**Vivian’s book titles for “MYSTERY-DETECTIVE-SPY” – May 26**

**SPY STORIES**

**The Catcher Was a Spy: The Mysterious Life of Moe Berg,** by Nicholas Dawidoff, 1994.

**Film: The Spy Behind Home Plate,** Aviva Kempner 2019, played by Paul Rudd.

**MOE BERG** 1902-1972 Grew up in Harlem to a Jewish pharmacist father. Moved to Newark.

Very intelligent, Played for 4 American League teams, not a big star, considered to be strange, very brainy; people described him as very odd personality (may have been on the autism specrtrum).

Attended Princeton studying languages and Columbia Law School. Was a whiz on a radio quiz show. Mastery of 12 languages.

Served the OSS (CIA) in Yugoslavia, and interviewed physicists around Europe, to suss out Nazi nuclear programs and maybe kill German nuclear scientist Werner Heisenberg. Received Medal of Freedom from Truman which he refused. Was poor and lived with relatives last 20 years of his life.

**The Alice Network,** by Kate Quinn. Two parallel stories, one set in occupied France during WWI – based on true story of a very effective women’s spy network working for the British-American allies. One woman survivor of that network then joins the 1947 story, which starts with a young American woman, who’s pregnant, searching in France for her cousin who had gone missing in WWII occupied France. Well-told, exciting.

**MYSTERY**

**Waking Lions, Ayelet Gundar Goshen,** an Israeli clinical psychologist… a thriller and murder mystery. (Author was interviewed by WL READS.) **The Liar**, her new book.