

THE BOOK CLUB HUB

Thunder Bay Public Library's newsletter for book clubs.

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Welcome to the Book Club Hub, a newsletter for book clubs designed to give you ideas for your club and offer suggestions to expand your personal reading. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, let us know at bookclub@tbpl.ca

Book Club in a Bag New Releases

The Thunder Bay Public Library would like to thank the following book clubs for their recent donations of book club bags: D.E.A.R Damsels Book Club (Drop Everything And Read), Calico Collective Book Club, The Beaches Book Club, Amethyst Harbour Beaches Book Club, Silver Harbour Book Club.

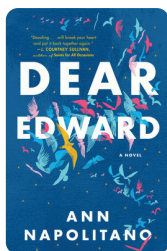
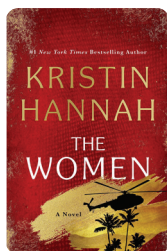
I Only Read Murder by Ian Ferguson

The Women by Kristin Hannah

The Secret Keeper by Genevieve Graham

Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano

The Art of Burglary by Joan M. Baril

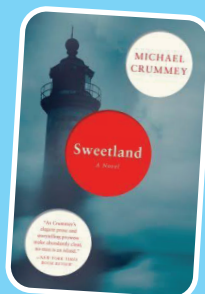


Book Review

Sweetland by Michael Crummey

Set in Newfoundland, the moody and darkly funny novel chronicles the lives and death of a small fishing community, who have lived more than twelve generations dependent on the sea. The days when fish were plentiful are gone and the village faces a resettlement package, with the proviso that all the residents leave, which is being held up by the stubbornness of one old coot who refuses to leave the island.

Moses Sweetland, refuses to leave motivated by memories and this family's history on the island. Faced with overwhelming opposition he fakes his own death in order to stay on the island alone. Moses finds life on the island difficult as his food supply diminishes and the weather turns wild, but he is not really alone, as the ghosts of former islanders are now his new company.



Research

Need help getting started on local history research? **Ask Us!** The Thunder Bay Public Library's online reference service is available to local and non-resident researchers by email at research@tbpl.ca. We will make every effort to reply to your question within one week of receiving it. Come down to the Brodie Resource Library where you can dive even deeper into your research with our large collection of local history materials.



Book Club Notices

Looking for more members? The Library frequently has inquiries from patrons looking to join a book club. Let us know if you'd like to meet a fellow book lover and we will put you in touch.

Are you interested in all things Book Club? Subscribe to our Book Club Hub newsletter at bookclub@tbpl.ca

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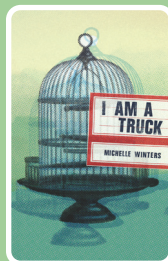
"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers." - Charles W. Eliot

Party Pairings - The Perfect Book/Recipe/Beverage:

THE BOOK

I Am A Truck by Michelle Winters

A finalist for the Scotiabank Giller Prize, this short character driven novel focuses on Agathe and Rejean. Married for 20 years, one day Rejean mysteriously disappears. The novel takes readers between NOW and THEN to learn about the characters; how Agathe adjusts to life without her husband and what was happening in their relationship prior to Rejean's disappearance. With a mix of French and English dialogue, this book is described as a quirky moving tale.



THE RECIPE

Date Squares (Matrimonial Cake)

Recipe taken from **The Flavours of Canada** by Anita Stewart

2 ½ cups chopped dates	1 cup water
1 ½ cups whole-wheat flour	1 tsp baking powder
½ tsp baking soda	1 cup salted butter, softened
1 ½ cups quick rolled oats	1 cup brown sugar

- 1) In a small, heavy saucepan, combine dates and water. Cook, covered, over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until soft and smooth. Set aside to cool while making crust.
- 2) In a large mixing bowl, blend flour, baking powder, baking soda. With a fork, blend in the butter. Add oats and sugar, stirring to combine thoroughly. Press half crust mixture into a lightly greased 8-inch square cake pan. Spread evenly with date filling. Top with remaining crust, pressing lightly to smooth. Bake in a preheated 350°F oven 25 to 30 minutes. Allow to cool before cutting into squares. Makes 20 to 24 small squares.

THE DRINK

The Perfect Cup of Tea - British Style Recipe taken from: food.com

1 Twining's english breakfast tea bag	boiling water
1 teaspoon low-fat milk (or to taste)	1 teaspoon sugar (or to taste)

- 1) First, you have to boil the water - don't just heat it, boil it. Second, add the boiling water to the tea bag, not the other way round - putting the water in the cup and adding the bag to it - is a recipe for disaster. Unless the water is at boiling point when it makes contact with the tea, the tea will never properly brew.
- 2) Make sure the cup or pot is nice and hot before you start. If necessary, rinse it out with near-boiling water. And keep it covered while the tea is brewing.
- 3) Leave the bag in the water for at least two minutes - longer if you like your tea strong. And for goodness sake, resist the temptation to dunk. Just leave the bag alone until the drink is ready! Add milk and sugar to taste.

Newsletter Theme: Canadian Authors

Our theme this month is Canadian authors. TBPL's shelves are full of amazing Canadian authors. Reading stories that take place closer to home is always a treat, and while many themes can be universal, reading a Canadian tale is always interesting. TBPL has bookbags available by many Canadian authors, including Will Ferguson, Lesley Crewe, Miriam Toews, Cherie Dimaline, Michael Christie, and more!



Contest Notice

Thank you to everyone who entered into our contest! Our winner has chosen to add **I Only Read Murder** by Ian Ferguson as their prize book club bag! Place your hold on this cozy murder mystery today!

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