Hampton Community Library “Murder by the Book Club” Selections 2012-2017

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| *In Cold Blood* by Truman CapoteDecember 2017 | True story of 1959 murder that had no motive and few clues. Capote reconstructs the murder and investigation that led to the capture, trial, and execution of the killers. |
| *The Shadow of the Wind*By Carlos Ruiz ZafonNovember 2017 | A Spanish antiquarian book dealer’s son finds solace in mysterious book. When he sets out to find the author’s other works, he discovers that someone has been systematically destroying every copy of the book. An epic story of murder, madness, and doomed love. |
| *The Lovely Bones* by Alice SeboldOctober 2017 | From her vantage point in heaven, Susie Salmon describes her murder and watches as her friends and family cope, anxiously desperate for her killer to be found and punished. |
| *Vanishing Act* by Thomas PerrySeptember 2017 | (Jane Whitefield #1) Native American guide who helps desperate people disappear from their enemies. Ex-cop suspected of embezzling wants her help to make him vanish but puts her in a trap. |
| *NYPD Red* by James PattersonAugust 2017 | Special task force NYPD Red works to stop a psychopathic killer whose crimes mirror a Hollywood blockbuster except in a brutal, public, and horrifyingly way. |
| *Wonder* by R.J. PalacioJuly 2017 | A memorable story of kindness, courage and wonder. A middle-grades novel about August “Auggie” Pullman, born with a facial deformity, who is entering 5th grade at a prep school. |
| *The Woman in Cabin 10* byRuth WareJune 2017 | Journalist Lo Blacklock witnesses a woman being thrown overboard during a luxury cruise. When all passengers remain accounted for and the ship sails on, Lo attempts to prove that something has gone terribly wrong. |
| *Touch & Go* by Lisa GardnerMay 2017 | Investigator Tessa Leoni works to solve why and how an entire family vanished without a trace. A thriller about what lurks behind the façade of a perfect family. Book #2 in series. |
| *The Kill Switch* by James RollinsApril 2017 | Former Army Ranger Tucker Wayne and his partner, Army working dog Kane, are recruited by Sigma Force to extract a pharmaceutical magnate from Siberia. First in series. |
| *Never Go Back* by Lee ChildMarch 2017 | Vigilante drifter Jack Reacher goes on the run with an Army major who has been framed for espionage. Book #18 in the series. |
| *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy* by John LeCarreFebruary 2017 | Aging spymaster George Smiley works to uncover a Soviet mole in the British Secret Intelligence Service. Based on the author’s experience in the 50’s/60’s and five moles who were exposed in the British Intelligence Services. |
| *Dead Irish* by John LescroartJanuary 2017 | (Dismas Hardy #1) Ex-cop now bartender gets involved in solving murder to avenge friend and protect the friend’s pregnant widow while untangling a web of old secrets and raw passions. |
| *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell HammettDecember 2016 | Private eye Sam Spade plays hunter and hunted while tracking down a jewel-encrusted bird. A classic novel and movie |
| *Marathon Man* by William GoldmanNovember 2016 | College-aged runner is unwillingly involved in murder of brother who unknowingly was secret agent. He runs from Nazis hunting diamonds and must answer the fateful question “is it safe?”. |
| *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper LeeOctober 2016One Book One Community pick | Classic novel set in a sleepy southern town centering on attorney Atticus Finch and how he heroically rises above issues of rape and racial inequality. |
| *The Black Echo* by Michael ConnellySeptember 2016 | (Harry Bosch #1) Detective Bosch investigates murder of fellow Vietnam “tunnel rat” which may be connected to bank robberies using subterranean tunnels. |
| *The Watchman* by Robert CraisAugust 2016 | (Elvis Cole #11/Joe Pike #1) Pike protects a young woman who is the sole witness in a secret federal investigation resulting from a violent traffic accident. A chain of lies and betrayals force Pike to follow his own rules for survival. |
| *Final Jeopardy* by Linda FairsteinJuly 2016 | (Alexandra Cooper #1) When Assistant DA lends her home to a Hollywood star, the dead body found slumped in her car is assumed to be Alex. Was the killer one of the criminals Alex prosecuted, or one of the star’s crazed fans? |
