

MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY **Zoom** BOOK GROUP  
2025 - 2026  
1st Mondays, October - May (except January) @ 11:00AM EST

October 6, 2025

*Be Ready When the Luck Happens*, by Ina Garten

2024, 320 pages

A high-spirited and no-holds-barred memoir that chronicles decades of personal challenges, adventures (and misadventures) and unexpected career twists. An intimate, entertaining, and inspiring account of her remarkable journey. Ina's gift is to make everything look easy, yet all her accomplishments have been the result of hard work, audacious choices, and exquisite attention to detail. (Carla)

November 3, 2025

*The Queens of Crime*, Marie Benedict

310 pages, 2025

The five greatest women crime writers band together to form a secret society with a single goal: to show they are no longer willing to be treated as second class citizens by their male counterparts. Their plan: to solve an actual murder. Led by Dorothy Sayers with Agatha Christie, Ngaio Marsh, Margery Allingham and Baroness Emma Orczy. Based on events that did happen. {Sue} **Next book club date is the first of December!!**

**December 1, 2025**

*Brown Girl Dreaming*, by Jacqueline Woodson

328 pages, 2025

Written in vivid free verse Woodson shares what it was like to grow up in the 1960's and 1970's in both the North and South. Coming of age, she describes the joy of finding her voice through writing. Beautifully written and a National Book Award Winner. (Sue)

February 2, 2026

*Careful What You Wish For*, by Hallie Ephron (Milton resident)

2019, 309 pages

A professional organizer, Emily Harlow has a deadly problem she may not be able to clean up. She helps people declutter their lives and she's married to a man who can't drive past a yard sale without stopping. She finds herself in a mess that might be too big for her to clean up. Careful what you wish for, the old adage says, now Emily might lose her freedom, her marriage and possibly her life. (Carla) **Hallie will join us!**

March 2, 2026

*Necessary Trouble* by Drew Gilpin Faust

320 pages 2023

A memoir of coming of age in a conservative Southern family in postwar America, Some of our group may feel like we are growing up with her as we read this book. A former president of Harvard and an amazing woman! (Sue) **Next book is a bit longer, so get a head start during dreary March!**

April 6, 2026

*My Friends*, by Hisham Matar

420 pages, 2024

Specifically about Libya and the Arab Spring, it tells the story of three friends living in London as exiles from their country. The novel follows their intertwined lives from the 1980s to the 2011 Arab Spring. Fearing retribution from Gaddafi's regime, they are fearful to return home or even contact their family. Nominated for several awards, it won the 2025 National Book Critics Circle (NBCC) for fiction. (Lynn and Carla)

May 4, 2026

*Run For the Hills* by Kevin Wilson

253 pages, 2025

These four people had never met and now they're on a road trip to find Dad. An at times humorous and at times emotional story of siblings traveling the country from Boston to California, picking up siblings along the way. (Sue)

**Recommended books:**

*The Worlds I See: Curiosity, Exploration and Discovery at the Dawn of AI* by Dr. Fei-Fei Li

250 pages, 2025

A personal story of the experience of a woman who was involved at each stage of the development of AI. It's readable and understandable, and her personal story is fascinating

AND

*Memorial Days* by Geraldine Brooks

224 pages, 2025

A memoir about how she dealt with the sudden loss of her husband, Tony Horwitz, a journalist. Very well-written. (Eileen)

*So Big*, by Edna Ferber

1924, 340 pages

Selina Peake needs to support herself. She leaves the city life she has known to become a teacher in the farming community of High Prairie, IL. Her father had told her that life is an adventure, and one should make the most of it. A growing up story and she describes the joy of finding her voice through writing. Beautifully written. (Lynn)

*There are Rivers in the Sky* by Elise Stefa

2024, 483 pages

A novel connecting the lives of three disparate characters—a Victorian boy with a savant's memory in London, a Yazidi girl in present-day Turkey, and a hydrologist in modern-day London—through the enduring power of water and the Epic of Gilgamesh. Explores themes of loss, memory, cultural heritage, and water scarcity, using water as a metaphor for history and interconnectedness, with the rivers Thames and Tigris serving as crucial links across time and continents. (Janet)

*This is Happiness*, by Niall Williams

2019, 400 pages

A tender portrait of a community – its idiosyncrasies and traditions, its paradoxes and kindnesses, its failures and triumphs – and a coming-of-age tale like no other. Luminous and lyrical, yet anchored by roots running deep into the earthy and everyday, it is about the power of stories. (Carla & Eileen)

*The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts

336 pages, 2021

The true story of Annie Wilkins and her horse who in the 1950's decide to ride from Maine to LA along with her dog. I really enjoyed this book of a woman who grew in strength every day as she rode and the many people she met along the way.

AND

*Run* by Ann Patchett

2007, 315 pages

A novel that explores themes of family, race, class and responsibility. Set in Cambridge and Boston. A white family adopts two black boys who are brothers. The story is triggered by an accident involving a stranger and her child during a snowstorm..The story that develops reveals the hidden relationships between them all. (Sue)

