

# BOOK CLUB #1 2026

\*\* Look closely at the date, may not be the 4th Thursday.

\*\* Meet at 3:30 in January, November, & December. Normal meeting time is 4:00 pm.

\*\* January 22 **Isola** by Allegra Goodman

*France 1531, Historical*

A French noblewoman is destined for a life of prosperity and gentility. Then she is orphaned, and her guardian spends her inheritance and insists she accompany him on an expedition to New France. A tale of struggle, strength, and survival that has its roots in true history.

February 26 **Children's Blizzard** by Melanie Benjamin

*Blizzards, Immigrants, Historical*

A story of courage on the prairie, inspired by the devastating storm that struck the Great Plains in 1888, threatening the lives of hundreds of immigrant homesteaders, especially schoolchildren.

March 26 **James** by Percival Everett

*Humorous, Race, Adventure*

A brilliant, action-packed reimagining of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.

\*\* April 23 **Roaring Days of Zora Lily** by Noelle Salazar

*Costume Design, Jazz Age, Smithsonian*

While preparing The Hollywood Glamour Exhibition at the Smithsonian, costume conservator Sylvia Early discovers another name beneath a label and unearths the story of Zora Hough, a talented young seamstress who left her poverty-stricken life in 1924 Jazz-Age Seattle behind to realize her dreams of becoming a designer.

May 28 **My Friends** by Fredrik Backman

*Humorous, Friendship*

An unforgettably funny, deeply moving tale of four teenagers whose friendship creates a bond so powerful that it changes a complete stranger's life twenty-five years later.

June 25 **Miss Morgan's Book Brigade** by Janet Skeslien Charles

*Women's Lib, WWI, France*

Women help rebuild devastated French communities just miles from the front and turn ambulances into bookmobiles. Based on the extraordinary little-known history of the women who received the Croix de Guerre medal for courage under fire

\*\* July 23 **Funny Story** by Emily Henry

*Women Librarians, Roommates*

Daphne always loved the way her fiancé Peter told their story. How they met, fell in love, and moved back to his lakeside hometown to begin their life together. He really was good at telling it...right up until the moment he realized he was actually in love with his childhood best friend Petra.

August 27 **Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club** by Helen Simonson *Women's Friendship*

In 1919, Constance joins a progressive women's motorcycle club at a seaside hotel while seeking new prospects, finding romance and confronting post-war gender role restrictions.

September 24 **The Library of Lost Dollhouses** by Elise Hooper

*Women Librarians, Secrecy*

When a young librarian discovers hidden historic dollhouses in her library, she embarks on an unexpected journey that reveals surprising secrets about the lost miniatures.

\*\* October 22 **The Blue Hour** by Paula Hawkins

*Thriller*

A woman living alone on an island with a dark past is confronted with her secrets when a visitor arrives.

\*\* November 19 **Book Club for Troublesome Women** by Marie Bostwick

*Bookclubs, 1960's*

Suburban housewives in 1960s Virginia form a secret book club that sparks feminist awakenings and lasting friendships.

\*\* December 10 **Christmas by the Book** by Anne Marie Ryan

*Holiday, Bookstore*

In small-town England, two booksellers facing tough times decide to spread some Christmas cheer through the magic of anonymous book deliveries in this uplifting holiday tale for book lovers everywhere