

Osher's Spring 2020
MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

facilitated by

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Free and Open to Osher Members

Meeting at:
7400 York Road, Room 113B

Outside the Box

These mysteries require the reader to be a sleuth beyond the paradigms of solving with usual strategies.

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.

March 5: *House Witness* by Mike Lawson

March 19: *Big Sky* by Kate Atkinson

April 9: *Two Kinds of Truth* by Michael Connelly

April 23: *A Nearly Normal Family* by M.T. Edvardsson

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

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Spring 2020 Book Descriptions

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March 5: *House Witness* by Mike Lawson

Minority Leader of the House and Joe DeMarco's longtime employer, John Mahoney, has kept more than one secret from his wife but none like this: He has a son and that son has just been shot dead in Manhattan. With five witnesses, this case seems a slam dunk, but someone is interfering with those witnesses, connected to a pattern of cases across the country. Is there someone who is getting witnesses out of the way when the fate of a wealthy defendant is on the line?

March 19: *Big Sky* by Kate Atkinson

Jackson Brodie, ex-military police, ex-Cambridge Constabulary, now private detective, lives in a quiet seaside village with his teenage son, Nathan, and an aging Labrador dog. Although he is working on an infidelity case, he stumbles onto a complex crime involving a snobby golf club "set," a seemingly ideal family, and a friend's betrayal – all elements that could end Brodie's life.

April 9: *Two Kinds of Truth* by Michael Connelly

Two unrelated cases help Harry Bosch discover there is the truth that sets you free and the kind that leaves you buried in darkness. Although Bosch is working on a cold case, two urgent cases are dropped into his lap. A criminal on death row, Preston Borders, accuses him of tampering with DNA evidence that wrongfully convicted Borders decades earlier. Also, two respected independent pharmacists have been found shot dead in a local pharmacy. How does Bosch, working tirelessly, solve the old and the new?

April 23: *A Nearly Normal Family* by M. T. Edvardsson

Original and compelling, this story begins the moment a family's happy life is shattered by the arrest of their eighteen-year-old daughter, Stella, for murder. This engrossing three-part story involves not only Stella, an ordinary teen, but her father, a pastor, and her mother, a criminal defense attorney who struggles to find who is responsible and what really happened as the courtroom drama unfolds. This gripping thriller forces the reader to consider: How far would you go to protect the ones you love?

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.

Joyce Baron, MA, an Osher member, holds degrees in English and Reading from Towson University. She taught in Baltimore County Public Schools for over 35 years where she also directed Drama performances and was a liaison with Towson University's Professional Development School's teacher training program. A lifelong reader, she loves adding collectible books to her personal library.

