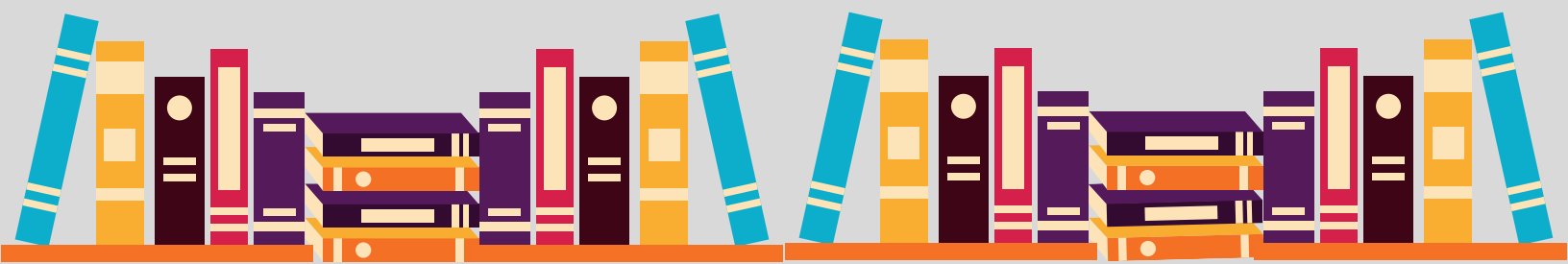


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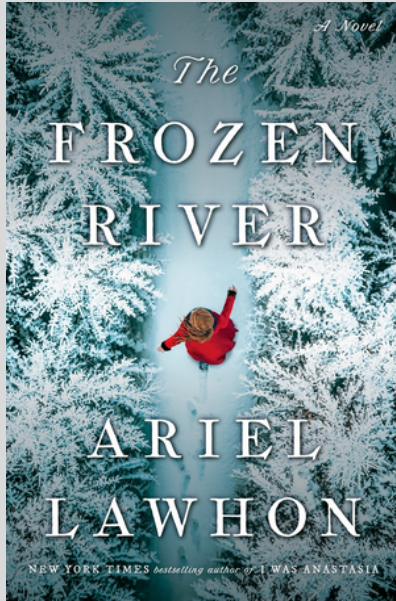
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The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

To Be Discussed at January Book Club

The Frozen River is inspired by the true story of Martha Ballard, a midwife and healer in Hallowell, Maine. The narrative unfolds during a harsh winter when the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man, Joshua Burgess, whose death is shrouded in mystery. Martha is called to examine the body, and her findings lead her to uncover a web of secrets and injustices within her community, particularly surrounding an alleged rape committed by respected local men.

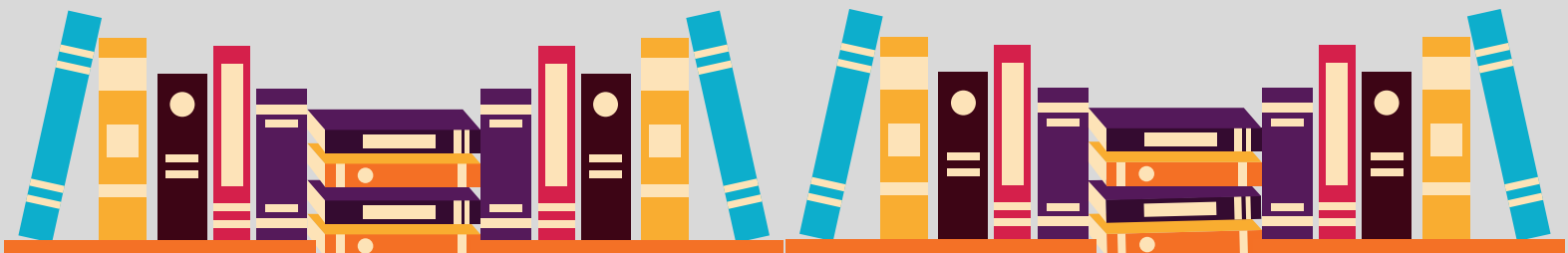
Pick up at club: *Lessons in Chemistry*

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

To Be Discussed at February Book Club

Elizabeth Zott is a brilliant chemist in 1960s California, where sexism sidelines her scientific ambitions. After tragedy and dismissal, she reinvents herself as the unlikely star of a cooking show, *Supper at Six*. But her recipes come with a dose of empowerment—teaching women to challenge the status quo with science. Witty, fierce, and unforgettable, Elizabeth refuses to be reduced.

