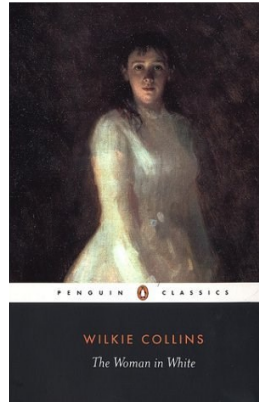


October 7th

The Beautiful Mystery by Louise Penny

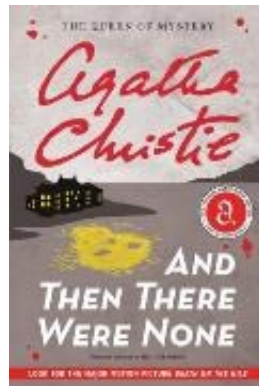
No outsiders are ever admitted to the monastery of Saint-Gilbert-Entre-les-Loups, hidden deep in the wilderness of Quebec, where two dozen cloistered monks live in peace and prayer. The renowned choir director is murdered, but before finding the killer & restoring peace, Chief Inspector Gamache must first consider the divine, the human, and the cracks in between. (Minotaur Books)



November 4th

Woman in White by Wilkie Collins

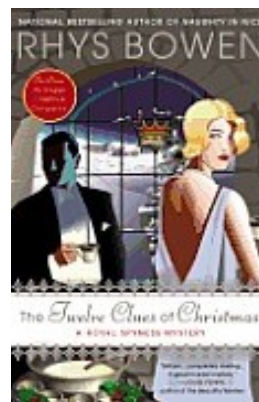
Engaged as a drawing master, Walter Hartright becomes embroiled in the sinister intrigues of Sir Percival Glyde and his friend Count Fosco, who has a taste for white mice, vanilla bonbons, and poison. Secrets, mistaken identities, surprise revelations, amnesia, locked rooms and locked asylums, and an unorthodox villain made this mystery thriller an instant success when it first appeared in 1860. (Penguin Putnam)



December 2nd

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

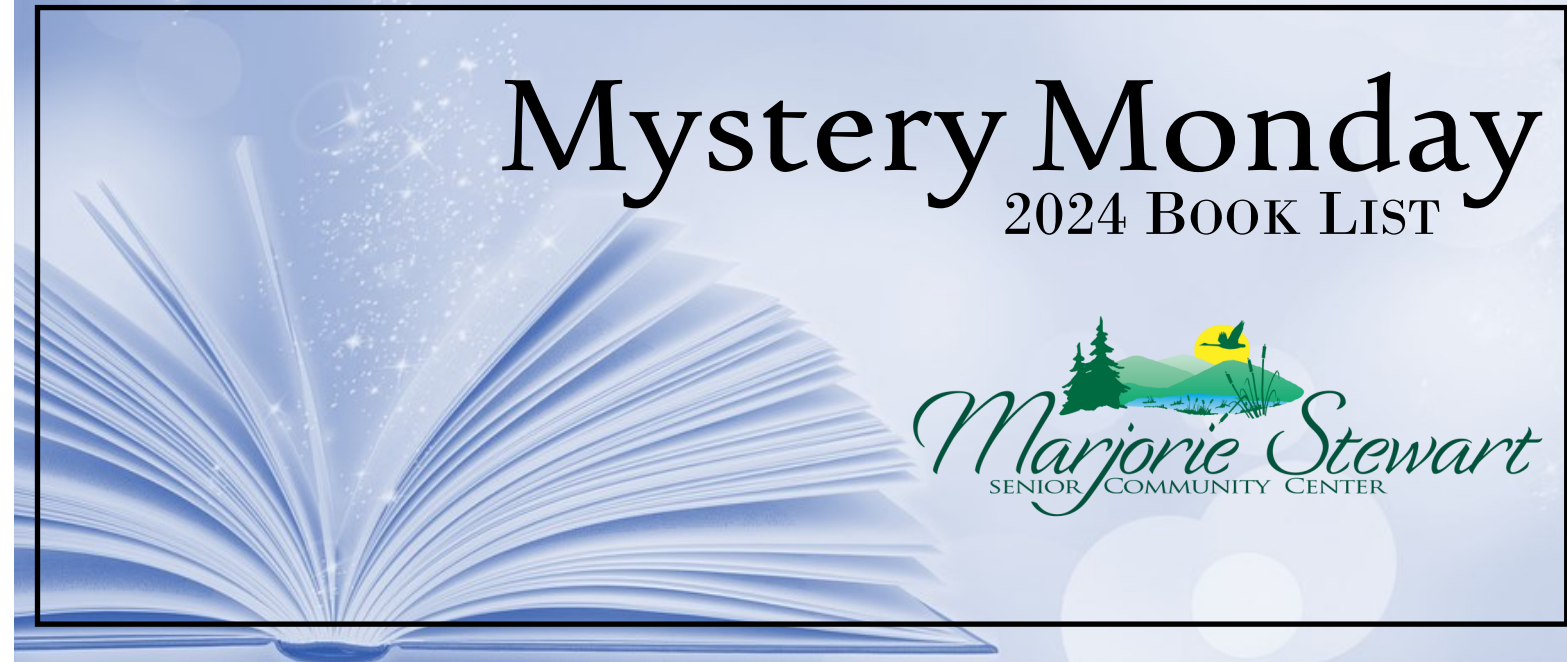
Ten people, each with something to hide and something to fear, are invited to an isolated mansion on an island by a host who, surprisingly, fails to appear. On the island they are cut off from everything but each other and the inescapable shadows of their own past lives. One by one, the guests share the darkest secrets of their wicked pasts. One by one, they die. Which among them is the killer? (Harper Collins)



