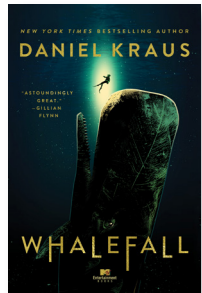


The Sword Defiant
by Gareth Hanrahan
July 11



A gritty fantasy novel focusing on the aftermath of victory, where the “Nine Heroes” who defeated the Dark Lord Lord Bone now struggle with power, politics, and corruption in the city of Necrad. The story follows Aelfric, a weary hero wielding the sentient, malevolent sword Spellbreaker, as he investigates the opening of Lord Bone’s tomb, suspecting betrayal among his former companions.

Whalefall by Daniel Kraus
August 1

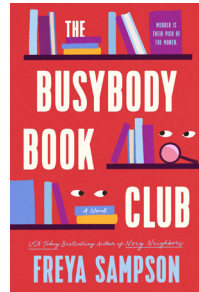


A survival thriller about 17-year-old Jay Gardiner, who is swallowed by a sperm whale while diving off the California coast to recover his deceased father’s remains. With roughly one hour of oxygen left, Jay must escape the whale’s stomach while confronting his complicated grief and survivor guilt.

RIPs & WIPs

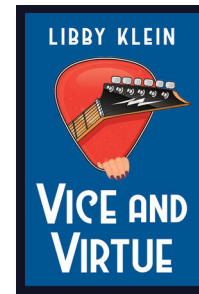
Join us for a cozy mystery book club where you can make some headway on your current WIP (work in progress) while discussing this month’s current victim (RIP). All mystery aficionados and needle crafters welcome! Books will be available for checkout at the Information Desk and some titles will be available through Hoopla or Libby. **Due to space limitations, registration is required.**

The Busybody Book Club
by Freya Sampson
June 24



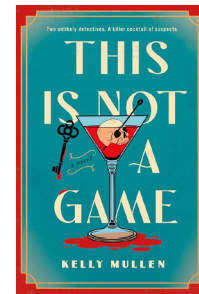
Nova Davies runs a struggling book club in a Cornish seaside village. When money is stolen from the community center and a body appears, the mismatched members—inspired by fictional detectives—turn into amateur sleuths to solve the murder, recover the cash, and clear Nova’s name.

Vice and Virtue by Libby Klein
July 29



Layla Virtue, a blue-haired, 30-something recovering alcoholic and former cop is trying to reinvent herself as a musician—between AA meetings, dodging eccentric neighbors at her trailer park, and reconnecting with her mysterious dad—in this unforgettable new mystery brimming with hilarity and heart.

This Is Not a Game by Kelly Mullen
August 26



Widow Mimi lives on Mackinac Island. Her estranged granddaughter, Addie, is dealing with heartbreak and being cut out of a deal for the videogame they created together. Mimi takes Addie to a charity auction but a storm traps everyone in the mansion. A guest is murdered and Mimi and Addie’s relationship is put to the test when they must team up to narrow down the suspects.



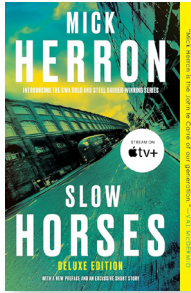
Summer Book Discussions 2026



Brunch Bunch

The Brighton District Library Brunch Bunch Book Group meets at 11:30am the second Tuesday of each month. The group is led by Library staff, welcomes everyone, and does not require registration for its meetings. Books for the following month's discussion will be available for checkout at each month's meeting.

Slow Horses by Mick Herron June 9



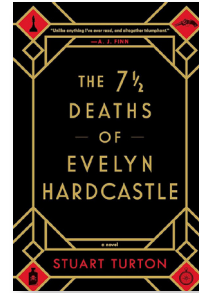
Slow Horses follows a dysfunctional team of disgraced MI5 agents exiled to "Slough House," a administrative purgatory for failed spies. Led by the crude, cynical Jackson Lamb, these "slow horses" become entangled in a conspiracy involving a kidnapped student, a far-right group, and a staged government publicity stunt, forcing them to prove their worth.

Mystery Title July 14



July's title is a mystery! Books will be given out at the June Brunch Bunch discussion & a limited number can be picked up by visiting the Information Desk after the June discussion.

The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton August 11



Every day Evelyn Hardcastle will die. Every day until Aiden Bishop can identify her killer and break the cycle. But every time the day begins again, Aiden wakes up in the body of a different guest. And some of his hosts are more

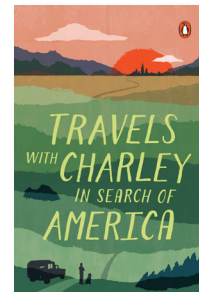
helpful than others...

Books & Brews

Join us from 6:30pm to 7:30pm the second Wednesday of each month, for Books and Brews, located at Brewery Becker in downtown Brighton. We meet every month and don't require registration – just drop-in!

Snacks, beer, and beverages are available for purchase at the Brewery.

Travels with Charley: In Search of America by John Steinbeck June 10



With his dog Charley, John Steinbeck set out in his truck to explore and experience America in the 1960s. As he talked with all kinds of people, he sadly noted the passing of region speech, fell in love with Montana, and was appalled by racism in New Orleans.

The Garden of Small Beginnings by Abbi Waxman July 8



Lilian Girvan has been a single mother for three years. One mental breakdown and some random suicidal thoughts later, she's just starting to get the hang of this widow thing. The only problem is she's becoming overwhelmed with being underwhelmed. Oh, and there's that vegetable-gardening class her boss signed her up for. After recruiting her kids to join her, Lilian shows up at the Los Angeles Botanical Garden feeling out of her element. But what she'll soon discover is that into every life a little sun must shine—whether you want it to or not.

The Ministry of Time by Kaliane Bradley August 12

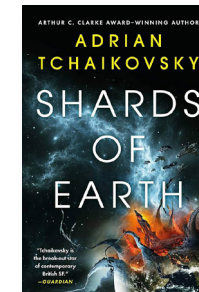


A genre-bending novel about a near-future British government project that rescues "expats"—historical figures plucked from the verge of death—to live in modern London. An unnamed female "bridge" is assigned to guide Graham Gore, a 19th-century Arctic explorer, leading to a deep romance, dark conspiracies regarding the Ministry's true motives, and reflections on colonialism and morality.

Strange Saturdays

The Strange Saturdays Book Group meets at 1pm the first Saturday of each month (2nd Saturday in July) in the Brighton Room. The group is led by Library staff, welcomes everyone, and does not require registration for its meetings. Books can be placed on hold and we'll contact you when they're ready to pick up.

Shards of Earth by Adrian Tchaikovsky June 6



A space opera following Idris, a genetically modified "Intermediary" who can communicate with planet-killing, moon-sized aliens called Architects. After a brutal war, Idris works on a salvage ship, but when the dormant Architects return, he is hunted by various factions to uncover secrets that could decide the fate of humanity.

