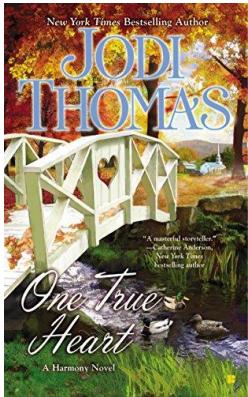


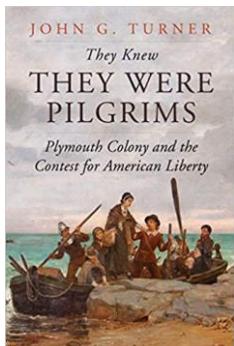
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***One True Heart*** (Harmony Series Book 8), by Jodi Thomas.

**From our catalog:** *New York Times* bestselling author Jodi Thomas takes us back to Harmony, Texas—a small town where love blooms and secrets of the past threaten to alter the future... Millanie McAllen is always logical. But after returning to her childhood home, she learns that some things are beyond explanation—like her undeniable passion for Drew Cunningham... After finding success as a singer on the road, Beau Yates returns to Harmony to make peace with his dying father—only to find the woman he's been dreaming of for years. But the secrets they discover might be too much for him to bear... When Johnny Wheeler is charged with his wife's murder, he turns to the only person who believes he's innocent. Fortune teller Kare Cunningham's life has always danced around reality—but Johnny is able to ground her like no other... As their paths cross in new, captivating directions, the townspeople of Harmony need to learn to love and let go in order to live together in their little slice of heaven. -- Item is also available via Overdrive and Hoopla from your library. Author website: <https://www.jodithomas.com/>

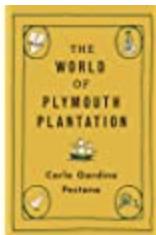
Other authors to check out: Robin Carr, Linda Lael Miller, Janet Dailey. (Suggested by Novelist)



***They Knew They Were Pilgrims: Plymouth Colony and the Contest for American Liberty Hardcover***, by John G. Turner.

**From our catalog:** In 1620, separatists from the Church of England set sail across the Atlantic aboard the Mayflower. Understanding themselves as spiritual pilgrims, they left to preserve their liberty to worship God in accordance with their understanding of the Bible. There exists, however, an alternative, more dispiriting version of their story. In it, the Pilgrims are religious zealots who persecuted dissenters and decimated the Native peoples through warfare and by stealing their land. The Pilgrims' definition of liberty was, in practice, very narrow. Drawing on original research using underutilized sources, John G. Turner moves beyond these familiar narratives in his sweeping and authoritative new history of Plymouth Colony. Instead of depicting the Pilgrims as otherworldly saints or extraordinary sinners, he tells how a variety of English settlers and Native peoples engaged in a contest for the meaning of American liberty. This item is also available from Hoopla as an audiobook.

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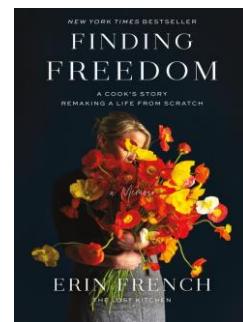


***The World of Plymouth Plantation*, by Carla Gardina Pestana.**

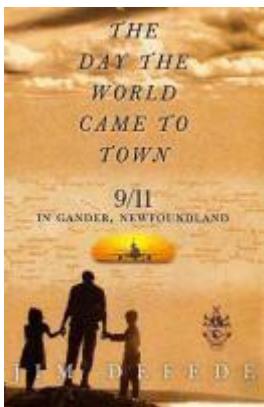
**From our catalog:** "On the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower landing and the establishment of Plymouth Plantation, Carla Gardina Pestana offers an intimate look at life in the settlement. Hardly the isolated outpost of myth, in Pestana's telling Plymouth is revealed as a vibrant place of meeting, with strong connections to the seventeenth-century colonial world"-- This item is also available from Hoopla as an audiobook.