Pick up at club: *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*



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The Lions of Fifth Avenue

by Bonnie Garmus

To Be Discussed at March Book Club



In 1913, Laura Lyons lives inside the New York Public Library, but yearns for more than domestic life and joins a radical women's club. As rare books vanish, her world—and marriage—begins to unravel. Eighty years later, her granddaughter Sadie curates the same library, only to face a new wave of thefts and buried family secrets. Two timelines intertwine through mystery, feminism, and literary intrigue. A richly layered tale of ambition, legacy, and the power of books.

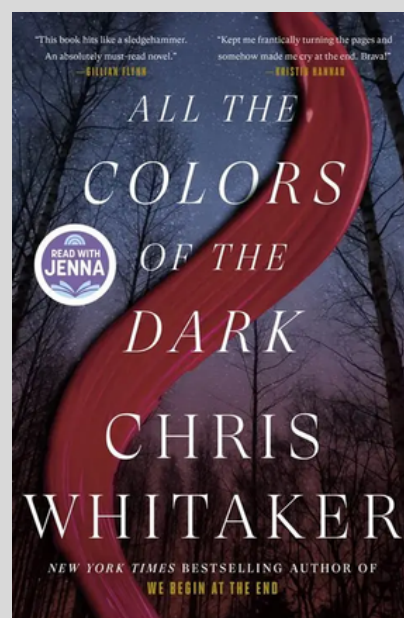
Pick up at club: *All the Colors of the Dark*

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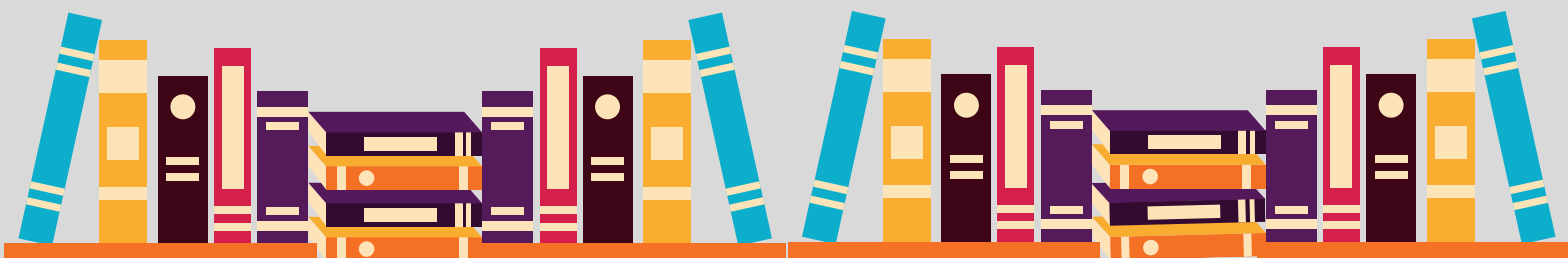
by Chris Whitaker

To Be Discussed at April Book Club

In the Ozarks, 13-year-old Patch saves a girl from violence—and is kidnapped in retaliation, vanishing into darkness. His best friend Saint refuses to give up, chasing clues and justice. Years later, Patch is haunted by the past and obsessed with finding Grace, the girl who kept him alive in captivity. As secrets unravel, love and trauma collide in a tale of survival. A sweeping, emotional thriller about hope, obsession, and redemption.



