



## **Book choices for November/December 2023**

We are delighted to introduce you to our next round of recommendations for our Book Club.

All the recommended books were chosen by Book Club members' - 2 fiction and 1 non fiction. If you only read one book we still want to hear from you.

Don't forget, you can access these books in paper or hardback copy, on Kindle or other electronic device or via Audible if you prefer. We've tried to go for ones that are easily accessible but please remember you don't have to read or review all three.

The choices for this round are:-

### **Non-Fiction**

**Landlines: The No 1 Sunday Times bestseller about a thousand-mile journey across Britain from the author of The Salt Path – Raynor Winn**

***Some people live to walk. Raynor and Moth walk to live . . .***

Join Raynor and Moth on their remarkable 1000-mile walk from Scotland to the South West Coast Path in this powerful account of our country's land, and the people that make it.

### **Fiction**

**The House in the Woods: (Atticus Priest) by Mark Dawson**

***Four murders. Two detectives. One mystifying crime***

On Christmas Eve, DCI Mackenzie Jones is called to a shooting at a remote farmhouse. Ralph Mallender believes his father lies dead inside. When three more bodies are discovered, it's clear a festive family gathering has turned into a gruesome tragedy.

At first it seems like an open and shut case: a murder-suicide committed by Ralph's volatile brother Cameron. Then new evidence makes Mack suspect the man who reported the crime is in fact the perpetrator.

But Mack isn't the only one with a stake in the case. Private investigator Atticus Priest has been hired to get Ralph acquitted. That means unearthing any weaknesses in Mack's evidence.

Irascible, impatient, and unpredictable, Atticus has weaknesses of his own. Mack knows all about them because they share a past – both professionally and personally. This time round, however,

they aren't on the same side. And as Atticus picks at the loose ends of the case, everything starts to unravel in a way neither of them could ever have predicted...

## **The Rotters Club by Jonathan Coe**

**One of those sweeping, ambitious yet hugely readable, moving, richly comic novels' Daily Telegraph**

Unforgettably funny and painfully honest, Jonathan Coe's tale of Benjamin Trotter and his friends' coming of age during the 1970s is a heartfelt celebration of the joys and agonies of growing up. Featuring, among other things, IRA bombs, prog rock, punk rock, bad poetry, first love, love on the side, prefects, detention, a few bottles of Blue Nun, lots of brown wallpaper, industrial strife, and divine intervention in the form of a pair of swimming trunks. Set against the backdrop of the decade's class struggles, tragic and riotous by turns, packed with thwarted romance and furtive sex, *The Rotters' Club* is for anyone who ever experienced adolescence the hard way.

If you are not already a member of the book club, you can join by registering your interest with:-

Sherry [sherry.smith2@nhs.net](mailto:sherry.smith2@nhs.net) or Debbie [debbie.arnold4@nhs.net](mailto:debbie.arnold4@nhs.net) in Central Office or by calling them on 01305 361317.

We look forward to receiving your comments back by 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and we will publish them soon afterwards.

Happy reading!!

Sherry, Debbie and Lucia