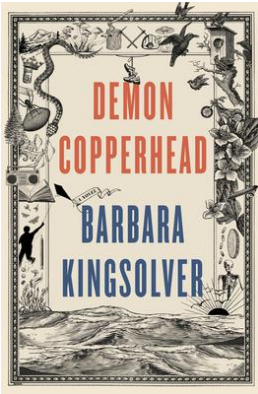


CLEARWATER PANHELLENIC BOOK CLUB

2023-2024

DAY & TIME: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10am (except lunch meetings)

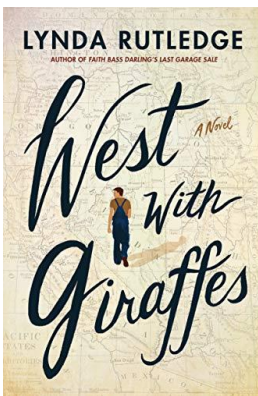


October 10

***Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver**

Pulitzer Prize 2023 recipient

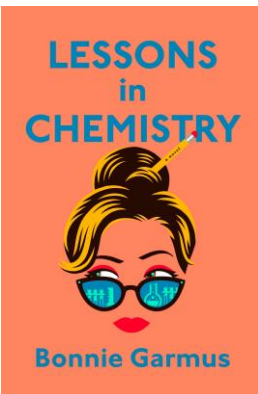
A baby boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. In a plot that never pauses for breath, relayed in his own unsparing voice, he braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses.



November 14

***West with Giraffes* by Linda Rutledge**

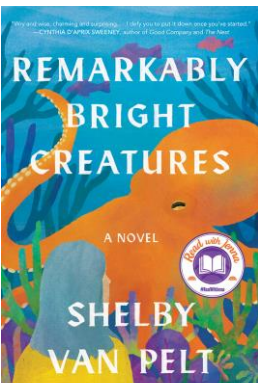
Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.



December 12

***Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus**

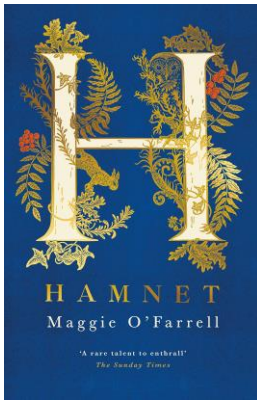
Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. She would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results. Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.



January 9

***Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt**

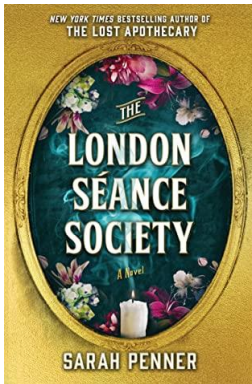
After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium and becomes acquainted with Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus. Her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, had mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.



February 13

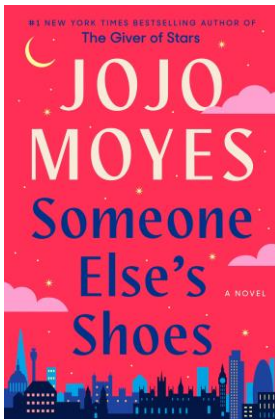
***Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell**

This luminous portrait of marriage, reveals at its heart the loss of a beloved child. In 1580s Warwickshire, Agnes is a woman as feared as she is sought after for her unusual gifts. She settles with her husband in Henley Street, Stratford, and has three children: a daughter, Susanna, and then twins, Hamnet and Judith. The boy, Hamnet, dies in 1596, aged eleven. Four years or so later, the husband writes a play called Hamlet.



March 12 Author Lunch at Belleair Country Club: Sarah Penner
Author of *The Lost Apothecary* and *The London Séance Society*

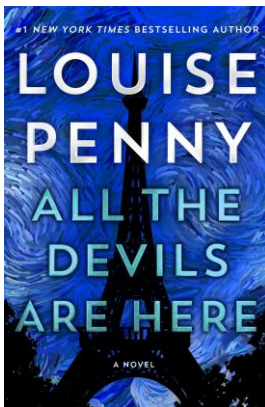
Lenna Wickes has come to Paris to find answers about her sister's death, but to do so, she must embrace the unknown and overcome her own logic-driven bias against the occult. Acclaimed spiritualist Vaudeline D'Allaire leaves Paris to solve a high-profile murder in England. Lenna accompanies her. As the women team up with the powerful men of London's exclusive Séance Society, they begin to suspect they are not merely out to solve a crime, but perhaps become entangled in one themselves.



April 9

***Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes**

Nisha Cantor lives the globetrotting life of the seriously wealthy, until her husband announces a divorce. Sam Kemp, at the bleakest point of her life, has accidentally taken Nisha's gym bag. When she tries on Nisha's six-inch high Christian Louboutin red crocodile shoes, the resulting jolt of confidence that makes her realize something must change—and that thing is herself. *Someone Else's Shoes* is a story about how just one little thing can suddenly change everything.



May 14

***All the Devils Are Here* by Louise Penny**

Walking home together after dinner, the Gamache family watch in horror as Armand's godfather Stephen Horowitz is knocked down and critically injured, not by accident. When a strange key is found in Stephen's possession, it sends them deep into the secrets Armand's godfather has kept for decades. Soon the whole family is caught up in a web of lies and deceit. In order to find the truth, Gamache will have to decide who he can possibly trust, even within his own family.

Also recommended: *American Dirt* by Jeanne Cummins
The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave
Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr
The Life She Wished to Lead by Ann McCutchan
The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell
The Traitor's Wife by Allison Partaki
The Maid by Nita Prose