Pick up at club: *The Wife, the Maid, and the Mistress*



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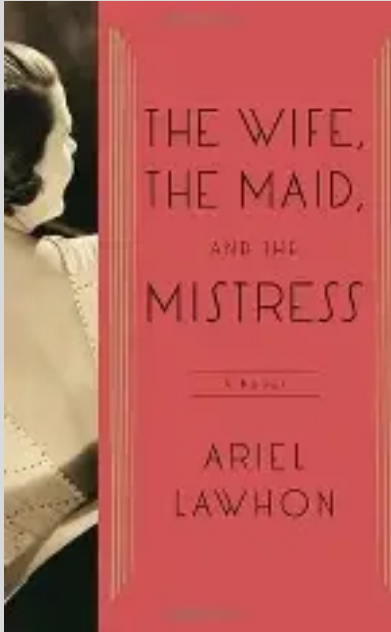
The Wife, the Maid, and the Mistress

by Ariel Lawhon

To Be Discussed at May Book Club

Ariel Lawhon's "The Wife, the Maid, and the Mistress" is a historical mystery that explores the mysterious disappearance of Judge Joseph Crater in 1930 through the perspectives of three women: his wife Stella, their maid Maria, and his mistress Ritzi.

Pick up at club: *Theo of Golden*



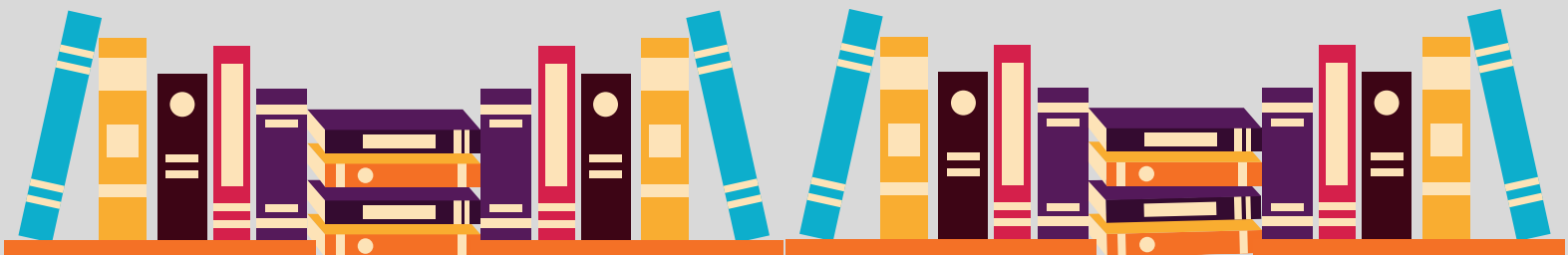
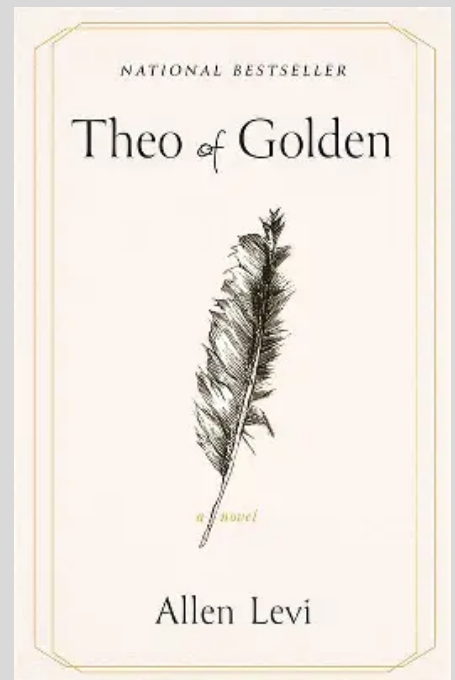
Theo of Golden

by Allen Levi

To Be Discussed at June Book Club

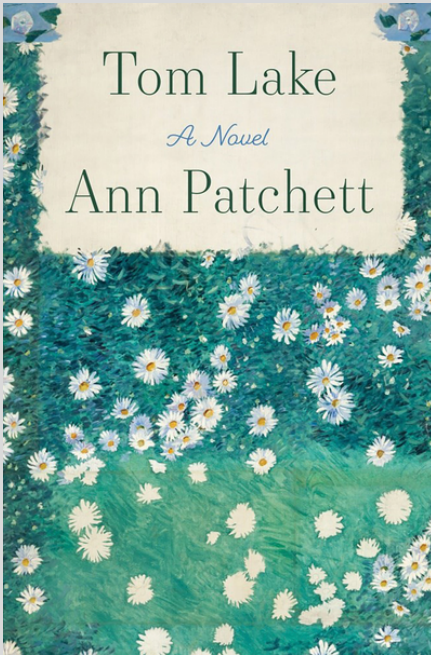
"Theo of Golden" is a poignant novel about an elderly man named Theo who arrives in a small Southern town, where he anonymously returns pencil portraits to their subjects, exploring themes of kindness, connection, and the transformative power of art.

Pick up at club: *Tom Lake*



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Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

To Be Discussed at July Book Club

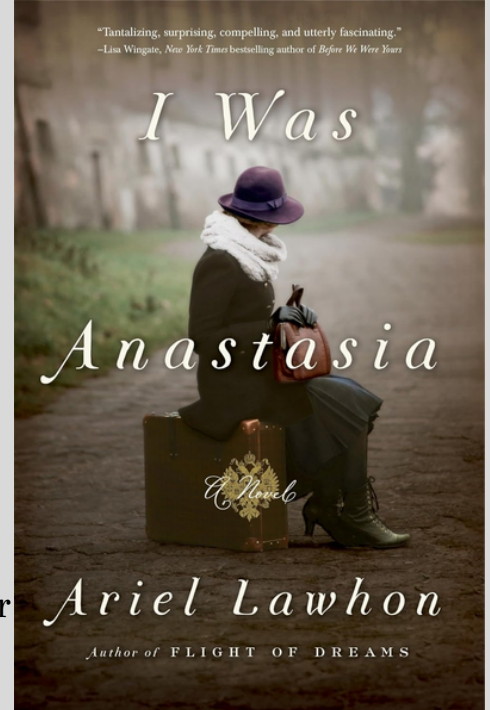
"Tom Lake" is a poignant novel set during the COVID-19 pandemic, where Lara Nelson recounts her past romance with actor Peter Duke to her daughters while they work on their family cherry farm in Michigan.

Pick up at club: *I Was Anastasia*

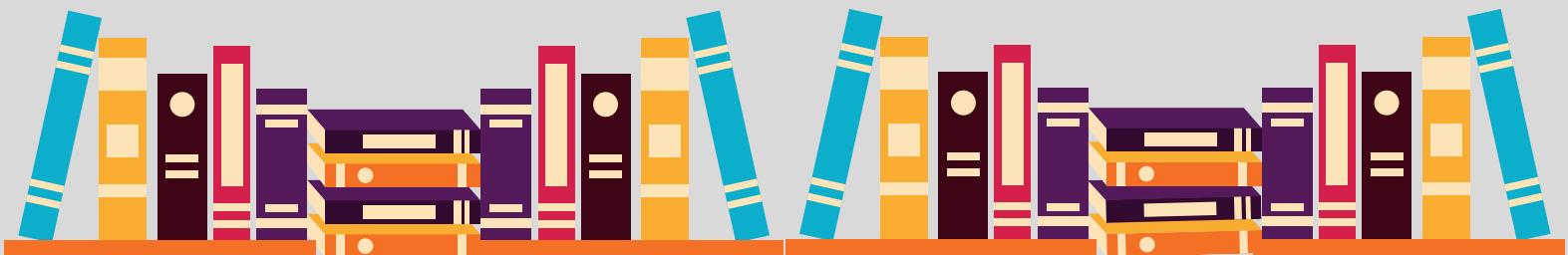
I Was Anastasia by Ariel Lawhon

To Be Discussed at August Book Club

This book braids together two timelines—one moving forward with the doomed Romanov family in 1917–1918, and one moving backward through the life of Anna Anderson, the woman who spent decades claiming to be the surviving Grand Duchess Anastasia. The novel slowly closes the gap between these narratives, exploring identity, trauma, and the power of storytelling as it invites readers to decide for themselves whether Anna is a tragic imposter or the last Romanov daughter.



