



**Briarcliff Manor Public Library
LUNCHTIME BOOK
DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Books That Will Keep You Reading:
Brown Bag Lunch Book Group**

Winter/Spring 2024

Enjoy your lunch and join us at our popular Brown Bag Lunch Book Discussion group. You may join the group at any time. Pick up books for the sessions at the library one month in advance or download them from the library through Overdrive/Libby. Discussions are led by library staff member, Lorraine Isaac, and will be held **in person**.

The Latecomer by Jean Hanff Korelitz *NEW DATE

Tuesday, January 9; 12:30-2:00 p.m.

“*The Latecomer* follows the story of the wealthy, New York City-based Oppenheimer family, from the first meeting of parents Salo and Johanna, under tragic circumstances, to their triplets born during the early days of IVF. As children, the three siblings - Harrison, Lewyn, and Sally - feel no strong familial bond and cannot wait to go their separate ways, even as their father becomes more distanced and their mother more desperate. When the triplets leave for college, Johanna, faced with being truly alone, makes the decision to have a fourth child. What role will the "latecomer" play in this fractured family? A complex novel that builds slowly and deliberately, *The Latecomer* touches on the topics of grief and guilt, generational trauma, privilege and race, traditions and religion, and family dynamics” (Excerpted from *Booklist*).

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Tuesday, March 19; 12:30-2:00 p.m.

“After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors--until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late” (Excerpted from WLS online catalog).

The Bird Hotel by Joyce Maynard

Tuesday, May 21; 12:30-2:00 p.m.

“After a childhood filled with heartbreak, Irene, a talented artist, finds herself in a small Central American village where she checks into a beautiful but decaying lakefront hotel called La Llorona at the base of a volcano. *The Bird Hotel* tells the story of this young American who, after suffering tragedy, restores and runs La Llorona. Along the way we meet a rich assortment of characters who live in the village or come to stay at the hotel. With a mystery at its center and filled with warmth, drama, romance, humor, pop culture, and a little magical realism, *The Bird Hotel* has all the hallmarks of a Joyce Maynard novel” (Excerpted from WLS online catalog).

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: Contact Lorraine Isaac at Lisaac@briarcliffmanorlibrary.org or (914) 941-7072 to register for the discussions or for any further information.