| *The Surgeon* by Tess GerritsenJune 2016 | (Rizzoli & Isles #1) Boston serial killer whose modus operandi earns him the nickname “the surgeon”. Investigators link killings to Catherine Cordell, a doctor who shot her attacker dead 2 years prior. |
| *Identical* by Scott TurowMay 2016 | (Kindle County Legal Thriller #9) Identical twins Paul (mayoral candidate of Kindle County) and Cass Giannis (recently released from prison for murder of his girlfriend/neighbor Aphrodite Kronon. Plot centers on re-investigation of Aphrodite murder. |
| *The Kind Worth Killing* by Peter SwansonApril 2016 | Two strangers meet in an airport lounge when Ted Severson reveals his wife Miranda is cheating on him. Lily Kintner offers to help kill Miranda. Ted and Lily’s plan soon involves other co-conspirators and a detective with faults of his own. |
| *Rogue Island* by Bruce DeSilvaMarch 2016 | (Liam Mulligan #1) Newspaperman Liam Mulligan trails person who is burning down the Providence neighborhood he grew up in, killing people he knows and loves. Tracking the killer endangers his career and his life. |
| *The Innocent* by David BaldacciFebruary 2016 | (Will Robie #1) Government assassin Will Robie refuses to kill a target and flees, meeting up with a teenage runaway who witnessed her parents murdered. Robie protects the girl and finds a link between the killings. |
| *The Winter People* by Jennifer McMahonJanuary 2016 | Ghostly tale centering on 1908 death of Sara Harrison Shea whose daughter Gertie tragically died just months prior. Book switches to present day and disappearance of mother Alice, leaving her daughters Ruthie and Fawn who use secrets found in Sara’s hidden diary to fine their missing mother. |
| *When The Bough Breaks* by Jonathan KellermanDecember 2015 | (Alex Delaware #1) Retired psychologist Alex Delaware assists the police with a traumatized 7 year old who may be a witness to the brutal murder of a local psychiatrist. Unlocking Melody’s memory brings connections to a 40 year old incident in Alex’s past. |
| *A Tap on the Window* by Linwood BarclayNovember 2015 | Cal Weaver give a ride to teen hitchhiker who was classmate of Cal’s son who recently committed suicide.. The teen’s death has Cal at odds with the town’s police and mayor and the secrets that connect to his son’s death. |
| *Devil in the White City* by Erik LarsonOctober 2015 | Retelling of true events that happened at the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair. Focuses on stories of Daniel H. Burnham, the architect responsible for the fair’s construction, and H.H. Holmes, a serial killer masquerading as a charming doctor. |
| *Ripper* by Isabel AllendeSeptember 2015 | High school senior Amanda Jackson with assistance from her grandfather and fellow gamers is addicted to online mystery game, Ripper. Amanda investigates murders occurring in her city and disappearance of her bohemian mother, Indiana. |
| *The Murder Artist* by John CaseAugust 2015 | TV news correspondent Alex Callahan is terrorized when his young twin sons vanish at a local Renaissance Fair. He hunts for the killer whose previous crimes involve twins. |
| *The Silkworm* by Robert GalbraithJuly 2015 | (Cormoran Strike #2) Private detective Cormoran Strike searches for a novelist whose soon to be published manuscript hints at scandals that drive someone to murder. A J.K. Rowling book. |
| *The Intercept* by Dick WolfJune 2015 | (Jeremy Fisk #1) NY Intelligence Division detective links a thwarted terrorist act on a commercial jet to a terrorist scheme during the dedication of World Trade Center at Ground Zero during July 4 holiday. |
| *Mystic River* by Dennis LehaneMay 2015 | The lives of childhood friends Sean, Jimmy and Dave are forever changed one fateful day when Dave gets into the car of two sexual molesters. Twenty-five years later Jimmy’s daughter is murdered, drawing all 3 into a maze of dark truths in their own lives. |
| *The Quiet Game* by Greg IlesApril 2015 | (Penn Cage #1) Former district attorney and recent widow moves back home to Natchez, Mississippi with his daughter. He and journalist Kate Masters link a long-ago Ku Klux Klan murder and his father being blackmailed. |
| *The Company* by Robert LittellMarch 2015 | The life and death struggles of CIA operatives spanning 50 years in the organization. Through assassinations, covert wars, kidnappings and toppling of legitimate governments, one question spans the book: who is the mole in the CIA? |
