



BOOK DISCUSSION

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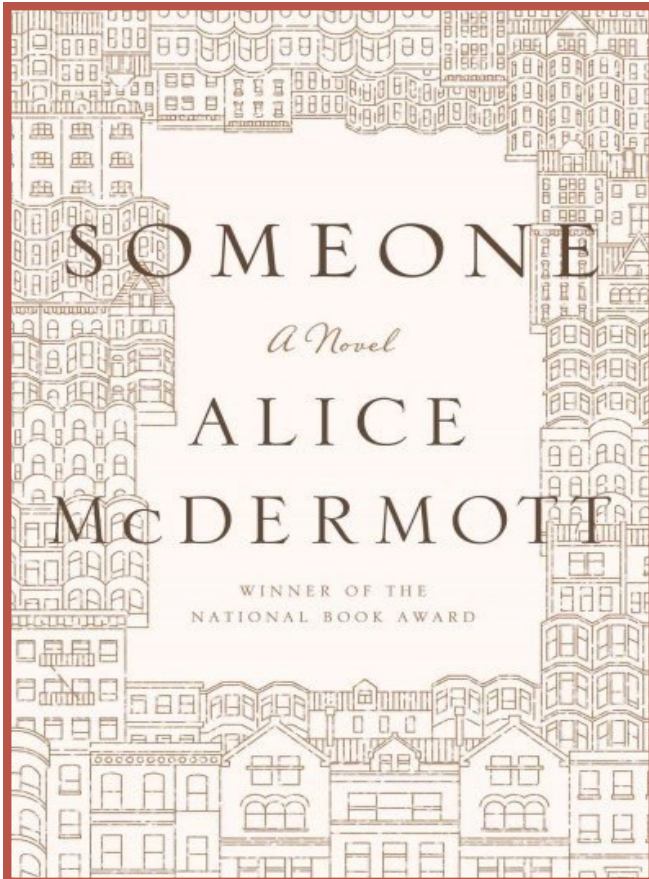
Alice McDermott

ON

TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2017

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Scattered recollections--of childhood, adolescence, motherhood, old age--come together in this transformative narrative, stitched into a vibrant whole by McDermott's deft, lyrical voice. First the reader sees Marie as a child: a girl in glasses waiting on a Brooklyn stoop for her beloved father to come home from work. A seemingly innocuous encounter with a young woman named Pegeen sets the bittersweet tone of this remarkable novel. Pegeen describes herself as an "amadan," a fool; indeed, soon after her chat with Marie, Pegeen tumbles down her own basement stairs. The magic of McDermott's novel lies in how it reveals us all as fools for this or that, in one way or another. This is a novel that speaks of life as it is daily lived; a crowning achievement by one of the finest American writers at work today.

**Books will be available for borrowing prior to the discussion.
Bring a lunch if you like. Dessert and beverages will be served.**

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