

Friends of the Hunterdon County Library Book Club

Welcome to our monthly discussion! We meet on the 4th Thurs. of the month at 7:00 pm.

Here's what we're reading in 3Q & 4Q 2017:

Sept 28th



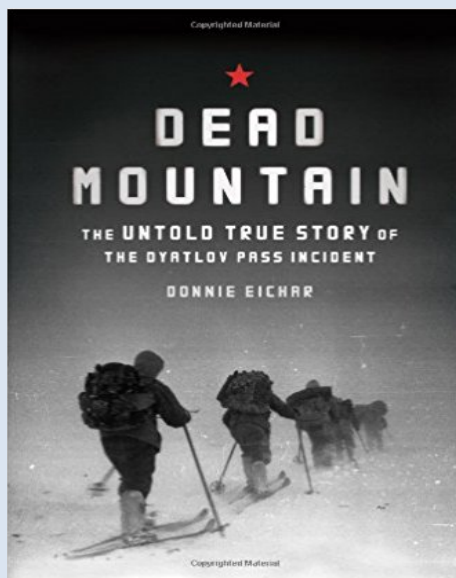
Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as “human computers” used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space.

Among these problem-solvers were a group of exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation. Originally relegated to teaching math in the South's segregated public schools, they were called into service during the labor shortages of World War II, when America's aeronautics industry was in dire need of anyone who had the right stuff.

Even as Virginia's Jim Crow laws required them to be segregated from their white counterparts, the women of Langley's all-black “West Computing” group helped America achieve one of the things it desired most: a decisive victory over the Soviet Union in the Cold War.

**HQ, Flemington
2nd Fl. Conference Room**

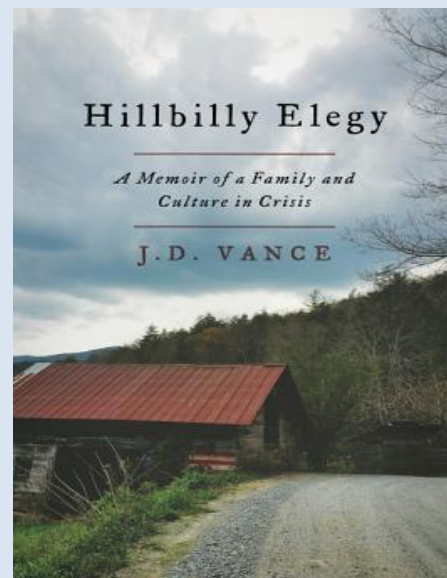
Oct 26th



In February 1959, a group of nine experienced hikers in the Russian Ural Mountains died mysteriously on an elevation known as Dead Mountain. Eerie aspects of the incident—unsettling and unexplained causes of death, a strange final photograph taken by one of the hikers, and signs of radioactivity—have led to decades of speculation over what really happened. This *New York Times* bestseller is a gripping work of literary nonfiction delves into the mystery through unprecedented access to the hikers' own journals and photographs, government case files, dozens of interviews, and the author's retracing of the hikers' fateful journey in the Russian winter. A fascinating portrait of the young hikers and a skillful interweaving of their story and the author's investigations, here for the first time is the real story of what happened that night on *Dead Mountain*.

**North Branch, Clinton
Grandin Room (2nd Floor)**

Nov 16th



From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a powerful account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class

Hillbilly Elogy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. The decline of this group, a demographic of our country that has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, has been reported on with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside. J. D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hung around your neck.

A deeply moving memoir with its share of humor and vividly colorful figures, *Hillbilly Elogy* is the story of how upward mobility really feels. And it is an urgent and troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large segment of this country.

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No registration is required. If you have any questions, please email Renée at rking100@yahoo.com. We look forward to meeting you!