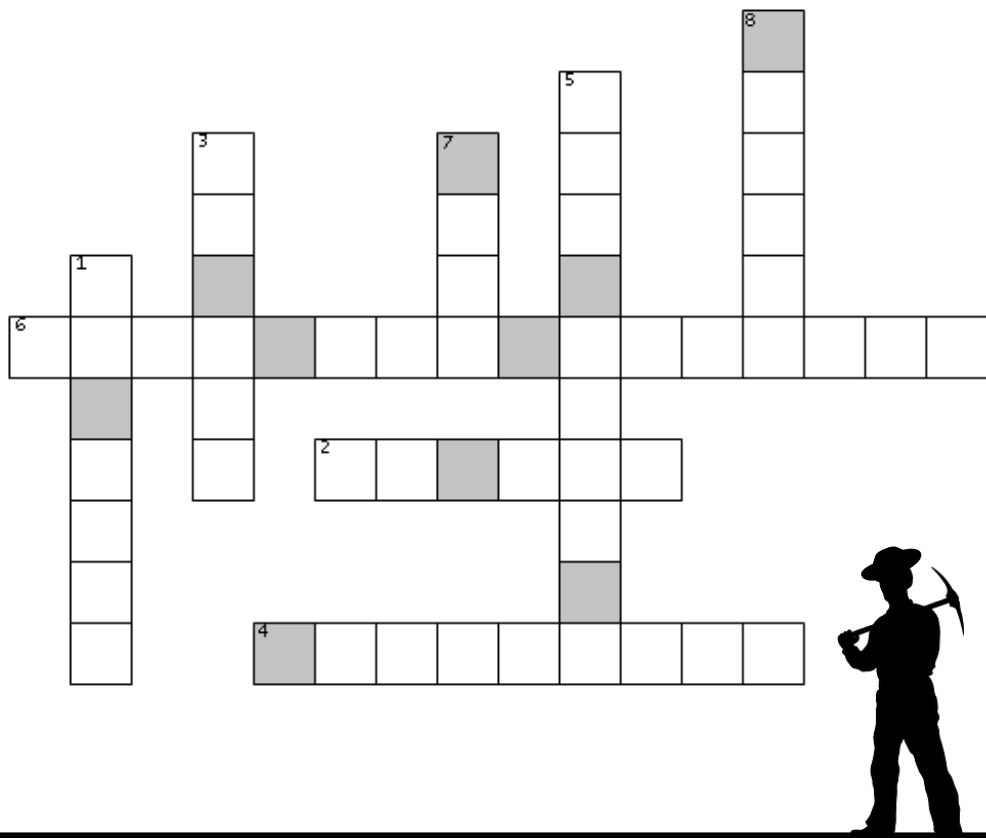


The End

Write the answer from each chapter in the crossword. Unscramble the shaded letters to find the final clue. Visit the branch by February 28th and ask a librarian for Marsha Mellow's book to reveal the truth - and be entered in a drawing!



Finding the right book is like finding gold.

Marsha is a _____.

DIDN'T FIND IT? Go to our online catalog for a hint.

Get a Clue

Experience Winter of Reading in an outdoor scavenger hunt mystery at your leisure - only from the **Ross-Cherry Creek Branch Library!** Explore the neighborhood while tracking down clues. Each clue results in a word used to decipher the answer. Can you solve the case?



The Prologue

You are a member of a long-running book club. At your last meeting, a passionate argument broke out over what book to read next. During the hubbub, you realized the club leader, Marsha Mellow had vanished! Her car and phone were left behind. Is Marsha Mellow toast?!



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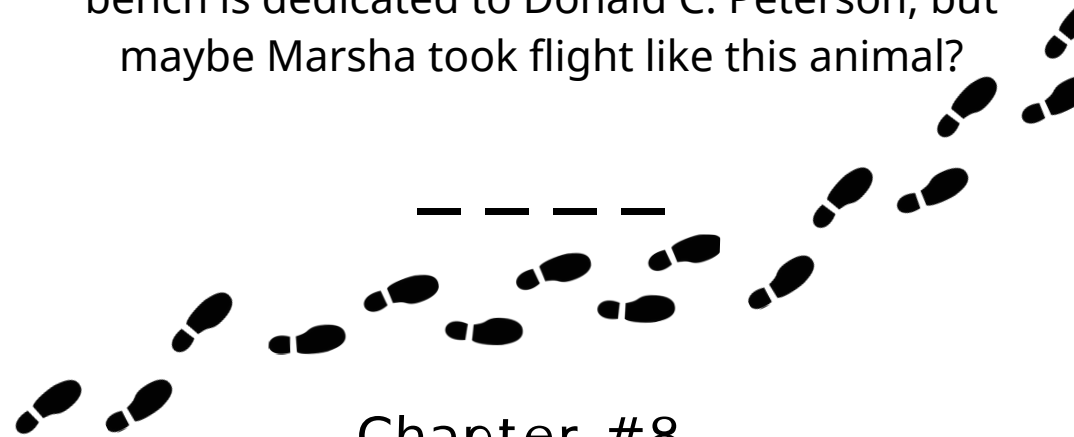
Winter of Reading