January 6th

The Twelve Clues of Christmas by Rhys Bowen

It's a miracle when Lady Georgiana Rannoch lands a position as hostess to a posh holiday party in Tiddleton—a village like something out of *A Christmas Carol*. On the day she arrives, a local named Freddy falls out of a tree dead. On her second day in town, another so-called accident results in a death - and there's yet another on her third. Perhaps a recent prison break could have something to do with it...or a witch's curse. (Berkley)

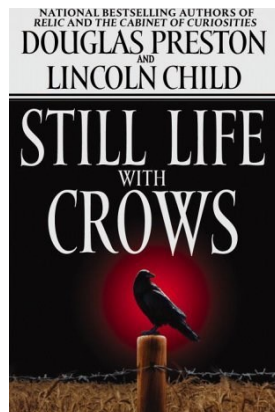


**WELCOME TO ANOTHER YEAR OF
MSSCC MYSTERY**

If you are a fan of mysteries, this is the book club for you! This year we're reading mysteries from all over the world, with selections from different mystery genres—cozy to gritty, Scandi noir to what some may argue is the first mystery written in modern literature. This year, we're trying something a little different—we're reading books that are some of people's favorite or have been on our want-to-read list for a while. Join us to have fun and talk about some of these beloved books.

The Mystery Monday Book Group meets the first Monday of each month at 4pm here at the Marjorie Stewart Center. There are a limited number of MSSCC book club books reserved for checkout behind the front desk of the Sherwood Library starting the day of the prior meeting (for example, March's book is available to checkout Feb. 5th, etc.). We look forward to reading with you!

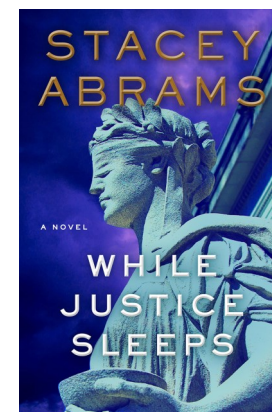
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February 5th

Still Life with Crows by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

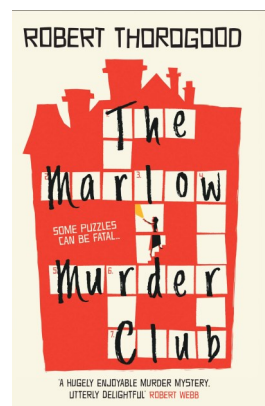
A small Kansas town has turned into a killing ground. Is it a serial killer, a man with the need to destroy? Or is it a darker force, a curse upon the land? Amid golden cornfields, FBI Special Agent Pendergast discovers evil in the blood of America's heartland. No one is safe. (Grand Central Publishing)



