

Build a Better World 2017

WHAT PERKIOMEN VALLEY LIBRARY ADULTS

READ THIS SUMMER

Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi **Americanah**

“Loved it - best book I’ve read this year.” Rated 5 / submitted by RK

Alcott, Louisa May **Little Women**

“It’s hard not to fall in love with the March family (and this book)! I loved watching the girls grow into women and experiencing the simple love and respect this family had for each other.” Rated 5 / submitted by LK

Allen, James **As a Man Thinketh**

“Unbelievable, awesome, a must read! So true and accurate.” Rated 5 / submitted by KS

Andrews, Donna **Murder with Peacocks**

“This book has many unusual twists and turns. Very light and entertaining read. I do plan on trying more from this author.” Rated 3 / submitted by TT

Andrews, Donna **Murder with Puffins**

“This was a fun and light read. I did enjoy the setting and the extra tidbits about the birds.” Rated 3 / submitted by TT

Andrews, Donna **Revenge of the Wrought-Iron Flamingos**

“This was very fun to read! Meg’s dad is my favorite character in this one. You never know what he will do next.” Rated 4 / submitted by TT

Andrews, Mary Kay **Beach Town**

“A nice, light beach book.” Rated 3 / submitted by KM

Andrews, Mary Kay **Homemade Sin**

“Nicely paced mystery with a housecleaning crew as the sleuths. Takes place in Atlanta.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

Ashton, Jeff **Imperfect Justice: Prosecuting Casey Anthony**

“This book is about the case of Casey Anthony, accused of murdering her little girl, Caylee. She literally got away with murder! Very detailed book about her life and the trial. Wish justice was served for Caylee though.” Rated 4 / submitted by CR

Atwood, Margaret **Handmaid’s Tale**

“This book was a great read, but I can see this happening to women in reality if we don’t start looking for a change.” Rated 4 / submitted by JM

Austen, Jane **Pride and Prejudice**

“I enjoyed this book. The language can be difficult at first if you are not familiar with that type of writing, but the characters grew on me, and I thought the plot was interesting.” Rated 4 / submitted by TW

Ball, Liz **Gardening in PA**

“Good, but more info about vegetables would have been good. Rated 3 / submitted by KM

Banner, Catherine **The House at the Edge of Night**

“Long - didn’t love it, but liked it.” Rated 2 / submitted by SN

Barr, Nevada **Flashback**

“Very interesting dual contemporary and historical mystery at Dry Tortugas National Park. I enjoyed the part involving Dr. Samuel Mudd, who treated John Wilkes Booth. Since I have met Dr. Mudd’s grandson, I knew the story.” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

Barrylick, John **Killer Show**

“Author did a great job of explaining how the station fire that killed 100 persons. Everything from the venue was acquired, how nightclub music scene, fire inspection process and resulting litigation. Excellent Book!” Rated 5 / submitted by KK

Blackburn, Elizabeth **Telomere Effect**

“It was an extremely interesting science book about emerging studies.” Rated 4 / submitted by RT

Box, C. J. **Winterball**

“Always gripping, just like all his books.” Rated 5 / submitted by KM

Brown, Dan **The Lost Symbol**

“I was a fan of Brown’s other books, but this one is too long, melodramatic and overblown. I liked the puzzles and the buildings, but overall, I found it a letdown.” Rated 2 / submitted by FL

Cabot, Meg **All American Girl**

“Was a funny book, thought characters were believable personality-wise and behaviors. The dilemmas were believable too. Crushes on sister’s boyfriend, not understanding boys .” Rated 4 / submitted by JP

Cabot, Meg **Pants on Fire**

“I love her writing style. The characters are always relatable and the situations realistic. The characters were stereotypical high school, but that went along with the plot well though since Katie and Tommy were against it.” Rated 5 / submitted by JP

Cabot, Meg **Ready or Not**

“It got a bit more funky, but Sam’s quirky nature stuck around. Lucy was an as all over as book one, so it was on character. Ending was a bit vague, but guess it works as a way to end a two book set.” Rated 4 / submitted by JP

Cahoon, Lynn **Guidebook to Murder**

“Pleasant, cozy. Takes place in central California coast. Nothing groundbreaking, but good characters.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

Caputo, Theresa **Good Grief**

“Long Island medium, Theresa Caputo, has written this book to help people who have lost a loved one.” Rated 4 / submitted by JV

Caputo, Theresa **There’s More to Life Than This**

“Long Island medium, Theresa Caputo, discusses life after death.” Rated 4 / submitted by JV

Caputo, Theresa **You Can't Make This Stuff Up**

"Long Island medium, Theresa Caputo, discusses the Spiritual Life with a good dose of humor!" Rated 4 / submitted by JV

Cash, Dixie **Our Red Hot Romance is Leaving Me Blue**

"Very enjoyable light romance/mystery taking place in West Texas. Also included a little bit of a ghost element." Rated 5 / submitted by MG

Child, Lincoln **The Third Gate**

"Interesting book of archaeology. It also incorporates supernatural." Rated 5 / submitted by LR

Clark, