmas Bells** by Jennifer Chiaverini
A holiday tale inspired by Longfellow's classic poem follows the experiences of a dedicated Boston teacher who, in the face of a somber season, finds inspiration and renewal at the church where she volunteers.

**Could be a confusing date.