| *Death du Jour* by Kathy ReichsFebruary 2015 | (Temperance Brennan #2) Forensic anthropologist uncovers a link between items found with the corpse of a dead nun slated for sainthood and the scorched and twisted bodies discovered at a burning chalet. |
| *The Poet* by Michael ConnellyJanuary 2015 | Denver crime reporter Jack McEvoy investigates the purported suicide of his identical twin brother Sean, a homicide detective. Jack believes Sean’s death was really done by a serial killer who leaves notes with victims quoting the works of Edgar Allen Poe. |
| *And Then There Were None* by Agatha ChristieDecember 2014 | Ten strangers are summoned as weekend guests to a private island by an unknown millionaire under different pretexts. Each guest has a wicked secret, and one by one they are killed before the weekend is over. A classic mystery. |
| *The Beekeeper’s Apprentice* by Laurie R. KingNovember 2014 | (Mary Russell #1) Teen Mary has a penchant for detection. Long retired, Sherlock Holmes mentors Mary and quickly hones her talent for deduction, disguises and danger. When an elusive villain enters the picture, their partnership is put to a real test. |
| *The Blessing Way* by Tony HillermanOctober 2014 | (Joe Leaphorn #1) Navajo tribal police lieutenant Leaphorn discovers a corpse with a mouth full of sand at a crime scene seemingly without tracks or clues. His case intertwines with his friend’s interest in a real Navajo witch. |
| *The Cuckoo’s Calling* by Robert GalbraithSeptember 2014 | (Cormoran Strike #1) Cormoran is barely scraping by as a private investigator, forced to live in his own office. He investigation of the purported sucide of supermodel Lula Landry, a/k/a the Cuckoo, sends him into a world of multimillionaires and desperate designers. |
| *Help for the Haunted* by John SearlesAugust 2014 | Young Sylvie Mason accompanies her parents to an old church on the outskirts of town on the pretext of helping haunted souls find peace. The story moves back and forth in time, through the years leading up to their murder and the months following, as Sylvie pursues the mystery of past secrets. |
| *The Last Child* by John HartJuly 2014 | When only 13-year old Johnny Merrimon believes his missing twin sister, Alyssa is alive, Johnny and his friend venture into the wild. They uncover the dark side of their hometown and a truth that will test both boys to the limit. |
| *The Lock Artist* by Steve HamiltonJune 2014 | Traumatized ten years earlier at the age of eight, Michael has not uttered a word in ten years, dubbed by the press as the Miracle Boy or Milford Mute. His talent of unlocking any mechanism without a key pushes him to crime and to unlock the secret that has kept him silent for so long. |
| *Defending Jacob* by William LandayMay 2014 | A Massachusetts assistant DA must defend his 14-year old son charged in the murder of a fellow student, testing him and his family on how far one would go to protect a family member. |
| *Still Life* by Louise PennyApril 2014 | (Armand Gamache #1) Chief inspector Gamache investigates the death of a resident in the woods outside Three Pines, Quebec. |
| *Gone* by Mo HayderMarch 2014 | (Jack Caffery #5) Detective Caffery is taunted by a jacker whose operandi is car thefts with a child in the backseat. |
| *Murder One* by Robert DugoniFebruary 2014 | (David Slone #4) One year after the murder of his wife, attorney reconnects with former rival who is on a crusade to take down the Russian drug traffickers she holds responsible for her daughter’s death. Sloane defends her but suspects she’s not so innocent. |
| *Triptych* by Karin SlaughterJanuary 2014 | (Will Trent #1) Detective Michael Ormewood and vice cop Angie Polaski investigate the deaths of women by a killer who signs his work with a single act of mutilation. A loser ex-con also hunts the killer who may be key to keeping him from a return to prison. |
| *The Kill Artist* by Daniel SilvaDecember 2013 | (Gabriel Allon #1) Now an art restorer, Gabriel had led a team known for the Munich massacres, which led to a killer named Tariq to retaliate by killing Gabriel’s son and shattering his wife. Gabriel accepts Israel’s request to take down Tariq and recruits supermodel and former lover Sarah Halevy for the task. |
