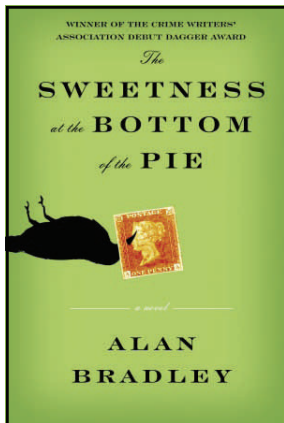


# Mystery Lovers' Book Club

Start the New Year by joining in discussions about three very different and very popular mysteries. Each title begins the author's series.



Sunday, January 22

1:30 p.m.

**The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie** by Alan Bradley

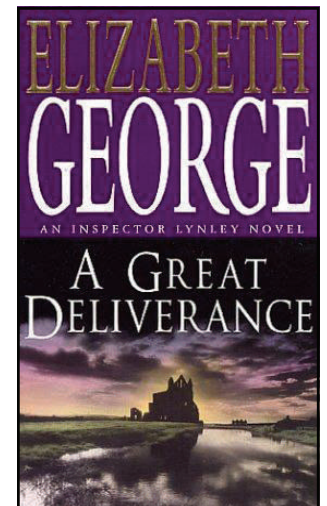
An upbeat, plot-driven mystery featuring precocious Flavia de Luce. Flavia is hilarious, brave, and true...and also 11 years old. Here is a murder mystery that is clever and satisfying in the most traditional way and should strike a bright note for "after-holiday" reading.

Sunday, February 26

1:30 p.m.

**A Great Deliverance** by Elizabeth George

Often compared to P.D. James, George blends elegant language, evocative settings, and aristocratic police detective Thomas Lynley in this update of the classic British mystery genre. This is her debut novel and the winner of the Agatha and Anthony Awards for best first novel, as well as France's Grand Prix de Litterature Policiere. *The Washington Post Book World* calls it, "Pure entertainment from its insidious beginning to its gripping end."

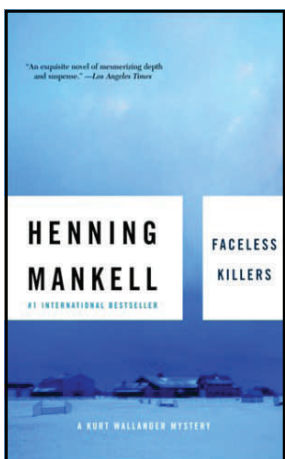


Sunday, March 18

1:30 p.m.

**Faceless Killers** by Henning Mankell

One of the first Swedish mystery writers, Mankell mixes compelling procedural details with strong social consciousness. In this work, a seemingly unprovoked brutal murder of an elderly farm couple seems linked to foreigners and part of a wave of racist hate in the region. His detective, Kurt Wallender, personifies the charming Scandinavia melancholy of lore and tradition. The *London Times* refers to this novel as, "Intelligent, moving, and topical...a thriller of the very best kind."



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