

2021 - 2022 Book List
Milton Public Library Zoom Book Group
1st Mondays @ 11:00 AM



October 4, 2021

***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson**

Inspired by the true and historical blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* showcases a bold and unique tale of the Packhorse Librarians in literary novels—a story of fierce strength and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere—even back home.

November 1, 2021

***Ida B. the Queen* by Michelle Duster**

As America confronts the unfinished business of systemic racism, *Ida B. the Queen* pays tribute to a transformational leader and reminds us of the power we all hold to smash the status quo. Written by Wells's great-granddaughter Michelle Duster, this "warm remembrance of a civil rights icon" is a unique visual celebration of Wells's life, and of the Black experience.

December 6, 2021

***Meet Me at the Museum* by Anne Youngson**

Professor Anders Larsen, an urbane man of facts, has lost his wife, along with his hopes and dreams for the future. He does not know that a query from Mrs. Tina Hopgood about a world-famous antiquity in his museum is about to alter the course of his life. Through intimate letters of joy, anguish, and discovery, each one bares their soul to the other. Can this unlikely friendship survive?

February 7, 2022

***The Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah**

An epic novel of love, heroism and hope, set against the backdrop of the Great Depression -- a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and the Dust Bowl era has arrived with a vengeance. Elsa Martinelli must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California.

March 7, 2022

***Murder in Matera: A True Story of Passion, Family, and Forgiveness in Southern Italy* by Helene Stapinski**

Since childhood, Helene Stapinski heard lurid tales about her great-great-grandmother, Vita. Weaving Helene's own story of discovery with the tragic tale of Vita's life, *Murder in Matera* is a literary whodunit and a moving tale of self-discovery that brings into focus a long ago tragedy in a little-known region remarkable for its stunning sunny beauty and dark buried secrets.

April 4, 2022

***Paper Wife* by Laila Ibrahim**

Southern China, 1923. Desperate to secure her future, Mei Ling's parents arrange a marriage to a widower in California. To enter the country, she must pretend to be her husband's first wife—a paper wife. Dreams of a better life in America give her the strength to endure the treacherous journey and detainment on Angel Island but other problems ensue. Can Mei Ling find a way to make a real family—even if it's built on a paper foundation?

May 2, 2022

***The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray**

The story of J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and passes as white to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.

If you would like to join this virtual group, please Librarian Jean Hlady at jhlady@ocln.org and she will put you in contact with them so that you may participate.