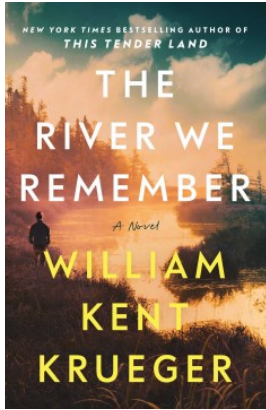


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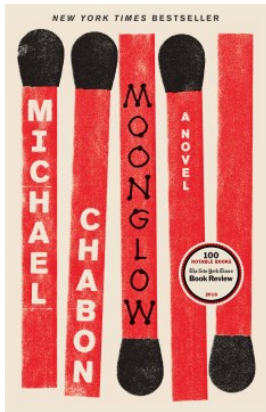
The River We Remember

by William Kent Krueger

A gripping murder mystery set in 1950s Minnesota. When a local man is found dead, the investigation reveals long-held secrets and tensions in the small town. As Sheriff Brody Dern seeks justice, the story explores themes of grief, redemption, and the complexities of human nature against a richly drawn Midwestern backdrop.



DECEMBER 18, 2025



Moonglow

by Michael Chabon

A semi-fictional memoir recounting the life of the narrator's grandfather, based on his deathbed confessions. Spanning decades and continents, the story delves into his grandfather's experiences in World War II, his obsession with rockets, his enigmatic wife, and their turbulent family history. A blend of fact and fiction, the novel explores memory, love, ambition, and the impact of history on personal lives.

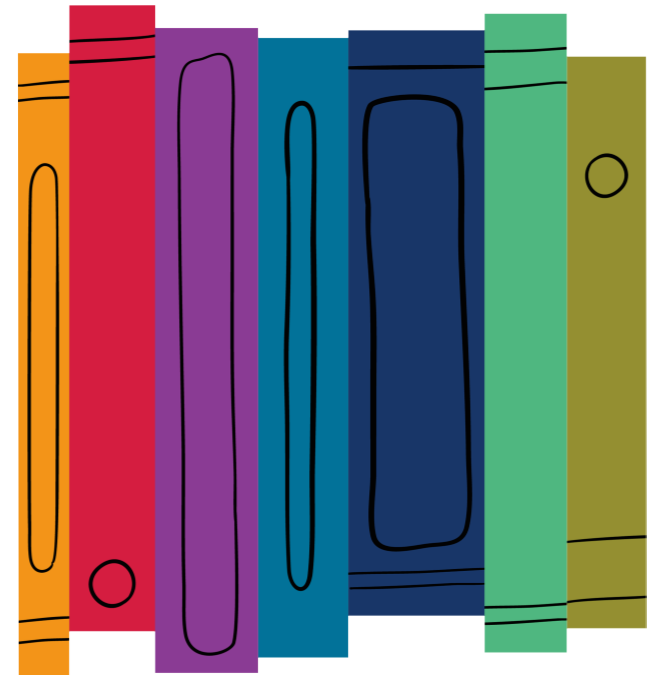
Book Smart Book Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Meetings are at 10:30am, and usually last between 60 and 90 minutes.

Books are available for pickup at the Clover Library the month before their discussion date. Please contact the Clover Library to have a copy delivered to your preferred branch.



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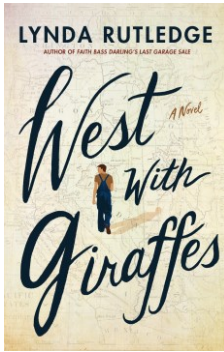
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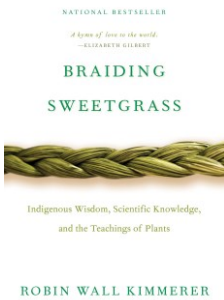


JANUARY 16, 2025

West with Giraffes

by Lynda Rutledge

It's 1938. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a road trip to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones.

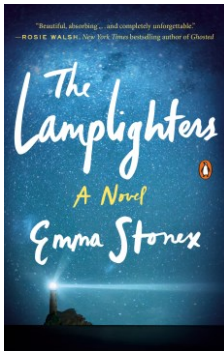


FEBRUARY 20, 2025

Braiding Sweetgrass

by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Robin Wall Kimmerer weaves Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and personal stories to explore the relationships between humans and the natural world. As a botanist and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Kimmerer reflects on the importance of gratitude, reciprocity, and stewardship in fostering harmony with nature, offering a compelling vision of sustainability rooted in respect and interconnectedness.

