

# What to Read Next

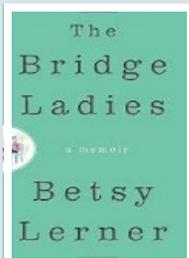


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## Exciting News!

**Authors in Conversation:**  
**Betsy Lerner**  
**Thursday, July 14 at 7 p.m.**  
**Essex Library Association**



A fifty-year-old Bridge game provides an unexpected way to cross the generational divide between a daughter and her mother. Betsy Lerner takes us on a powerfully personal literary journey, where we learn a little about Bridge and a lot

about life. After a lifetime defining herself in contrast to her mother's "don't ask, don't tell" generation, Lerner finds herself back in her childhood home, not five miles from the mother she spent decades avoiding. When Roz needs help after surgery, it falls to Betsy to take care of her. She expects a week of tense civility; what she gets instead are the Bridge Ladies. Impressed by their loyalty, she sees something her generation lacked. Facebook is great, but it won't deliver a pot roast.

## Which Websites Do We Browse for Book Suggestions?

**Goodreads** promises to help you decide what to read next. Tell them what titles or genres you've enjoyed in the past, and they'll give you surprisingly insightful recommendations. Check it out at [www.goodreads.com/](http://www.goodreads.com/)



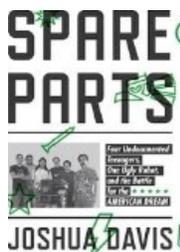
## Is Your Nightstand Empty? Essex Librarians Offer Suggestions!



**Heather:** You'll often find Heather reading Children and Young Adult books: Nutmeg winners, informational books, or the newest picture and chapter books on the shelf. She also enjoys comedies, inspiring stories, and books by local authors.

When asked to name three books she would recommend, Heather listed *American Girls: Social Media and the Secret Lives of Teenagers* by Nancy Jo Sales, *Nowhere Girl* by Susan Strecker, and *Echo* by Pam Munoz Ryan.

## Monthly Staff Favorites



**Norma:** *Spare Parts* by Joshua Davis. In 2004, four Latino teenagers arrived at the Marine Advanced Technology Education Robotics Competition at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Born in Mexico but raised in Arizona, they attended an underfunded public high school. Two inspiring science teachers convinced these kids who had never even seen the ocean that they should try to build an underwater robot. And build a robot they did.

**Anna:** *The Cold Between* by Elizabeth Bonesteel. Deep in the stars, a young officer and her lover are plunged into a deadly conspiracy. When her crew mate, Danny, is murdered on the colony of Volhynia, Central Corps chief engineer, Commander Elena Shaw, is shocked to learn the main suspect is her lover, Treiko Zajec. She knows Trey is innocent because he was with her when Danny was killed.



**Diane:** *The Good Girl* by Mary Kubica. One night, Mia Dennett enters a bar to meet her boyfriend. When he doesn't show, she unwisely leaves with an enigmatic stranger. At first Colin Thatcher seems like a safe one-night stand, but following Colin home will turn out to be the worst mistake of Mia's life. When Colin hides Mia in a secluded cabin in rural Minnesota instead of delivering her to his boss, Mia's mother and detective Gabe Hoffman will stop at nothing to find them.

**Ann:** *The Dragon Behind the Glass* by Emily Voight. Voight traces our modern fascination with aquarium fish back to the era of exploration when naturalists stood on the cutting edge of modern science, discovering wondrous species in jungles all over the world. Freshwater fish now comprise one of the most rapidly vanishing groups of animals on the planet. Learn the paradoxical truth behind holding onto what is wild.



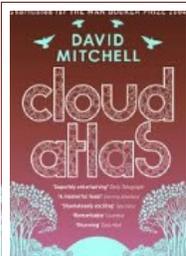
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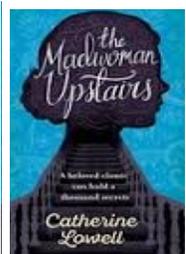
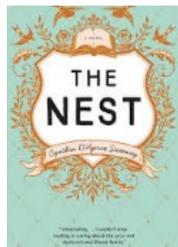
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## Monthly Staff Favorites Continued



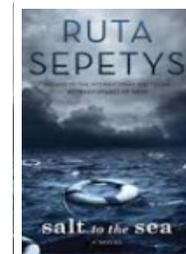
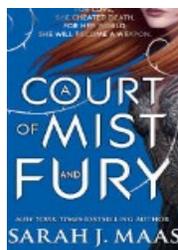
**Richard:** *Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell. Mitchell weaves history, science, humor, and suspense through six separate but related narratives, each set in a different time and place, each written in a different prose style, and each broken mid-action only to be concluded in the second half of the book.

**Amy:** *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney. Even among the most troubled, the Plumb family stands out as spectacularly dysfunctional. Years of simmering tensions finally reach a breaking point as Melody, Beatrice, and Jack gather to confront their reckless older brother, Leo, freshly released from rehab. His actions have endangered the Plumbs' trust fund, "The Nest."



**Emily:** *The Madwoman Upstairs* by Catherine Lowell. Samantha Whipple is the last living descendant of the Bronte family. She's rumored to have inherited a vital portion of the Brontes' literary estate: diaries, paintings, letters and more. Since she's never seen this rumored estate, as far as she knows, it doesn't exist. Everything changes when she enrolls at Oxford University and pieces of her past mysteriously arrive.

**Valerie:** *A Court of Mist and Fury* by Sarah J. Maas. Feyre survived Amarantha's clutches to return to the Spring Court, but at a steep cost. Though she now has the powers of the High Fae, her heart remains human, and it can't forget the terrible deeds she performed to save Tamlin's people. Nor has Feyre forgotten her bargain with Rhysand, High Lord of the feared Night Court.



**Jessica:** *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys. World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom. Among them are Joana, Emilia, and Florian, whose paths converge en route to the ship that promises salvation. Just when freedom is within their grasp, tragedy strikes.

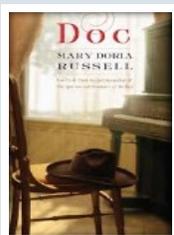
## Upcoming Book Discussions

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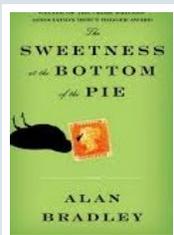
Are you always looking for a good book or author? Do you like a lively discussion with other book enthusiasts? Then join one of our book groups!

Men and women of all ages are invited to join our book groups at any time. We have copies of the books available to borrow.

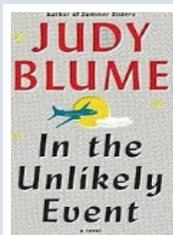
**Historical Fiction**  
Tuesday  
July 12  
10:30 AM



**Whodunit Walking**  
Tuesday  
July 19  
5:30 PM



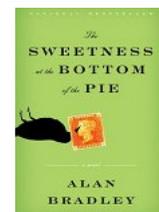
**First Thursday**  
Thursday  
September 1  
4:00 PM



## Whodunit Walking Book Group

**Tuesday: July 19 at 5:30 p.m.**

**NEW!** Please join us for the inaugural meeting of our Mystery Book Group! Essex Librarian Valerie Grabek will lead the discussion of *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley as participants walk the trail through Cross Lots, across from the Library.

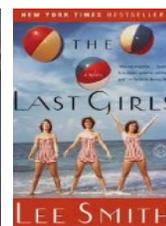
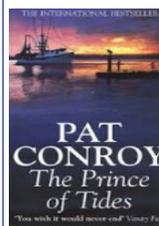


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## Board of the Month: Summer Treats

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