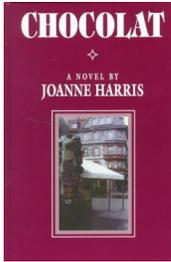


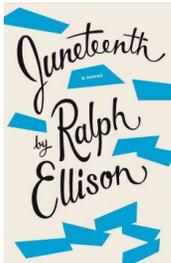
Past Afternoon Book Club Selections



Chocolat

by Joanne Harris

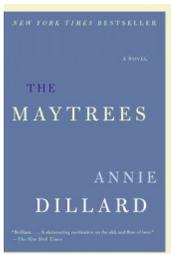
When the beautiful and mysterious Vianne moves to Lansquenet and opens a chocolate shop across from the church, the inhabitants of the tiny village find themselves torn between the solmen law of religion and the joyful rewards of Vianne's confections



Juneteenth

by Ralph Ellison

Shot on the Senate floor by a young black man, a dying racist senator summons an elderly black Baptist minister from Oklahoma to his side for a remarkable dialogue that reveals the deeply buried secrets of their shared past and the tragedy that reunites them.



The Maytrees

by Annie Dillard

Sharing a simple life with his wife and young son in the post-war artist community of his childhood, free-thinking poet Toby Maytree is aided with child-care responsibilities by close friend Deary, who years later comes between Toby and his wife. By the Pulitzer Prize-

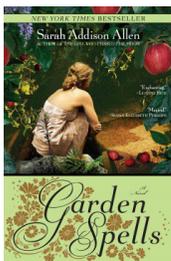
winning author of Pilgrim at Tinker Creek.



The Murder of King Tut

by Alexander Irvine

In graphic novel format, tells of the mystery surrounding the death of King Tutankhamen, as well as the travails of the archaeologists who searched in modern times for his tomb and its treasures



Garden Spells

by Sarah Addison Allen

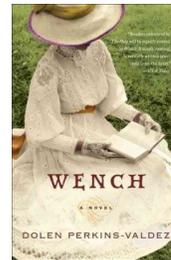
Claire has always remained tied to the long and magical legacy of the Waverly family, until her peaceful life is transformed by Tyler Hughes, an art teacher and new next-door neighbor, and by the return of her prodigal sister, Sydney, who has arrived with her five-year-old daughter.



Shadow Tag

by Louise Erdrich

After she discovers that her husband has been reading her diary, Irene America turns it into a manipulative farce, while secretly keeping a second diary that includes her true thoughts, through which the reader learns of Irene's shaky marriage, its affect on her children and her struggles with alcohol.



Wench

by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

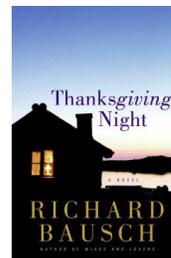
Slave mistresses Lizzie, Reenie and Sweet travel to a resort in Ohio each year with their white masters, until Mawu shows up and encourages the three others to escape, forcing them to choose between freedom and leaving their friends and families--and the emotional and psychological ties that bind them to their masters.



Lily of the Valley

by Suzanne Strempek Shea

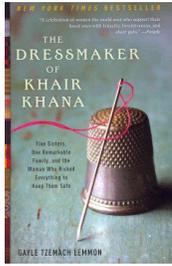
Lily Wilk, a young artist, spends her time painting everything from fire hydrants to fancy fingernail designs in her small Massachusetts town, until the owner of a supermarket chain commissions a family portrait that helps Lily come to a new understanding of herself and her life.



Thanksgiving Night

by Richard Bausch

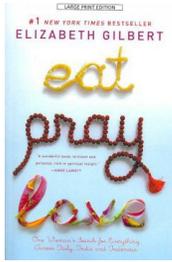
Encumbered with the challenges of his bookstore and his wife's high-school teaching career, Will Butterfield fears he will soon reach the end of his patience with his wildly eccentric mother and aunt, a situation that is both lightened and complicated by new friendships with the local handyman and his own chaotic family.



