

# What to Read Next



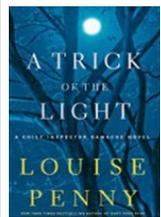
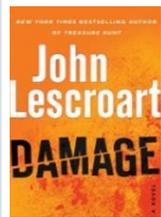
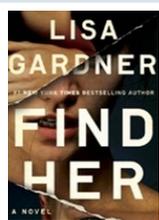
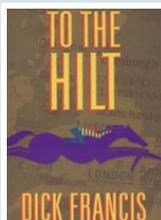
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## Attention Mystery Lovers!

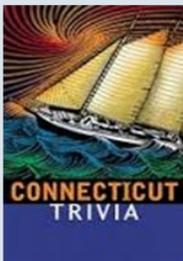
MYSTERY

We recently asked some of our wonderful Essex Library volunteers to name some of their favorite mystery authors. They readily named books by **Linda Fairstein**, **Dick Francis**, **Lisa Gardner**, **Martha Grimes**, **John Lescroart**, **Louise Penny**, and **Peter Robinson**. Our collection features numerous titles by these and other authors. As you browse the fiction shelves, look for the green "Mystery" sticker on the book spine!



## New to Town?

Would you like to learn about the history of Essex and the surrounding areas? Do you want to know more about Battle Site Essex, Witch Hazel, or local ship building? If so, please check out our Local History Section! With titles from *It Happened in Connecticut* to *Tidewaters of the Connecticut River: An Explorer's Guide to Hidden Coves and Marshes*, we have resources for all interests!



## Is Your Nightstand Empty?

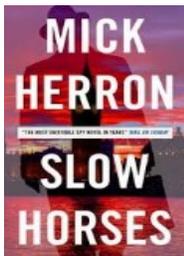
### Essex Librarians Offer Suggestions!

**Norma** grew up reading Nancy Drew, Edgar Allan Poe, the classics, and fairy tales. She adds, "I am more a reader by author than genre. For example, I've read every Agatha Christie book written. The same is true of Toni Morrison and JRR Tolkien. I've read *The Lord of the Rings* at least three times. I also enjoy Algernon Blackwood and Stephen King. On the flip side, I enjoy reading biographies and history, particularly about England and Russia. Since I do family history, I find it important to read US History, particularly during the pre-Civil War era through Reconstruction."

She recommends the following books: *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker, *The Stand* by Stephen King and *God Help the Child* by Toni Morrison.



## Monthly Staff Favorites



**Ann:** *Slow Horses* by Mick Herron. Slough House is a dumping ground for British intelligence agents who've screwed up a case in any number of ways—by leaving a secret file on a train or blowing a surveillance. River Cartwright, one such "slow horse," is bitter about his failure and about his tedious assignment transcribing cell phone conversations. When a man is abducted and his kidnappers threaten to broadcast his beheading live on the Internet, River sees an opportunity.

**Anna:** *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Hailsham seems like a pleasant English boarding school. Its students are well tended, trained in art and literature, and they become just the sort of people the world wants them to be. Curiously, they are taught nothing of the outside world and are allowed little contact with it. It's only when Kathy and her friends leave the school grounds that they realize the truth.



**Valerie:** *Written in Red: A Novel of the Others* by Anne Bishop. As a cassandra sanguine, or blood prophet, Meg Corbyn can see the future when her skin is cut—a gift that feels more like a curse. Meg's Controller keeps her enslaved so he can have full access to her visions. But when she escapes, the only safe place Meg can hide is at the Lakeside Courtyard—a business district operated by the Others.

**Heather:** *Nine, Ten, A September 11 Story* by Nora R. Baskin. Ask anyone: September 11, 2001, was serene and lovely, a perfect day—until a plane struck the World Trade Center. But right now it is a few days earlier, and four kids in different parts of the country are going about their lives. They don't know one another, but their lives are about to intersect in ways they never could have imagined.