Pick up at club: *James*



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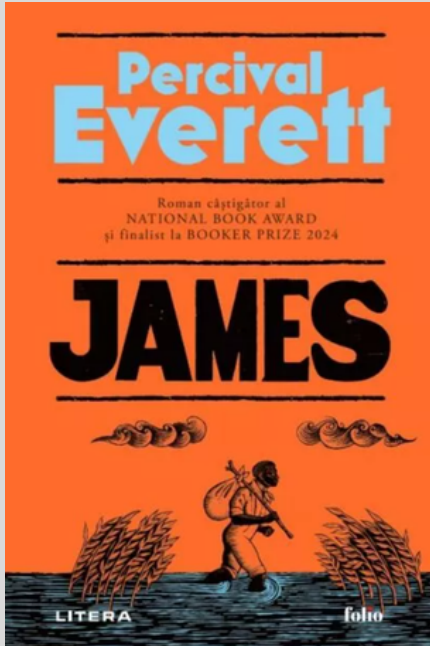
James

by Percival Everett

To Be Discussed at September Book Club

James retells *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* from the perspective of Jim, an enslaved man seeking freedom. Jim secretly speaks educated English among other enslaved people but adopts a dialect around whites for survival. When he learns he's about to be sold away from his family, he flees and unexpectedly reunites with Huck, who is escaping his abusive father. Their journey down the Mississippi exposes the brutality of enslavement, Huck's growing moral awareness, and Jim's intelligence, resilience, and deep humanity.

Pick up at club: *A Guardian and a Thief*



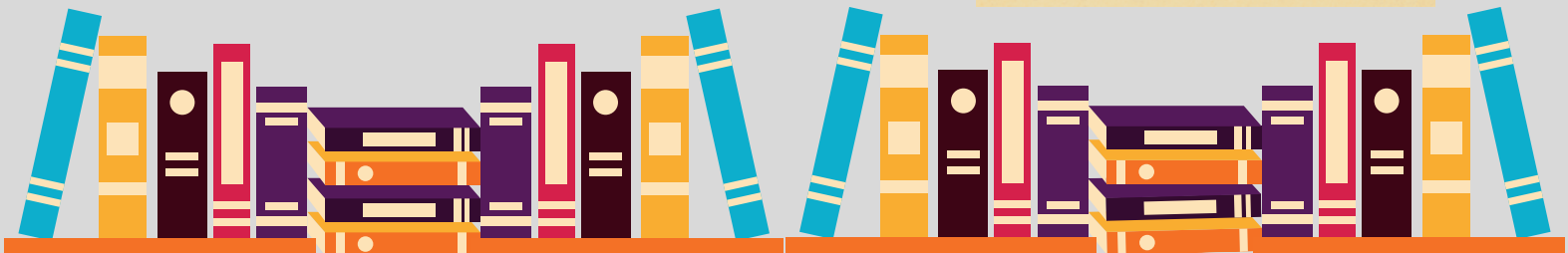
A Guardian and a Thief

by Megha Majumdar

To Be Discussed at October Book Club

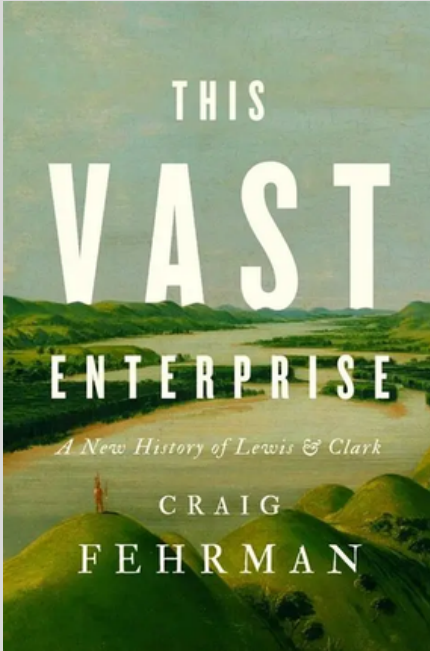
A mother racing to secure stolen immigration documents in a collapsing, climate-ravaged Kolkata crosses paths with a desperate young thief whose actions entangle their families' survival.

Pick up at club: *This Vast Enterprise*



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This Vast Enterprise by Craig Fehrman

To Be Discussed at November Book Club

A sweeping, multi-perspective retelling of the Lewis and Clark expedition that dismantles long-held myths by highlighting the overlooked individuals—Native leaders, enslaved people, and working-class soldiers—whose contributions shaped the journey far beyond its famous captains.

Pick up at club: Bring your own book to discuss for our final meeting of the year in December!