June 3rd

While Justice Sleeps by Stacey Abrams

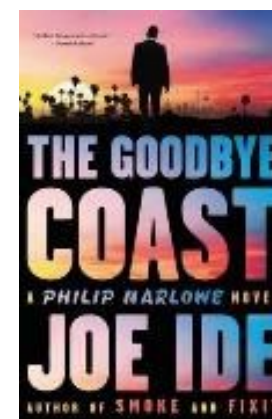
The life of Avery Keene, a law clerk for Justice Howard Wynn, is called to serve as the Justice's legal guardian and power of attorney. The Justice had been secretly researching one of the most controversial cases before the court. As she begins to unravel a sequence of clues left behind by Wynn, Keene comes to see that Wynn had a much more personal stake in the case that will lead her directly into harm's way. (PenguinRandomHouse)



March 4th

The Marlow Murder Club by Robert Thorogood

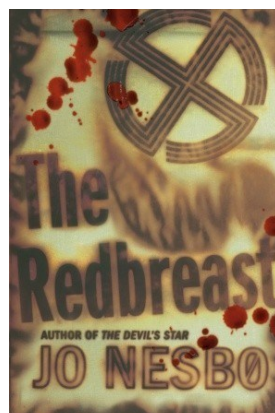
Judith Potts is seventy-seven years old and blissfully happy before she witnesses a brutal murder. The local police don't believe her story, so she decides to investigate - joined in her quest by a salt-of-the-earth dog-walker and the prim and proper wife of the local Vicar. They realize they have a serial killer on their hands and the puzzle they set out to solve has become a trap from which they might never escape. (Poisoned Pen Press)



July 1st

The Goodbye Coast by Joe Ide

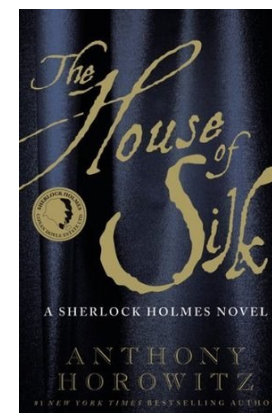
Detective Philip Marlowe is vividly re-imagined in present-day Los Angeles—a city of scheming Malibu actresses, ruthless gang members, virulent inequality, and washed-out police. Against his better judgement, Marlowe accepts two missing person cases – the first a daughter of a faded, tyrannical Hollywood starlet, and the second, a British child stolen from his mother by his father. (Mulholland Books)



April 1st

The Redbreast by Jo Nesbø

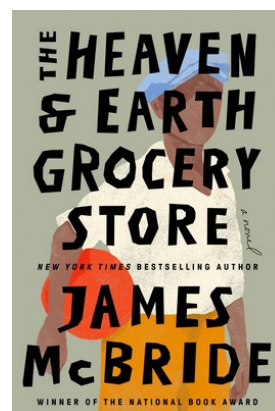
Detective Harry Hole embarrassed the force, and for his sins he's been reassigned to mundane surveillance tasks. But while monitoring neo-Nazi activities in Oslo, Hole is inadvertently drawn into a mystery with deep roots in Norway's dark past. A hideous conspiracy is rapidly taking shape around Hole—and Norway's darkest hour may still be to come. (Harper Perennial)



August 5th

The House of Silk by Anthony Horowitz

Almost unwillingly, Holmes and Watson find themselves being drawn into an international conspiracy connected to the teeming criminal underworld of Boston, the gaslit streets of London, opium dens and much, much more. And as they dig, they begin to hear the whispered phrase—the House of Silk—a mysterious entity that connects the highest levels of government to the deepest depths of criminality. (Mulholland Books)



May 6th

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

Who a skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. As these characters' stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins struggle and what they must do to survive. (Riverhead Books)



September 9th

The Blue Bar by Damyanti Biswas

Inspector Arnav Singh Rajput faces a horrifying new crisis: women's bodies are being unearthed from shallow graves on the outskirts of town. Very little links the murders, except a scattering of blue sequins and a decade's worth of missing persons reports that correspond with major festivals. Past and present blur as Arnav realizes he's on the trail of a serial killer and that someone wants his investigation buried at any cost. (Thomas & Mercer)