The Dressmaker of Khair Khana : five sisters, one remarkable family, and the woman who risked everything to keep them safe

by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon
Presents the story of a fearless young woman who became a dress-making entrepreneur in Taliban-ruled

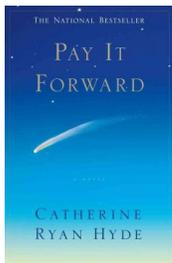
Afghanistan, thus saving her family and bringing hope to the lives of dozens of women in her war-torn nation



Eat, Pray, Love : one woman's search for everything across Italy, India and Indonesia

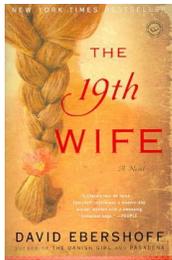
by Elizabeth Gilbert
Traces the author's decision to travel the world for a year after suffering a midlife crisis and divorce, a journey that took her to three places in her quest to explore her own nature and learn the art of spiritual

balance



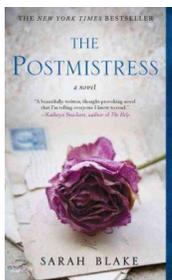
Pay It Forward

by Catherine Ryan Hyde
A life-affirming tale of the goodness implicit in everyone follows twelve-year-old Trevor, a boy from a troubled family, who develops a plan as part of a school project that starts people doing good things for each other



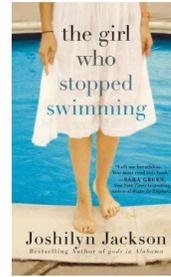
The 19th Wife

by David Ebershoff
Traces the parallel tales of a modern-day murder in a polygamous Utah compound and a late-nineteenth-century woman's efforts to eliminate polygamy, efforts that are marked by such factors as Brigham Young's expulsion of one of his wives and a ban on monogamous plays.



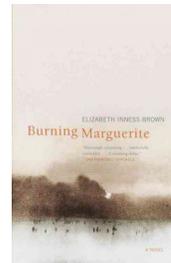
The Postmistress

by Sarah Blake
The stories of a small Cape Cod postmistress and an American radio reporter stationed in London collide on the eve of the United States' entrance into World War II, a meeting that is shaped by a broken promise to deliver a letter.



The Girl Who Stopped Swimming

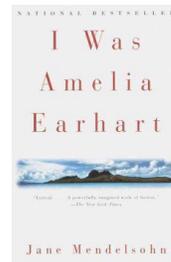
by Joshilyn Jackson
Her suburban life thrown into chaos when she is visited by the ghost of a thirteen-year-old girl who has just drowned under suspicious circumstances, Laurel begins questioning the characters of her seemingly innocent neighbors with the help of her unpredictable sister.



Burning Marguerite

by Elizabeth Inness-Brown
Awakening on a cold winter morning to find the body of his ninety-four-year-old "Tante" Marguerite Deo lying dead outside his cabin, carpenter James Jack must confront the mystery of her death and the secrets that have impacted his own life, in a story that moves from turn-

of-the-century New England, to New Orleans during the Depression, to the present day.



I Was Amelia Earhart

by Jane Mendelsohn
In a novel about a real-life mystery, Amelia Earhart describes what happened after she and her navigator disappeared in 1937 off the coast of New Guinea and discusses her love of flying, memories of her past, and her life with G. P. Putnam.



A Perfect Crime

by Peter Abrahams
A suspenseful psychological thriller features a cuckolded husband who conceives a brilliant and deadly plan to exact revenge on his unfaithful wife and her lover while simultaneously restoring his flagging career.



Plum Pudding Murder

by Joanne Fluke
Rumour has it that "Lunatic Larry" Jaeger is in the red--an idea that takes a sinister turn when Hannah discovers the man himself dead as a doornail in his own office. It seems quite a few people would have liked to fill Larry's stocking with coal and then bash him with it. With so many suspects to investigate and the twelve

days of Christmas ticking away, Hannah's running out of time to nab a murderous Scrooge who doesn't want her to see the New Year