



The OV Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the NCB Library

The book for May 1 is "The Doctors Blackwell" by Janice P Nimura, a finalist for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize in Biography. Elizabeth Blackwell believed from an early age that she was destined for a mission beyond the scope of "ordinary" womanhood. Though the world, at first, recoiled at the notion of a woman studying medicine, her intelligence and intensity ultimately won her the acceptance of the male medical establishment.

In 1849, she became the first woman in America to receive an M.D. She was soon joined in her iconic achievement by her younger sister, Emily, who was the more brilliant physician. Exploring the sisters' allies, enemies and enduring partnership, the author presents a story of trial and triumph. This researched new biography celebrates two complicated pioneers who exploded the limits of possibility for women in medicine.