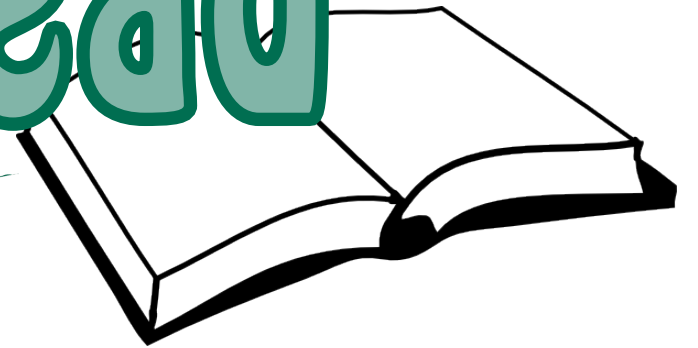


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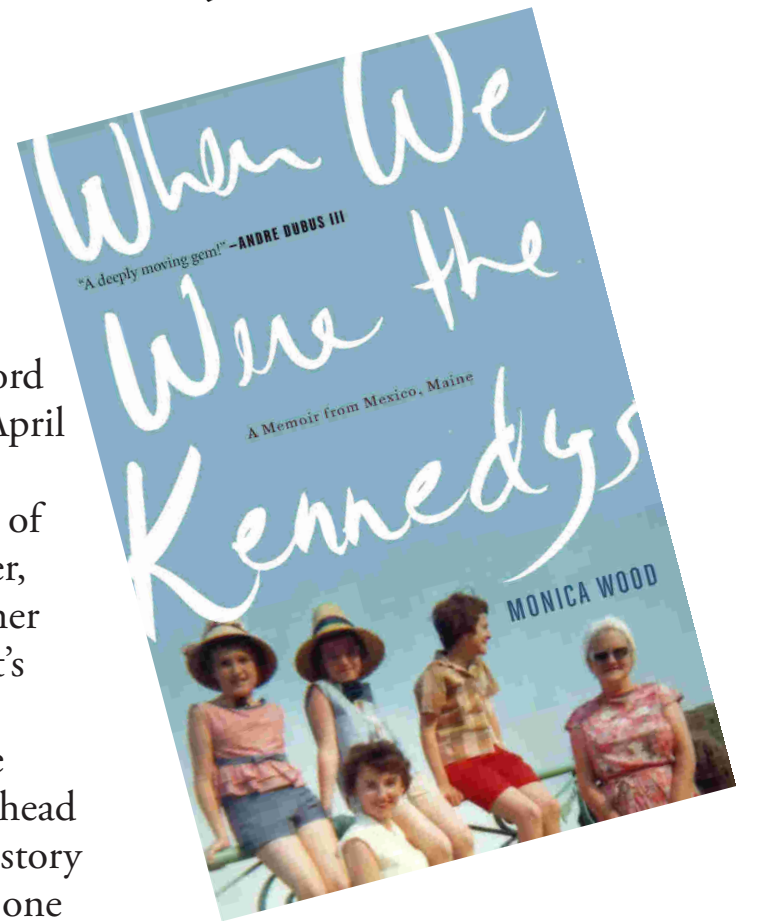
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Common Read



When We Were the Kennedys by Monica Wood

1963 Mexico, Maine: The Wood family is much like its close, Catholic, immigrant neighbors, all dependent on the fathers' wages from the Oxford Paper Company. But when Dad suddenly dies on his way to work one April morning, Mum and the four deeply connected Wood girls are set adrift. Funny and to-the-bone moving, *When We Were the Kennedys* is the story of how this family saves itself, at first by enlisting the help of Mum's brother, Father Bob, a charismatic Catholic priest. And then, come November--her brother still overwhelmed by grief, her country shocked by the president's death, and her town bracing for a labor strike--Mum announces an unprecedented family road trip. Inspired by the televised grace of Jackie Kennedy, herself a new widow with young children, Mum and her girls head to "our nation's capital" to do some rescuing of their own. An indelible story of how family and nation, each shocked by the unimaginable, exchange one identity for another.



Both print and ebook versions of this book are available through the NMCC library. Stop by and pick up the format you prefer and begin reading!

Meet the author.



MONICA WOOD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
NMCC Library, 10:30-11:30 AM

Author Monica Wood will perform a reading from *When We Were the Kennedys*. A book signing will follow for those who would like to purchase a copy of the book and have it autographed.

Light refreshments will be served.

Free and open to the public.

Contact Gail Roy at 768-2734 or groy@nmcc.edu for more information.