Osher’s Fall 2019
MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
facilitated by
Julie Plutschak and Joyce Baron
Free and Open to Osher Members

Meeting at:
7400 York Road

What Are the Secrets?
Searching for Answers.

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.
September 12: *An Anonymous Girl* by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen
September 26: *Two Girls Down* by Louisa Luna
October 17: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
October 31: *The Lady in the Lake* by Raymond Chandler

No registration or sign-up necessary. Read the books and join the group for discussion on the appointed dates.
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Book Descriptions

What Are the Secrets?

September 12: *An Anonymous Girl* by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen
Jessica Farris, a young New Yorker, desperate to make extra money, wrangles her way into Dr. Shields’ psychological ethics study. As #52 she is questioned about honesty and loyalty and then put to a possibly fatal test. Caught in a web of attraction, deceit and jealousy, Jess learns that some obsessions can be deadly.

September 26: *Two Girls Down* by Louisa Luna
When two young sisters disappear from a strip mall in a small Pennsylvania town, their devastated mother hires an enigmatic bounty hunter, Alice Vega, to find them. Vega enlists the help of disgraced former cop Max Caplan, who is trying to put his past scandal behind him. In this fast-moving thriller, with few clues, Vega and Cap go to great lengths to untangle a dangerous web of lies, false leads and complex relationships to find the girls before time runs out, and they are gone forever.

October 17: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
In the marshland near Barkley Cove, North Carolina, Catherine “Kya” Clark lives an isolated and troubled life, so in late 1969 when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya. The sheriff, however, in collecting evidence, initially finds no tracks or fingerprints but eventually arrests her. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh she calls home, which sustains her when she must withstand her arrest and court trial.

October 31: *The Lady in the Lake* by Raymond Chandler
Intrepid private eye, Philip Marlowe, is hired to find Crystal Kingsley, who has disappeared since the time she supposedly ran off with a lover. She is not the only wayward wife in this classic 1943 novel. The discovery of the body of a woman in Little Fawn Lake seems unrelated to Marlowe’s search for Crystal, but this gruesome discovery helps him solve a chain of seemingly unrelated murders.

Julie Plutschak, MA, an Osher member, taught English in four Baltimore County schools for 34 years after teaching for several years in upstate New York. She sponsored It’s Academic teams as well as literary magazines and school newspapers. She served as president of the Maryland Council of Teachers of English and Language Arts.

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