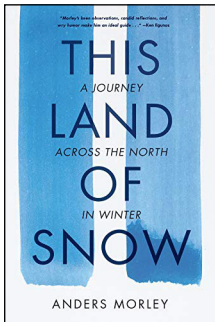




# SALINA PUBLIC LIBRARY



**Monday Night Book Discussion is a friendly book club that talks about a different title each month from a variety of genres. The public is welcome to come to any or all of the discussions. The group meets every second Monday.**



January 10, 2022

## **This Land of Snow**

by Anders Morley  
A passionate skier since he was a child, Anders Morley dreamed of going on a significant adventure, something bold and of his own design. And so one year in his early thirties, he decided to strap on cross-

country skis to travel across Canada in the winter alone. This Land of Snow is about that journey and a man who must come to terms with what he has left behind, as well as how he wants to continue living after his trip is over.

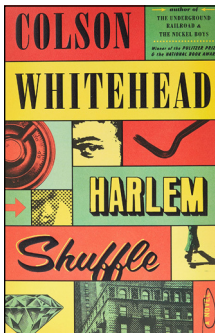


April 11, 2022

## **Leave The World Behind**

by Rumaan Alam  
Amanda and Clay head out to a remote corner of Long Island expecting a vacation: a quiet reprieve from life in New York City. But a late-night knock on the door breaks the spell.

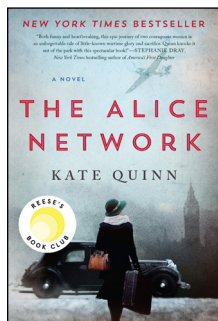
Ruth and G. H. are an older black couple—it's their house, and they've arrived in a panic. They bring the news that a sudden blackout has swept the city. But in this rural area—with the TV and internet now down, and no cell phone service—it's hard to know what to believe. Leave the World Behind explores how our closest bonds are reshaped—and unexpected new ones are forged—in moments of crisis.



February 21, 2022

## **Harlem Shuffle**

by Colson Whitehead  
Harlem Shuffle's ingenious story plays out in a beautifully recreated New York City of the early 1960s. It's a family saga masquerading as a crime novel, a hilarious morality play, a social novel about race and power, and ultimately a love letter to Harlem.

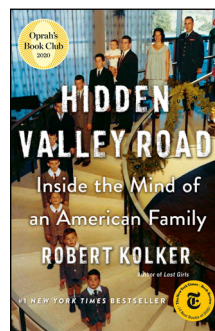


March 14, 2022

## **The Alice Network**

by Kate Quinn  
In an enthralling new historical novel from national bestselling author Kate Quinn, two women—a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an

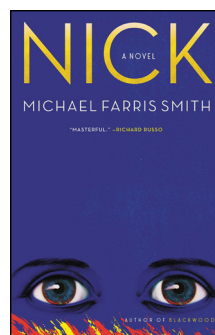
unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947—are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption.



May 9, 2022

## **Hidden Valley Road**

by Robert Kolker  
The heartrending story of a midcentury American family with twelve children, six of them diagnosed with schizophrenia, that became science's great hope in the quest to understand the disease.

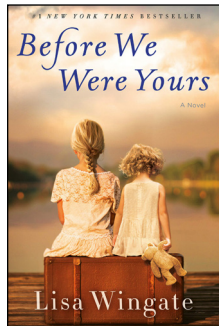


June 13, 2022

## **Nick**

by Michael Smith  
Novelist Michael Farris Smith pulls Nick Carraway out of the shadows and into the spotlight in this fascinating look into his life before Gatsby. (Continued on back)

Floundering in the wake of WWI, he embarks on a transcontinental redemptive journey that takes him from a whirlwind Paris romance—doomed from the very beginning—to the dizzying frenzy of New Orleans, rife with its own flavor of debauchery and violence.

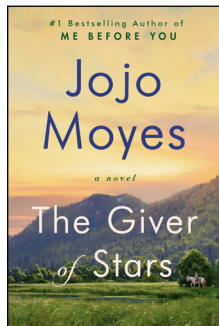


July 11, 2022

### **Before We Were Yours**

by Lisa Wingate  
Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately

uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.



August 8, 2022

### **The Giver of Stars**

by Jojo Moyes  
From the author of *Me Before You*, set in Depression-era America, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey as pack-horse librarians through the mountains of

Kentucky and beyond.



September 12, 2022

### **The Guest List**

by Lucy Foley  
On an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather to celebrate two people joining their lives together as one. It's a wedding for a magazine, or for a celebrity: the designer dress, the remote location,

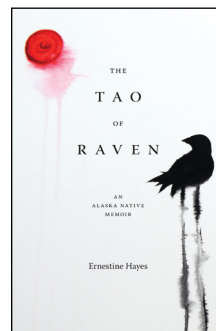
the luxe party favors, the boutique whiskey. The cell phone service may be spotty and the waves may be rough, but every detail has been expertly planned and will be expertly executed. And then someone turns up dead. Who didn't wish the happy couple well? And perhaps more important, why?



October 10, 2022

### **The Vanishing Half**

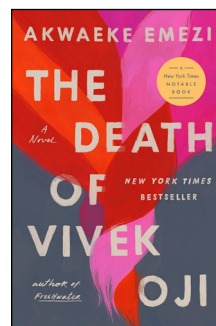
by Brit Bennett  
The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Looking well beyond issues of race, *The Vanishing Half* considers the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's decisions, desires, and expectations, and explores some of the multiple reasons and realms in which people sometimes feel pulled to live as something other than their origins.



November 14, 2022

### **The Tao of Raven**

by Ernestine Hayes  
In her first book, *Blonde Indian*, Ernestine Hayes powerfully recounted the story of returning to Juneau and to her Tlingit home after many years of wandering. *The Tao of Raven* takes up the next and, in some ways, less explored question: once the exile returns, then what?



December 12, 2022

### **The Death of Vivek Oji**

by Akwaeke Emezi  
Raised by a distant father and an understanding but overprotective mother, Vivek suffers disorienting blackouts, moments of disconnection between self and surroundings. As adolescence gives way to adulthood, Vivek finds solace in friendships with the warm, boisterous daughters of the Nigerwives, foreign-born women married to Nigerian men. *The Death of Vivek Oji* is a novel of family and friendship that challenges expectations—a dramatic story of loss and transcendence that will move every reader.

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