



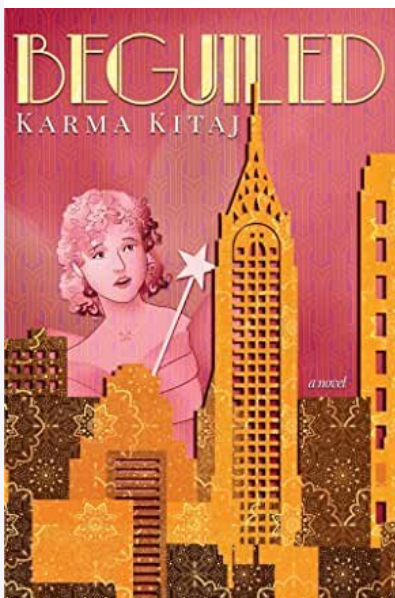
Esplanade Community Group

ECG Newsletter

1.27.21

Coming Event

Thursday, February 11, 5:00 PM



Karma Kitaj and Jeff Cooper will discuss Karma's historical novel ***BEGUILED*** (published in 2018 by Koehler Books) with a focus on immigration in early 20th century and now. ***Beguiled*** is about the Levines, a Jewish-Russian family who emigrated to the U.S. in the late 1800s, much like Karma's maternal grandparents. [Read more](#)

[Zoom link for event here](#)

A Christmas Eve Drama



After a week of frigid temperatures froze the Charles River and discouraged outdoor social gatherings, an unexpectedly warm Christmas Eve afternoon enabled six Esplanade friends to gather on an eighth-floor terrace overlooking the river, toasting the Yule with Prosecco. The festive mood was suddenly broken when Jane Hilburt-Davis spotted a small white dog running on the thinning river ice.

[Read more](#) (by Bob Kagan and Susan Barron)

Meet Your Neighbors

We'd like to introduce

Ashok (Ash) Rao who, along with his wife, **Janis Gogan**, have been residents of the Esplanade since 2005.... Ash grew up in India at a time of enormous change in the country.

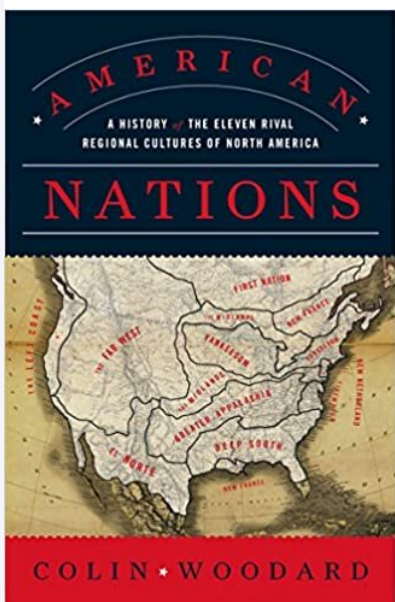


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Covid Testing Information and Resources in Cambridge

Information on testing sites and testing resources in Cambridge [here](#) (compiled by Jessie von Hippel)

Reading

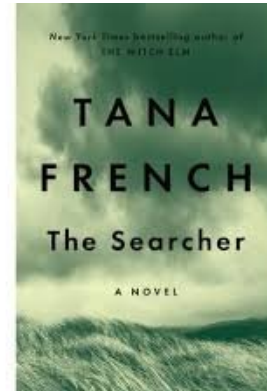


American Nations by Colin Woodard

The USA is a divided country. This has become a standard statement across all public and private communication. If you do not believe the statement is true, this book is for you. If you do believe it is true, this is absolutely the book for you. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Larry Lieberman)

The Searcher by Tana French

Tana French was born in Vermont and raised around the world. She attended Trinity College and resides in Dublin with her family. Her novels are generally mystery novels populated with the Irish garda (police). This is the first book she has written with an American as the main character – a retired Chicago cop, Cal. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Eileen Glovsky)



[Read more book reviews here](#)



Happy 2021, and the decade!

by Raji Patel

Recently, many of us turned our gaze towards the giant planets, Saturn and Jupiter, in our solar system for a brief respite from the bit of RNA which is creating havoc on our own planet.

While 2020 was a hard year, I write to say that the news from our space endeavors has been uplifting:

1. Astronauts launched from American soil to the International Space Station for the first time since 2011, since the end of the shuttle program. What does this mean: We can stop paying Russia approximately \$80 Million for each seat on the Soyuz for U.S. astronauts.

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Esplanade neighbors and newcomers to the building, whether owners or renters, are welcome to be part of the ECG and to receive our Updates, newsletters, and invitations to ECG events. Please pass along this update to new folks. To get on our mailing just email [**Esplanade Community**](mailto:Esplanade Community).

Have ideas for these newsletters and updates? Send them to [Jessie](#), [Mary Jo](#) or [Jane](#).

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