

**Parkdale United Church  
Zoom Book Club**

**Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
10:00 am**

**The Glass Hotel**  
by Emily St. John Mandel



From Amazon:

**From the award-winning author of *Station Eleven*, a captivating novel of money, beauty, white-collar crime, ghosts and moral compromise in which a woman disappears from a container ship off the coast of Mauritania and a massive Ponzi scheme implodes in New York, dragging countless fortunes with it.**

“Vincent is a bartender at the Hotel Caiette, a five-star glass-and-cedar palace on the northernmost tip of Vancouver Island. New York financier Jonathan Alkaitis owns the hotel. When he passes Vincent his card with a tip, it’s the beginning of their life together. That same day, a hooded figure scrawls a note on the windowed wall of the hotel: “Why don’t you swallow broken glass.” Leon Prevant, a shipping executive for a company called Neptune-Avramidis, sees the note from the hotel bar and is shaken to his core. Thirteen years later, Vincent mysteriously disappears from the deck of a Neptune-Avramidis ship.

Weaving together the lives of these characters, *The Glass Hotel* moves between the ship, the skyscrapers of Manhattan and the wilderness of remote British Columbia, painting a breathtaking picture of greed and guilt, fantasy and delusion, art and the ghosts of our pasts.”

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**If you’re not able to join the meeting, you are welcome to send your comments about *The Glass Hotel* to [bethbalshaw@shaw.ca](mailto:bethbalshaw@shaw.ca) or [sloanelm@shaw.ca](mailto:sloanelm@shaw.ca) before February 12<sup>th</sup> so they can be shared with the group and included in our next Book Club Newsletter.**