The Characters

- Marsha Mellow is anything but relaxed. Controlling, she has set ideas of how things should go. Often impatient, she is quick to judge and has been short with Rita.
- Parker Carr joined the group at his wife's suggestion. He finds Marsha overbearing. Lisa is friends with Marsha but rarely attends. Their kids and Oliver's attend the same school.
- Justin Time and his partner Nico are active in the neighborhood and PTA. They live next door to Rita, and Justin often jogs with her.
- Rita Book is an avid reader. She enjoys pushing buttons and often challenges Marsha's choices. She's lived here much longer than Marsha.
- Oliver Town is a single parent, new to the area. Parker suggested he join to meet people. He likes fantasy and wants to read "Magic's Pawn".

Chapter #7

Right before the meeting, Marsha was observed sitting on a bench in Cheesman Park near 10th Ave and Humboldt St. She was reading *The Safe Place* by Anna Downes. The bench is dedicated to Donald C. Peterson, but maybe Marsha took flight like this animal?



Chapter #8

At last month's meeting, Marsha tried to pressure another member into volunteering with her at the annual library book sale. She always gets frustrated when others don't listen to her. Find out who on the sign for a shop that's been in the neighborhood since 1923 - on 6th Ave and Gilpin St.



Chapter #5

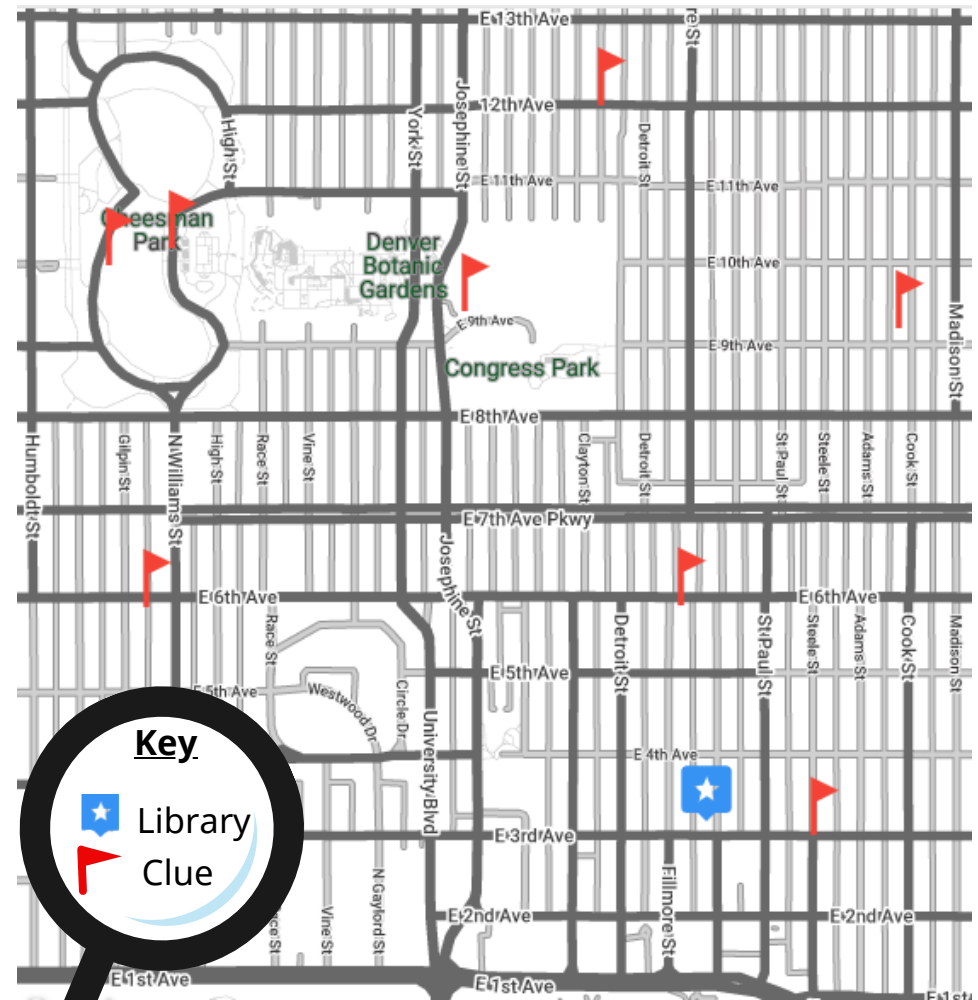
Parker Carr was playing with his kids in Congress Park, when Marsha approached and scolded him for letting them climb on a sculpture with a pink pyramid base. What kind of flame does it represent? Parker held his tongue, but wanted to tell her she needed more of this.