***Finding Freedom: A Cook's Story; Remaking a Life from Scratch*, by Erin French**

**From our catalog:** \*\*New York Times Bestseller\*\**From Erin French, owner of the critically acclaimed The Lost Kitchen, a TIME world dining destination, a life-affirming memoir about survival, renewal, and finding a community to lift her up*Long before *The Lost Kitchen* became a world dining destination with every seating filled the day the reservation book opens each spring, *Erin French* was a girl roaming barefoot on a 25-acre farm, a teenager falling in love with food while working the line at her dad's diner and a young woman finding her calling as a professional chef at her tiny restaurant tucked into a 19th century mill. This singular memoir—a classic American story—invites readers to *Erin's* corner of her beloved Maine to share the real person behind the "girl from Freedom" fairytale, and the not-so-picture-perfect struggles that have taken every ounce of her strength to overcome, and that make *Erin's* life triumphant. In *Finding Freedom*, *Erin* opens up to the challenges, stumbles, and victories that have led her to the exact place she was ever meant to be, telling stories of multiple rock-bottoms, of darkness and anxiety, of survival as a jobless single mother, of pills that promised release but delivered addiction, of a man who seemed to offer salvation but in the end ripped away her very sense of self. And of the beautiful son who was her guiding light as she slowly rebuilt her personal and culinary life around the solace she found in food—as a source of comfort, a sense of place, as a way of bringing goodness into the world. *Erin's* experiences with deep loss and abiding hope, told with both honesty and humor, will resonate with women everywhere who are determined to find their voices, create community, grow stronger and discover their best-selves despite seemingly impossible odds. Set against the backdrop of rural Maine and its lushly intense, bountiful seasons, *Erin* reveals the passion and courage needed to invent oneself anew, and the poignant, timeless connections between food and generosity, renewal and freedom. Available on Overdrive as eBook and audiobook.



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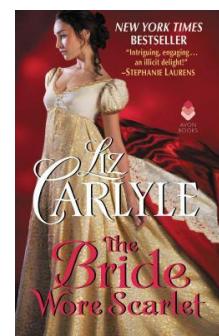


### *The day the world came to town*, by Jim Defede

**From our catalog:** When 38 jetliners bound for the United States were forced to land at Gander International Airport in Canada by the closing of U.S. airspace on September 11, the population of this small town on Newfoundland Island swelled from 10,300 to nearly 17,000. The citizens of Gander met the stranded passengers with an overwhelming display of friendship and goodwill. As the passengers stepped from the airplanes, exhausted, hungry and distraught after being held on board for nearly 24 hours while security checked all of the baggage, they were greeted with a feast prepared by the townspeople. Local bus drivers who had been on strike came off the picket lines to transport the passengers to the various shelters set up in local schools and churches. Linens and toiletries were bought and donated. A middle school provided showers, as well as access to computers, email, and televisions, allowing the passengers to stay in touch with family and follow the news. Over the course of those four days, many of the passengers developed friendships with Gander residents that they expect to last a lifetime. As a show of thanks, scholarship funds for the children of Gander have been formed and donations have been made to provide new computers for the schools. This book recounts the inspiring story of the residents of Gander, Canada, whose acts of kindness have touched the lives of thousands of people and been an example of humanity and goodwill. Available via Hoopla and Overdrive.

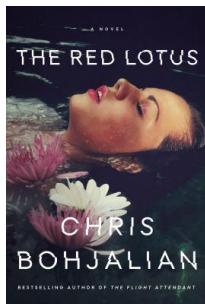
### *The Bride Wore Scarlet*, by Liz Carlyle

**From our catalog:** AnaIs de Rohan has faced danger in her past, but never anything so great as posing as the new bride to one of the St. James Society's most magnetic--and ruthless--leaders. But Lord Bessett's bold challenge to prove herself worthy of joining his secret all-male society is impossible to resist. So she daringly agrees to travel with the enigmatic nobleman on a dangerous mission to save one of their own--a little girl with a frightening gift. Soon intrigue swirls about them, drawing them ever closer. And AnaIs quickly realizes that the intimacy of sharing Lord Bessett's bedroom is proving a temptation impossible to resist. As for Bessett himself--well, he might be a soldier sworn to the Society, but he certainly isn't anyone's saint. . . . Available in Large Print, and via Hoopla and Overdrive

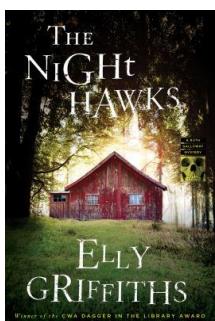


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***The red lotus***, by Chris Bohjalian.



