

## Yorktown Library Mystery Book Club – 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 18

### Locked Room Mysteries Selections

1. **And Then There Were None** by Agatha Christie

*Summary:* Ten people, each with something to hide and something to fear, are invited to an isolated mansion on Indian Island by a host who fails to appear. They are cut off from everything but each other. One by one, the guests share the darkest secrets of their wicked pasts. And one by one, they die...

2. **The Sanatorium** by Sarah Pearse

*Summary:* A chilling debut in which a detective on vacation must uncover the dark history of a newly renovated luxury hotel in the Alps if she has any hope of stopping the deaths that follow the disappearance of her estranged brother's fiancée.

3. **One By One** by Ruth Ware

*Summary:* When the cofounder of startup Snoop organizes a weeklong trip for the team in the French Alps, it starts out as a corporate retreat like any other: boring meetings, mandatory bonding and interpersonal drama. Then a devastating avalanche leaves the group cut off from all access to the outside world. As each hour passes without any sign of rescue, the group dwindles one by one.

4. **Death and the Conjuror** by Tom Mead

*Summary:* In 1930's London, celebrity psychiatrist Anselm Rees is discovered dead in his locked study, and there seems to be no way that a killer could have escaped unseen. Stumped by the confounding scene, the Scotland Yard detective on the case calls on retired stage magician-turned-part-time sleuth Joseph Spector. For who better to make sense of the impossible than one who traffics in illusions?

5. **Under Lock and Skeleton Key** by Gigi Pandian

*Summary:* After a disastrous accident derails Tempest Raj's career, and life, she heads back to her childhood home in California to comfort herself with her grandfather's Indian home-cooked meals. When Tempest's former stage double is discovered dead inside a wall that's supposedly been sealed for more than a century, it's up to Tempest to solve this seemingly impossible crime.

6. **Everyone on this Train is a Suspect** by Benjamin Stevenson

*Summary:* On a famous Australian train between Darwin and Adelaide for the Mystery Writers' Society, one of the attendees is murdered for real in this mystery described as a fiendishly fun locked room murder mystery that is an homage to Agatha Christie.

7. **Fortune Favors the Dead** by Stephen Spotswood

*Summary:* A wildly charming and fast-paced mystery written with all the panache of the hardboiled classics, *Fortune Favors the Dead* introduces Pentecost and Parker, an audacious new detective duo for the ages. This series starter follows the two female private investigators trying to solve the locked-room murder of a society widow.

8. **The Maid** by Nita Prose

*Summary:* A Clue-like, locked-room mystery and a heartwarming journey of the spirit, this novel follows a quirky hotel maid who must prove her innocence after discovering the infamous and wealthy Charles Black alone and dead in his hotel bed.