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Through the Reading Glasses October 2022

Janet Moore, Andover Libraries

Last month I mentioned three books I was hoping to read in August; so far I've only managed to complete two. *The Luminaries* will no doubt keep me occupied this fall.

Annie Proulx's *Barkskins* ticked many genre sub-category boxes, including historical fiction, environmental science, indigenous people's history, and economic policy. From 1693 to the present, the history of logging and timber management around the world, but mainly in the US and Canada, is the framework upon which this story is built. As the years progress and cultures shift, Annie Proulx also moves her language along, from barely English-speaking Dutch, French, and native North Americans, to sophisticated board rooms and ecologically curious college students. Below you'll find a sample of Annie Proulx's glo-

rious prose. The ancient Mi'kmaq Kuntaw faces his death serenely:

"Kuntaw died on the most beautiful day in a thousand years. The October air was sweet and every faint breath a pleasure. Wind stirred and he said, 'Our wind reaching me here.' A small cloud formed in the west. 'Our small cloud coming to me.' The hours passed and the small cloud formed a dark wall and approached. A drop fell, another, many, and Kuntaw said, 'Our rain wetting my face.'

His people came near him, drawing him into their eyes, and he said, 'Now...what...' The sun came out, the brilliant world sparkled, susurrations, liquid flow, stems of striped grass what was it what was it the limber swish of a released branch. What, now what. Kuntaw opened his mouth, said nothing, and let the sunlight enter him."



Bachelder Library Book Club Chooses *Olga Dies Dreaming*

Lee Wells, Bachelder Library

The October Book Club selection is Xochitl Gonzales's debut novel, *Olga Dies Dreaming*.

From BookOfTheMonth.com: It is 2017, and Olga and her brother, Pedro "Prieto" Acevedo are well known in their hometown of New York. Prieto is a popular Congressman representing their gentrifying Latinx neighborhood in Brooklyn, and Olga is the wedding planner for Manhattan's power brokers.

Despite their alluring public lives, behind closed doors things are far less rosy. Sure Olga can orchestrate the love stories of the one percent, but she can't seem to find her own ... until she meets Matteo, who forces her to confront the effects of long-held family secrets.

Olga and Pietro's mother, Blanca,

a gang member turned radical, abandoned her children to advance a militant political cause, leaving them to be raised by their grandmother. As hurricane season begins, Blanca comes barreling back into their lives.

Set against the backdrop of New York City in the months surrounding the most devastating hurricane in Puerto Rico's history, *Olga Dies Dreaming* examines political corruption, familial strife, and the very notion of the American Dream – all while asking what it means to weather a storm.

We will be meeting at the Bachelder Library, or via Zoom, at 7 PM on Wednesday, October 26. Please swing by either library to pick up a copy. Please let Lee or Priscilla know if you would like to attend via Zoom.



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- Bruno's Challenge and Other Stories of the French Countryside*, Martin Walker
- Every Summer After*, Carley Fortune
- Horse*, Geraldine Brooks
- Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting*, Clare Pooley
- The Locked Room*, Elly Griffiths
- November 9*, Colleen Hoover
- Rizzoli and Isles: Listen to Me*, Tess Gerritsen
- Sparring Partners*, John Grisham
- Ugly Love*, Colleen Hoover
- The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches*, Sangu Mandanna

Adult Nonfiction

- Earth Will Survive, But We May Not*,

Katie Coppens

The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line: Untold Stories of the Women Who Changed the Course of World War II, Mari Eder

I'd Like to Play Alone, Please: Essays, Tom Segura

Wastelands: The True Story of Farm Country on Trial, Corban Addison

Children's Books

- The Bad Seed Presents: The Good, the Bad, and the Spooky*, Jory John
- Creepy Crayon*, Aaron Reynolds
- A House*, Kevin Henkes
- The Kissing Hand*, Audrey Penn
- Little Blue Truck's Halloween*, Alice Schertle
- Little Houses*, Kevin Henkes
- The Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster!*, Mo Willems
- Rumble, Rumble, Dinosaur*, Katrina Charman

Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

- The Big Dark Sky*, Dean Koontz
- Hour of the Witch*, Chris Bohjalian
- Overkill*, Sandra Brown
- Sparring Partners*, John Grisham
- Rising Tiger*, Brad Thor
- Heretics of Dune*, Frank Herbert
- Chapterhouse Dune*, Frank Herbert
- The Man Who Died Twice*, Richard Osman
- All Your Perfects*, Colleen Hoover
- It Ends With Us*, Colleen Hoover
- It All Comes Back to You*, Beth Duke
- A Good Marriage*, Kimberly McCreight

A Woman Is No Man, Etaf Rum

Valentine, Elizabeth Wetmore

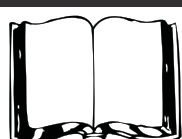
Secrets of the Deep, EG Foley

Adult Nonfiction

Home Town, Tracy Kidder

Children's Books

- Everyone Poops*, Taro Gomi
- Bad Guys #13 and #14*, Aaron Blabey
- Judy Moody #12 and #13*, Megan McDonald
- Super Mario Adventures*, Kentaro Takekuma
- The Little Train*, Lois Lenski
- Little Blue Truck Makes a Friend*, Alice Schertle
- If You Believe in Me*, Rosemary Wells
- What Should Danny Do?*, Ganit and Adir Levy



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