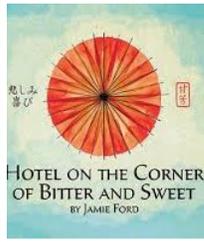
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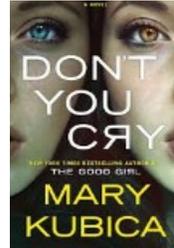
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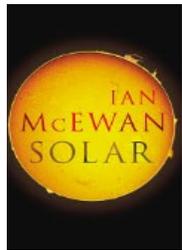


**Emily:** *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. When artifacts from Japanese families sent to internment camps during World War II are uncovered during renovations at a Seattle hotel, Henry Lee embarks on a quest that leads to memories of growing up Chinese in a city rife with anti-Japanese sentiment. This novel tells the poignant story of Henry and his first love Keiko.

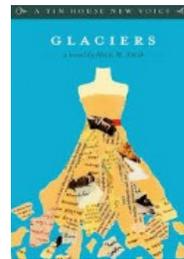
**Diane:** *Don't You Cry* by Mary Kubica. In downtown Chicago, Esther Vaughan disappears from her apartment without a trace. A haunting letter addressed to My Dearest is the only clue, leaving her friend and roommate Quinn to wonder, who is Esther really? Meanwhile, in a small lake town an hour outside of the city, a mysterious woman appears in a quiet coffee shop. Who is she?



**Richard:** *Solar* by Ian McEwan. When Nobel Prize winning physicist Michael Beard's personal and professional lives begin to intersect in unexpected ways, an opportunity presents itself in the guise of an invitation to travel to New Mexico. Here is a chance for him to extricate himself from his marital problems, reinvigorate his career, and possibly save the world from environmental disaster.



**Amy:** *Glaciers* by Alexis M. Smith. *Glaciers* follows Isabel through her day working with damaged books in the basement of a library, and pondering her unrequited love for the former soldier who fixes her computer. While missing Alaska, Isabel is a single, twenty something thrift-store shopper and collector of remnants, things cast off or left behind by others.



**Jessica:** *The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender* by Leslye Walton. Born with bird wings, Ava Lavender is well aware that love has long made fools of her family. When pious Nathaniel Sorrows mistakes her bird wings for angel wings, 16-year-old Ava faces the man's growing obsession, which comes to a head during a summer solstice celebration.



## AUTHORS IN CONVERSATION



The Essex Library will host two authors in September! Mark your calendar with two special dates:

**Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** Betsy Lerner will discuss *The Bridge Ladies: A Memoir*



**Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** James R. Benn will discuss *Blue Madonna: A Billy Boyle World War II Mystery*



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## ELA Book Groups:

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

**Classics Book Group**  
Thursday  
September 7  
5:00 PM

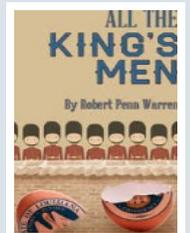
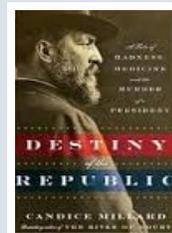
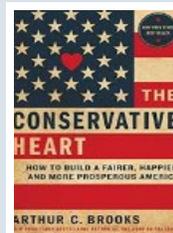
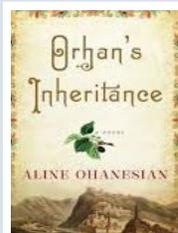
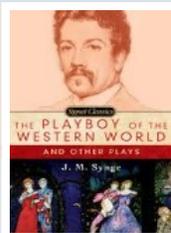
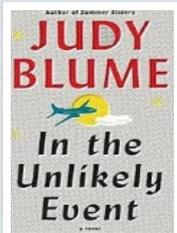
**Historical Fiction**  
Tuesday  
September 13  
10:30 AM

**American History**  
Thursday  
September 15  
5:00 PM

**Whodunit Walking**  
Tuesday  
September 20  
5:30 PM

**Third Wednesday**  
Wednesday  
September 21  
10:30 AM

**Great Plays Group**  
Thursday  
September 22  
5:30 PM



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