

PS BOOK CLUB NOTES - FEBRUARY MEETING

Our Book Club met Thursday, February 23 in the PS Library.

Those present: Jennifer Craig, Kay Hunt, Barney Lutsk, Pam Moore, and Brenda Smith.

Jennifer led the discussion of the novel *Landslide* by Susan Conley, a contemporary author and fourth-generation Mainer who grew up in mid-coast Maine and now lives and teaches at the university level in Portland. She writes with humor and empathy about the challenges facing a Maine working-class family who live in a seacoast town very similar to Belfast. She says the title of the book speaks to “the landslide of change that Maine faces: climate change, the collapse of commercial fishing, the gentrification of its working waterfronts, and a truly vast chasm between the monied Maine and the working Maine, who have been in fishing here for centuries”.

Please join us at our next meeting, Thursday, March 23 (the 4th Thursday) at 11 am in the PS Library. Here’s what Brenda Smith, discussion leader, has to say about the nonfiction book we have chosen for this meeting:

“Remember the days when you were a kid during the 1950s and 1960s? Life was fun, worries were few, and the future held great promise? Lately, have you scratched your head and wondered how our country could have changed so much in your lifetime? If so, you won’t want to miss our next book club meeting. On March 23rd we’ll discuss the thoughtful insights of award-winning author, activist, and educator Bill McKibben in his recent book, *The Flag, The Cross, and The Station Wagon: A Graying American Looks Back at His Suburban Boyhood and Wonders What the Hell Happened.* His book examines the changing dynamics of our society through the prisms of patriotism, the role of religion, and the distribution of wealth. Every reader 50+ can find their own lives mirrored in this fascinating book. We welcome everyone to take a walk down memory lane to the good old days with us.”

Hope to see you there!