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# January/February 2020 Newsletter

## Preserving Our Past Thomas Hart Benton

Such a people, in choosing men to represent them in the national councils, would naturally pay small heed to refined, graceful, and cultivated statesmanship ; their allegiance would be given to men of abounding vitality, of rugged intellect, and of indomitable will. No better or more characteristic possessor of these attributes could be imagined than Thomas Benton.

He possessed a rich fund of political, legal, and historical learning, and every subject that he ever handled showed the traces of careful and thorough study. He was very courteous, except when provoked ; his courage was proof against all fear, and he shrank from no contest, personal or political. He was sometimes narrow- minded, and always wilful and passionate; but he was honest and truthful. At all times and in all places he held every good gift he had completely at the service of the American Federal Union.



### **Thomas Hart Benton**

#### **By Theodore Roosevelt**

Theodore Roosevelt's biography on Senator Thomas Hart Benton.

A commentary on American politics and how they influenced Benton.

## Jaime Jo Wright

An Award-Winning Wisconsin Author



### [The Curse of Misty Wayfair](#)

A century apart, two women, Thea Reed and Heidi Lane, seek information about their mothers and are led to a Wisconsin mental asylum and the legend of Misty Wayfair, a murdered woman whose presence is said to be a portent of death.



### [The House on Foster Hill](#)

In an attempt to hide from a stalker, Kaine buys an old house in Wisconsin where an unidentified woman was found dead a century prior, and Kaine soon learns about her ancestor, Ivy Thorpe, who had tried to uncover the truth about the crime.



### [The Reckoning at Gossamer Pond](#)

In modern-day Gossamer Grove, Wisconsin, an inheritance forces Annalise Forsythe to face the town's dark secrets, while a century earlier amid the arrival of revivalists in Gossamer Grove, newspaperwoman Libby Sheffield works with a deacon's son to investigate his father's death.

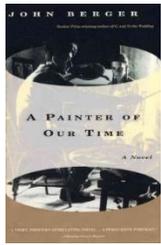


### [Echoes Among the Stones](#)

Aggie Dunkirk exhumes secrets and uncovers a crime her eccentric grandmother has been obsessing over. Decades earlier, after discovering her sister's body in the attic, Imogene Grayson longs for justice. Two women, separated by time, vow to find answers . . . no matter the cost.

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## Book Club 2020



**January 2020**

### ***A Painter of Our Time***

by John Berger

From John Berger, the Booker Prize-winning author of *G.*, *A Painter of Our Time* is at once a gripping intellectual and moral detective story and a book whose aesthetic insights make it a companion piece to Berger's great works of art criticism. The year is 1956. Soviet tanks are rolling into Budapest. In London, an expatriate Hungarian painter named Janos Lavin has disappeared following a triumphant one-man show at a fashionable gallery. Where has he gone? Why has he gone?

The only clues may lie in the diary, written in Hungarian, that Lavin has left behind in his studio. With uncanny understanding, John Berger has written one of the most convincing portraits of a painter in modern literature, a revelation of art and exile.



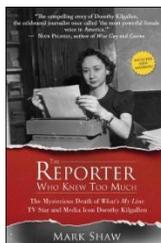
**February 2020**

### ***Cancer Vixen***

by Marisa Acocella Marchetto

The groundbreaking graphic memoir that inspires breast cancer

patients to fight back—and do so with style. In vivid color and with a taboo-breaking sense of humor, Marisa Acocella Marchetto tells the story of her eleven-month, ultimately triumphant bout with breast cancer—from diagnosis to cure, and every challenging step in between.



**March 2020**

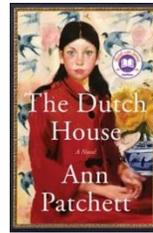
### ***The Reporter Who Knew Too Much: The Mysterious Death of What's My Line TV Star and Media Icon Dorothy Kilgallen***

by Mark William Shaw

Was What's My Line TV Star, media icon, and crack investigative reporter and journalist Dorothy Kilgallen murdered for writing a tell-all book about the JFK assassination? If so, is the main suspect in her death still at large?

Meets on the 3rd Sunday in the library at 2:00 PM

No purchase necessary. Books on loan through the Southwest Wisconsin Library System.

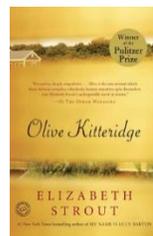


**April 2020**

### ***The Dutch House***

by Ann Patchett

A richly moving story that explores the indelible bond between two siblings, the house of their childhood, and a past that will not let them go. *The Dutch House* is the story of a paradise lost, a tour de force that digs deeply into questions of inheritance, love and forgiveness, of how we want to see ourselves and of who we really are.



**May 2020**

### ***Olive Kitteridge***

by Elizabeth Strout

At the edge of the continent, in the small town of Crosby, Maine, lives Olive Kitteridge, a retired schoolteacher who deplores the changes in her town and in the world at large but doesn't always recognize the changes in those around her.



**June 2020**

### ***Run River***

by Joan Didion

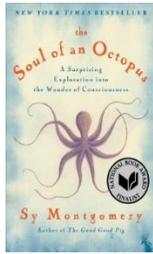
Joan Didion's electrifying first novel is a haunting portrait of a marriage whose wrong turns and betrayals are at once absolutely idiosyncratic

and a razor-sharp commentary on the history of California. Everett McClellan and his wife, Lily, are the great-grandchildren of pioneers, and what happens to them is a tragic epilogue to the pioneer experience, a story of murder and betrayal that only Didion could tell with such nuance, sympathy, and suspense.

[More Selections Coming Later This Year](#)

## More New Books - Click Here To See Full List

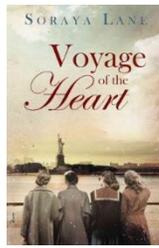
### NON-FICTION



**[The Soul of an Octopus : a surprising exploration into the wonder of consciousness](#)**  
by Sy Montgomery

Expanding on her 2011 piece in Orion magazine, a naturalist examines the surprising intelligence, emotions and various personalities of octopuses in this new book from the author of The Good Good Pig.

### FICTION



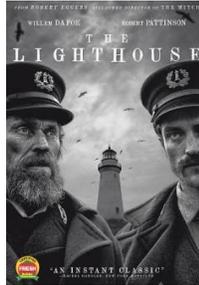
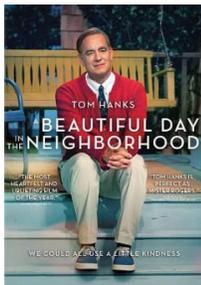
**[Voyage of the Heart](#)**  
by Soraya Lane

From bestselling author Soraya Lane comes a story of friendship, love, and heartbreak at the end of World War II. 1945: Along with hundreds of other war brides, Betty, Madeline, Alice, and June set sail for New York to be with the men they love.

## New Movies - Click Here To See Full List

Catch up on all of the Oscar nominated movies!

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## Unwind With A Book!

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