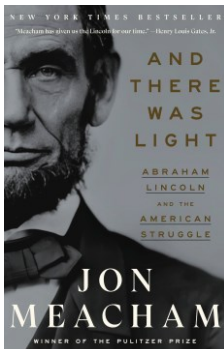


MARCH 20, 2025

The Lamplighters

by Emma Stonex

The Lamplighters by Emma Stonex is a haunting mystery inspired by true events. In 1972, three lighthouse keepers vanish from a remote tower off the English coast, leaving behind no trace. Twenty years later, their loved ones confront the unresolved tragedy, uncovering buried secrets, lies, and grief. Blending psychological drama and suspense, the novel explores isolation, love, and the enduring mystery of what really happened.



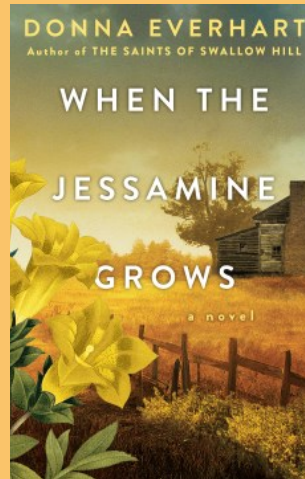
APRIL 17, 2025

And There Was Light

by Jon Meacham

A compelling biography of Abraham Lincoln, exploring his leadership during America's greatest crises. Meacham delves into Lincoln's moral convictions, faith, and resilience, illuminating how he navigated the Civil War, abolished slavery, and upheld democracy. Through rich historical detail, the book reveals the complexities of Lincoln's character and his enduring legacy as a beacon of hope and justice.

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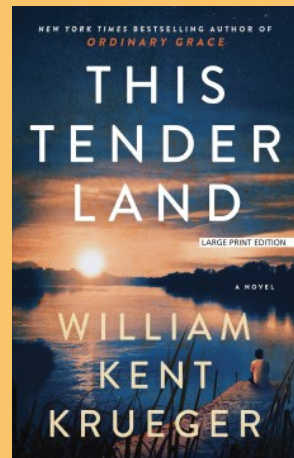


When the Jessamine Grows

by Donna Everhart

When the Jessamine Grows by Donna Everhart is a poignant Southern tale of resilience and family secrets. In 1940s North Carolina, sixteen-year-old Malaya Clanton struggles to protect her siblings after a tragedy shatters their home. Amid poverty and whispers of hidden truths, Malaya must uncover the past to secure their future. This evocative story explores love, loss, and the enduring strength of family ties.

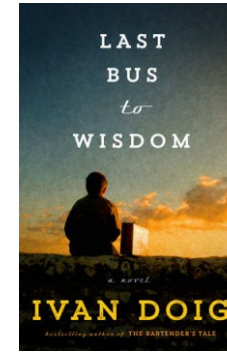
JUNE 19, 2025



This Tender Land

by William Kent Krueger

This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger is a sweeping tale of adventure and redemption during the Great Depression. Four orphans escape a harsh boarding school and embark on a life-changing journey down the Mississippi River. As they encounter hardship, kindness, and danger, they search for freedom and a place to belong. Rich with emotion and humanity, the novel explores themes of friendship, faith, and the power of storytelling.



JULY 17, 2025

Last Bus to Wisdom

by Ivan Doig

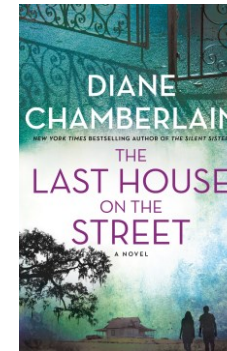
Eleven-year-old Donal Cameron embarks on a cross-country bus journey after his guardian falls ill. Along the way, he meets unforgettable characters, including his eccentric great-aunt and her surly husband. Packed with humor and humanity, the novel explores themes of resilience, adventure, and the true meaning of family.



AUGUST 21, 2025

Round Robin Book Share

This month, each book club member is invited to bring a different book to the discussion table. We'll chat about each book and discover some new titles!



SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

The Last House on the Street

by Diane Chamberlain

In 1965, Ellie, a young idealist, joins a voting rights project in the segregated South, facing danger and forbidden love. In 2010, architect Kayla moves into a new home, haunted by eerie warnings and a tragic loss. As their stories intertwine, buried secrets and past injustices come to light in this powerful tale of courage, love, and redemption.



OCTOBER 16, 2025

The Measure

by Nikki Erlick

The Measure explores a world where everyone suddenly receives a mysterious box containing a string that reveals the length of their life. As society grapples with the implications, eight strangers confront choices about love, ambition, and purpose. This poignant and thought-provoking novel examines how we value time, connect with others, and face the uncertainties of life.