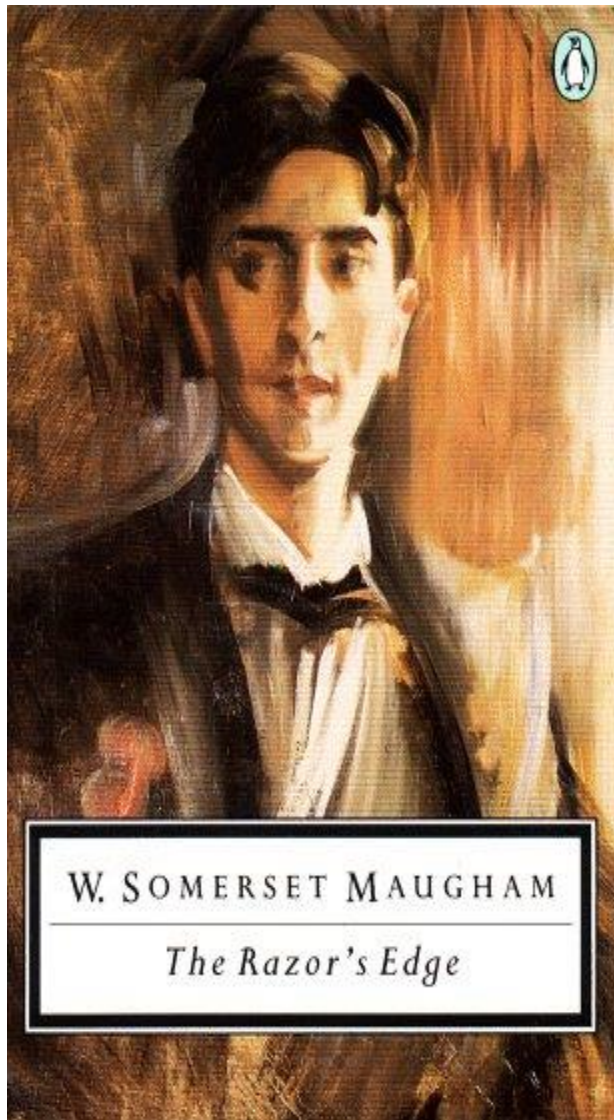


Livingston Free Library Bookclub

The Livingston Free Library book club meets the 1st Friday of the month at 11:30 am in the library. The September selection is *The Razor's Edge: a novel by W. Somerset Maugham*. If interested, books can be ordered from the library. New members are welcome. Please call the library at (518) 851-2270.



The Razor's Edge follows the spiritual and physical journey of Larry Darrell, a sensitive, intelligent young man who refuses to conform to the prevailing social norms of post-World War I America. Instead of marrying a rich, pretty Chicago girl, he goes to Paris searching for answers to questions about man, God and the meaning of life. This leads to stops in Germany, Spain and India, the latter destination finally answering some of his questions through the teachings of Eastern spiritual men. While Larry is traveling and searching for answers, his former fiancée, Isabel, marries someone because of money instead of love, and she must deal with the effects of the stock market crash. They meet up again in Paris, completely different people. Larry has found peace, while Isabel, a socialite more interested in money than love, eventually moves back to the U.S. to live a prosperous but spiritually shallow life. W. Somerset Maugham is the author and also a character in the novel, inspiring the conversations that drive the novel's narrative. Maugham's elitist friend Elliott, opportunistic French artist Suzanne Rouvier and tragic addict Sophie drop in and out of the story, each playing an important role in the process.