From our catalog: "From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Flight Attendant* comes a twisting story of love and deceit: an American man vanishes from a rural road in Vietnam and his girlfriend, an ER doctor trained in deductive reasoning, follows a path that leads her home to the very hospital where they first met. Alexis and Austen met on a Saturday night. Not in a bar, but instead in the emergency room where Alexis sutured a bullet wound in Austen's arm. Six months later, on the brink of falling in love, they travel to Vietnam on a bicycling tour so that Austen can show her his passion for cycling and so that he can pay his respects to the place where his father and uncle fought in the war. But as Alexis sips white wine and waits at the hotel for Austen to return from his solo ride, two men emerge from the tall grass and Austen vanishes into thin air. The only clues he leaves behind are two bright yellow energy gels dropped in the dirt road. As Alexis grapples with this bewildering loss, navigating the FBI, Austen's prickly family, and her colleagues at the hospital, Alexis uncovers a series of strange lies that force her to wonder: Where did Austen go? Why did he really bring her to Vietnam? And how much danger has he left her in? Set amid the adrenaline-fueled world of the emergency room, *The Red Lotus* is a fascinating story of those who dedicate their lives to saving people, and those who instead peddle death to the highest bidder."--Also available via Overdrive, in Large Print, and on CD.



***The night hawks***, by Elly Griffiths.

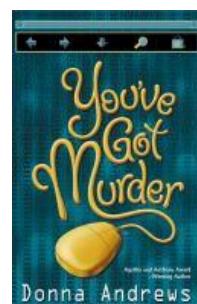
From our catalog: "There's nothing Ruth Galloway hates more than amateur archaeologists, but when a group of them stumble upon Bronze Age artifacts alongside a dead body, she finds herself thrust into their midst-and into the crosshairs of a string of murders circling ever closer"--Available on Overdrive as an eBook or audiobook.

13th in the Ruth Galloway series -- checkout the rest of the series!

***You've got murder***, by Donna Andrews.

From our catalog: Kirkus Review

*Why would Zachary Malone, nonpareil programmer at Universal Library, have gone AWOL from cyberspace for five days? His friend Turing Hopper, concerned about his absence from work, e-mail, and online services,*



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*searches police and hospital records and credit-card databanks for some trace of him, but to no avail. The obvious move at this point would be to phone the police, but Turing can't do that because she's only an AIP—an Artificial Intelligence Personality that Zack created along with the likes of market analyst John Dow and chessmaster KingFischer. When the reams of mystery fiction Zack downloaded into Turing make her realize that she's as homebound as Nero Wolfe, she goes in search of an Archie Goodwin, and finds two prospects-50ish secretary Maude Graham and programmer Tim Pincoski, who's always been convinced that Turing's a real person-willing to do the legwork that will tie Zack's disappearance to the recent "accidental" death of his colleague and best friend, David Scanlan, and a deep-laid plot to cut all Universal's AIP's loose after blaming them for the corporation's financial woes. The bizarre nature of the investigation limits the suspect pool to the sinister powers at Universal Security and their masters at Data Integrity Systems, but Andrews (Murder with Puffins, 2000, etc.) adroitly keeps up the suspense and even manages something of an eleventh-hour surprise. Ever since HAL ran off the rails in 2001, it's been only a matter of time since somebody put a computer to work on the right side of the law. Turing fills the bill with more energy and charm than most fictional detectives.* Also available on Hoopla as an audiobook. Others in the series include: ***Click here for murder; Access denied; and Delete all suspects.***

The book club also recommends: **A fatal lie**, by Charles Todd; **Death with a double edge**, by Anne Perry; **The Heron's Cry**, by Ann Cleeves; **The man with the silver Saab**, by Alexander McCall Smith