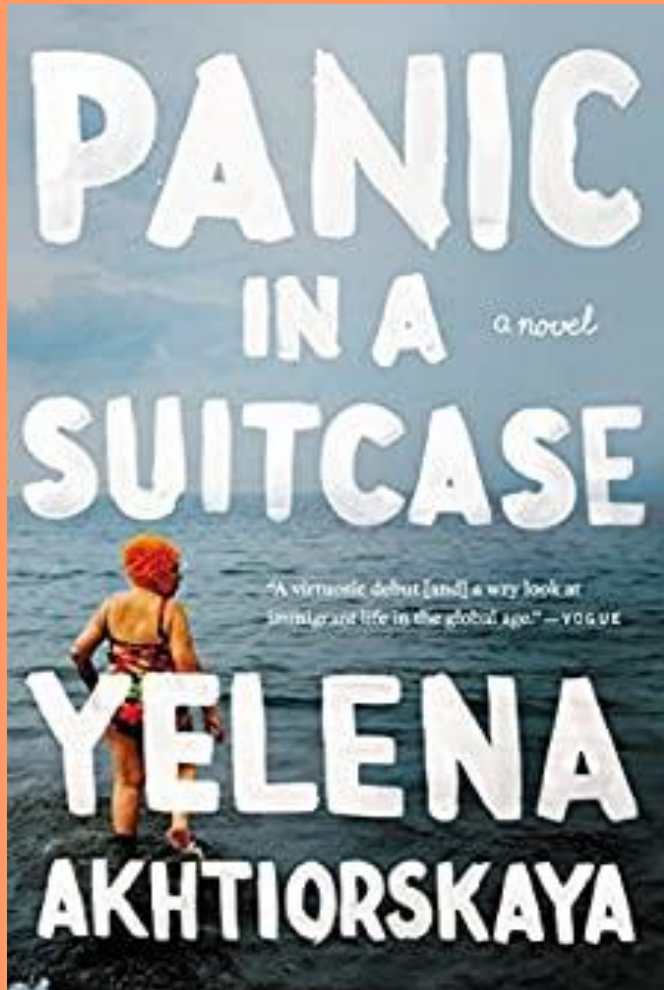


# Book Club

November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30AM

**A chance to learn about the modern-day immigrant experience from Odessa to Brighton Beach.**



Having left Odessa for Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, with a sense of finality, the Nasmertov family has discovered that the divide between the old world and the new is not nearly as clear-cut as they had imagined. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, returning is just a matter of a plane ticket, and the Russian-owned shops in their adopted neighborhood stock even the most obscure comforts of home. Pursuing the American Dream once meant giving up everything, but does the dream still work if the past refuses to grow distant and mythical, remaining alarmingly within reach?

If the Nasmertov parents can afford only to look forward, learning the rules of aspiration, the family's youngest, Frida, can't help looking back--and asking far too many questions.

Yelana Akhtiorskaya's exceptional debut has been hailed not only as a great novel of Brighton Beach but as a "breath of fresh air ...{and} a testament to Akhtiorskaya's wit, generosity, and immense talent as a young American Author" (NPR)

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