Chapter #6

Lisa Carr often sees Marsha near the Cheesman Park Pavilion. Does she like the haunted history or the mountain views? The name of the art on the concrete pedestal might answer your question. But what does it have to do with Marsha and the club?

Neighborhood Map

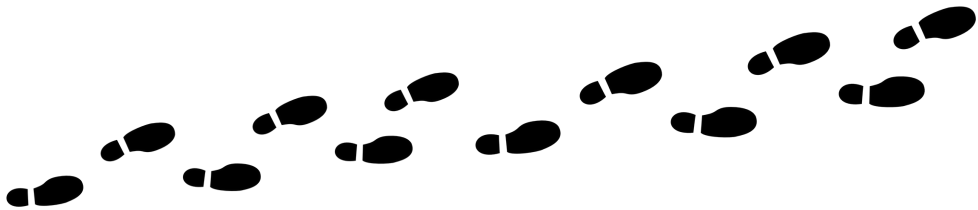


Featured Books

The Searcher by Tana French
These Women by Ivy Pochoda
When No One is Watching by Alyssa Cole
Auntie Poldi and the Handsome Antonio by Mario Giordano
The Safe Place by Anna Downes
Magic's Pawn by Mercedes Lackey

Chapter #1

Marsha's phone rang, and you answered it. It was someone from the UC Health Urgent Care on 3rd Ave and Steele St, calling to let Marsha know she had found some jumper cables for her to borrow. Make sure to write down her name for Marsha when you take the note. Her name is the same as the statue of a famous character outside the building.

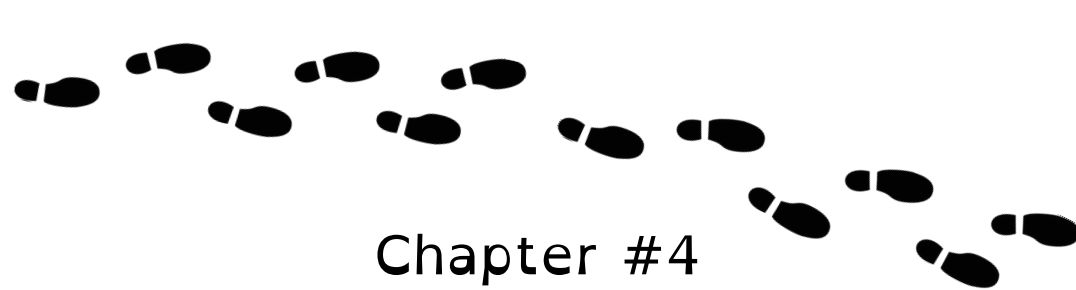


Chapter #2

Yesterday, Rita and Marsha were seen arguing - yet again - in front of a shop window on 6th Ave and Filmore St. Marsha stormed off while Rita looked smugly at the side of the yellow awning and smiled. What word made her smile?

Chapter #3

Justin was jogging with Rita when he saw Marsha at the Little Free Library just North of Cook St. and 9th Ave. He thought it strange, since the book club only chooses books they can check out in print from libraries. Could Marsha be lost in the place depicted here?



Chapter #4

Marsha was seen looking closely at a board near the fire hydrant at the 12th Ave and Clayton St intersection. Could it have anything to do with her disappearance? What kind of board is it?
