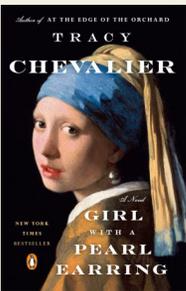


Circe
by
Madeline
Miller
July 13

Circe, daughter of the sun god Helios, mightiest of the Titans, was a peculiar child who had few of the gifts the demigods enjoyed, and she was despised by her parents and numerous sisters for her deficits. What she lacked in godlike ability, though, she compensated for with a gift for herbology and witchcraft. When she is rejected by her first love, the mortal Glaucos—who pines instead for the beautiful nymph Scylla—Circe casts a spell that turns Scylla into a hideous sea creature. For her transgression, Circe is banished by Zeus to an island, where she survives alone until Odysseus, "son of Laertes, the great traveler, prince of wiles and tricks," lands upon her shores and is seduced by her.



*Girl with
the Pearl
Earring*
by
Tracy
Chevalier
August 10

After her father is hurt in an accident, sixteen-year-old Griet helps support her family by working as a maid for the Johannes Vermeer family. Griet's life there is difficult because both Vermeer's wife, Catharina, and one of his daughters seem to resent the young maid. As Griet gradually learns more about Vermeer's methods of painting, the artist begins to take an interest in the girl. He even allows her to help grind the colors used in his paints. When Vermeer offers Griet the chance to pose as the model for one of his paintings, the girl makes a decision that changes her life forever as she becomes the girl with a pearl earring.

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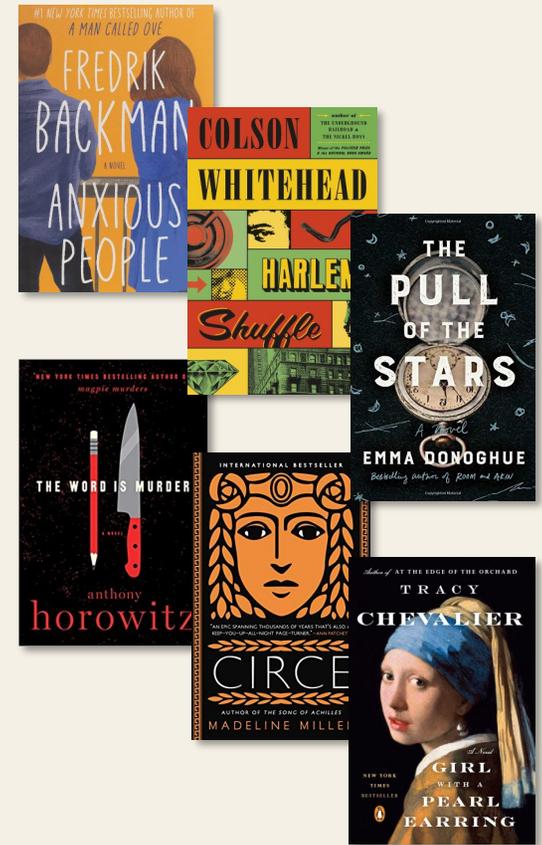
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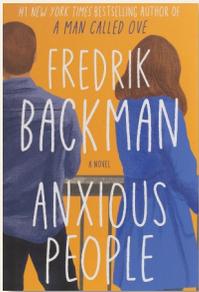
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Brunch Bunch

The Brighton District Library Brunch Bunch Book Group meets at 11:30am the second Tuesday of each month. The group is led by Library staff, welcomes everyone, and does not require registration for its meetings.

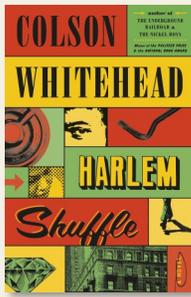
Books for the following month's discussion will be available for checkout at each month's meeting.



Looking at real estate isn't usually a life-or-death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage. The captives include a recently retired couple who relentlessly hunt down fixer-uppers. There's a wealthy bank director who has been too busy to care about anyone else and a young couple who are about to have their first child. Add to the mix an eighty-seven-year-old woman, a flustered real estate agent, and a mystery man who has locked himself in the apartment's only bathroom, and you've got the worst group of hostages in the world.

Each of them carries a lifetime of grievances, hurts, secrets, and passions that are ready to boil over. And all of them - the bank robber included - desperately crave some sort of rescue.

Anxious People
by
Fredrik
Backman
June 14



Harlem Shuffle
by
Colson
Whitehead
July 12

Ray Carney, a self-made Black man, sells new and used furniture at affordable prices (with generous payment plans) in a store that bears his name on historic 125th Street. He's caught between his haughty in-laws who are unhappy that their daughter lives in a dingy apartment near the train, and his wayward cousin Freddie, the devil on Ray's shoulder since they were kids. The "slightly bent" storekeeper sometimes fences stolen jewelry too. Ray gets talked into a lucrative heist with seedy coconspirators, which leads to more dangerous capers, until he is forced to balance his loyalty to his business and his family with his loyalty to Freddie.



The Pull of the Stars
by
Emma
Donoghue
August 9

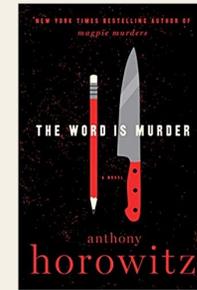
In an Ireland doubly ravaged by war and disease, Nurse Julia Power works at an understaffed hospital where expectant mothers who have come down with the terrible new Flu are quarantined together. Into Julia's regimented world step two outsiders—Doctor Kathleen Lynn, a rumoured Rebel on the run from the police, and a young volunteer helper, Bridie Sweeney.

Over three days, these women change each other's lives in unexpected ways. With tireless tenderness and humanity, carers and mothers alike somehow do their impossible work.

Books & Brews

Join us from 6:30pm to 7:30pm the second Wednesday of each month, for Books and Brews, located at Brewery Becker in downtown Brighton. We meet every month and don't require registration – just drop-in!

Snacks, beer, and beverages are available for purchase at the Brewery.



The Word is Murder
by
Anthony
Horowitz
June 8

One bright spring morning in London, Diana Cowper – the wealthy mother of a famous actor - enters a funeral parlor. She is there to plan her own service.

Six hours later she is found dead, strangled with a curtain cord in her own home.

Enter disgraced police detective Daniel Hawthorne, a brilliant, eccentric investigator who's as quick with an insult as he is to crack a case. Hawthorne needs a ghost writer to document his life; a Watson to his Holmes. He chooses Anthony Horowitz.

Drawn in against his will, Horowitz soon finds himself at the center of a story he cannot control. The writer and the detective form an unusual partnership. At the same time, it soon becomes clear that Hawthorne is hiding some dark secrets of his own.