

# Somerville Council on Aging Book Club

Everyone is welcome to join our monthly Book Club

Third Friday of each month

**Holland Street Center 10:00 am – 11:30 am**

**Wild - Cheryl Strayed**

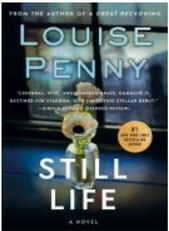
**on Friday February 15**



In the wake of her mother's death, Cheryl Strayed's family scattered and her marriage was destroyed. Four years later, twenty- six years old with nothing to lose, Cheryl made a most impulsive decision: to hike the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mojave Desert to Washington State-- alone. She had no experience as a long- distance hiker and the trail was little more than an idea. But it was a promise of piecing back together a life that had come undone.

**Still Life – Louise Penny**

**on Friday March 15**



Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Surêté du Québec and his team of investigators are called in to the scene of a suspicious death in a rural village south of Montreal. Jane Neal, a local fixture in the tiny hamlet of Three Pines, just north of the U.S. border, has been found dead in the woods. The locals are certain it's a tragic hunting accident and nothing more, but Gamache smells something foul in these remote woods, and is soon certain that Jane Neal died at the hands of someone much more sinister than a careless bowhunter. Still Life introduces an engaging series hero in Inspector

Gamache, who commands his forces---and this series---with integrity and quiet courage.

**Soul of America - Jon Meacham**

**on Friday April 16**



Our current climate of partisan fury is not new, and in The Soul of America Meacham shows us how what Abraham Lincoln called the "better angels of our nature" have repeatedly won the day. Painting surprising portraits of Lincoln and other presidents, including Ulysses S. Grant, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, and Lyndon B.

Johnson, and illuminating the courage of such influential citizen activists as Martin Luther King, Jr., early suffragettes Alice Paul and Carrie Chapman Catt, civil rights pioneers Rosa Parks and John Lewis, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and Army-McCarthy hearings lawyer Joseph N. Welch, Meacham brings vividly to life turning points in American history. While the American story has not always--or even often--been heroic, we have been sustained by a belief in progress even in the gloomiest of times.

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**NOTE:** one or two of these books are very popular. If an alternate is necessary, you will be notified.

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