

Block Island has a new International Book Club. It is a book club for language learners. A group of people chose a book to read that is in a language other than their native tongue, they read it, and then meet and discuss it. Anyone can participate, for whichever books interest them, attending just the meeting for that book.

The first book is in English. It is called Dangerous Crossing to Block Island. It was written by Lars Trodson, who lives on Block Island, was a reporter for the Block Island Times, and is currently director of the Chamber of Commerce. The story is a “thriller” about US government secret agents sneaking an arms dealer to and from Block Island. The book is only 41 pages long.

The descriptions have some hard vocabulary, but I provide a glossary. The dialogue, though, is very accessible to second language learners. The author has enthusiastically agreed to come to the meeting and answer questions. The meeting is tentatively set for late March, on a Tuesday evening.

--Marie Henehan