



Briarcliff Manor Public Library LUNCHTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Books That Will Keep You Reading:
Brown Bag Lunch Book Group

Winter 2022

Enjoy your lunch and join us at our popular Brown Bag Lunch Book Discussion group. You may join the group at any time. Pick up books for the sessions at the library one month in advance or download them from the library through Overdrive/Libby. Discussions are led by library staff Shelley Glick and Lorraine Isaac. As of now, we expect that discussions will be held virtually via Zoom but this is subject to change. **Tuesdays at 12:30-2:00 pm: January 18, February 15 and March 22.**

***The End of the Day* by Bill Clegg**

Tuesday, January 18; 12:30-2:00 pm.

"A retired widow in rural Connecticut wakes to an unexpected visit from her childhood best friend whom she hasn't seen in forty-nine years. An older man who has traveled from Manhattan to meet his newborn granddaughter collapses in a hotel lobby in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A sixty-seven-year-old taxi driver in Kauai receives a phone call from the mainland that jars her back to a traumatic past. Seemingly disconnected lives come together as half-century old secrets begin to surface in Bill Clegg's second novel."

***The Paris Library* by Janet Charles Skeslien**

Tuesday, February 15; 12:30-2:00 pm.

"Paris, 1939. Young, ambitious, and tempestuous, Odile Souchet has it all: Paul, her handsome police officer beau; Margaret, her best friend from England; her adored twin brother Remy; and a dream job at the American Library in Paris....But when World War II breaks out, Odile stands to lose everything she holds dear - including her beloved library. Montana, 1983. Odile's solitary existence in gossipy small-town Montana is unexpectedly interrupted by Lily, her neighbor, a lonely teenager longing for adventure. As Lily uncovers more about Odile's mysterious past, they find they share a love of language, the same longings, the same lethal jealousy. Odile helps Lily navigate the troubled waters of adolescence by always recommending just the right book at the right time, never suspecting that Lily will be the one to help her reckon with her own terrible secret."

***Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce**

Tuesday, March 22; 12:30-2:00 pm.

"It is 1950. London is still reeling from World War II, and Margery Benson--a sensible schoolmarm and lonely spinster--is just trying to get through life. But one day, she reaches her breaking point, abandoning her job and her tidy, circumscribed life, to set out on an expedition to the other side of the world in search of an insect that may or may not exist: the golden beetle of New Caledonia, Margery's childhood obsession ever since her father gave her a book on cryptozoology right before he killed himself. The assistant Margery hires to accompany her, Enid Pretty, in her pink hat and pompom sandals, is not the companion she had in mind. But together they will find themselves drawn into an adventure that exceeds all expectationsThis is a charming, uplifting story about the power of belief in all its forms; and it is a tender exploration of the transformative power of friendship."

* Summaries are excerpted from Westchester Library System

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: Contact Shelley Glick at sglick@wlsmail.org or (914) 941-7072 to register or for any further information.

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