| *Night Fall* by Nelson DeMilleNovember 2013 | (John Corey #3) A couple unknowingly videotapes what may have led to the crash of TWA Flight 800 off Long Island. Detective Corey is tasked to reinvestigate witness statements that the fatal explosion was caused by a missile and not by mechanical failure. |
| *The Bone Collector* by Jeffrey DeaverOctober 2013 | (Lincoln Rhyme #1) Quadriplegic forensic criminalist is drawn into solving who is behind a series of random murders, eventually realizing the killer is someone he knows. |
| *Drowning House* by Elizabeth BlackSeptember 2013 | A woman returns to Galveston, Texas after a personal tragedy and is irresistibly drawn into the insular world she’s struggled to leave. |
| *Rules of Prey* by John SandfordAugust 2013 | (Lucas Davenport #1) Brilliant killer detective assists Minneapolis police hunting an intelligent psychopathic serial killer dubbed “maddog”. |
| *Triple Cross* by Mark SullivanJuly 2013 | Militia attack wealthy guests at a NYEve party at a private ski resort. The patrons are put on trial for crimes against humanity, live on the internet, with viewers voting as jury members, raising the question of who the real criminals are. |
| *The Redbreast* by Joe NesboJune 2013 | (Harry Hole #1/English) Inspector investigates neo-Nazi activity in Norway, delving into a crime that has its roots in the battlefields of the Eastern Front of WWII. |
| *In The Woods* by Tana FrenchMay 2013 | (Dublin Murder Squad #1) Detectives Rob Ryan and Cassie Maddox investigate when a 12 year old girl is found murdered in a suburb’s woods, the same woods where Ryan was found as a kid but his 2 friends went missing, with unable to recall a single detail about what happened. |
| April 2013 | Nancy Martin author visit/book signing |
| *Transfer of Power* by Vince FlynnMarch 2013 | (Mitch Rapp #1) CIA superagent fights terrorists from inside the White House, saving the president and Anna Rielly, a news correspondent, ultimately chasing down and killing the terrorist leader in South America. |
| *A Drink Before The War* by Dennis LehaneFebruary 2013 | (Patrick Kenzie & Angela Gennaro) Pis are tasked to retrieve missing documents by a trio of politicians. The trail leads them into the midst of a gang war and reveals an act of child abuse. |
| *Gone Girl* by Gillian FlynnJanuary 2013 | Amy Dunne disappears on his fifth wedding anniversary. Husband Nick is suspected of wrongdoing, and his behavior is questioned once Amy’s diary is found with damning allegations, but who is the more dangerous? |
| *Open Season* by C.J. BoxNovember 2012 | (Joe Pickett #1) Wyoming game warden finds a local hunting outfitter dead, splayed on the woodpile behind his state-owned home, along with an animal considered an endangered species. |
| *Heartsick* by Chelsea CainOctober 2012 | Beautiful serial killer Gretchen Lowell captures and carves a heart into victim Archie Sheraden, the detective who was trying to hunt her down. Locked away, Gretchen will only tell Archie the location of prior victims if he continues to visit her every week, as well as assist in catching a new killer. |
| *Sworn to Silence* by Linda CastilloSeptember 2012 | (Kate Burkholder #1) After leaving to study law enforcement, police chief returns to the Amish community and works to stop a serial killer whose MO matches four unsolved murders from 16 years earlier. |
| *Courting Trouble* by Lisa ScottolineAugust 2012 | Philadelphia attorney Anne Murphy joins an all-women law firm and must trust her new associates with past secrets after a friend who’s housesitting for Anne is murdered in a case of mistaken identity, and before the killer realizes she’s still alive. |
| *Sweet Revenge* by Diane Mott DavidsonJuly 2012 | Caterer Goldy Schulz is drawn into a world of high-end map dealing after a murder occurs during her catered affair. |
| *Gone, But Not Forgotten* by Philip MargolinJune 2012 | Affluent Portland wives are disappearing with a single black rose left at the scene. Defense attorney Betsy Tannenbaum is hired by reclusive businessman Martin Darius, who may be a victim or a murderer. |
| *Mirror Image* by Dennis PalumboJune 2012 | Psychologist Dr. Daniel Rinaldi assists Pittsburgh police in treating victims of violent crime. When a patient mirrors Rinaldi’s appearance and is brutally murdered, Rinaldi faces off death threats to help find the killer. |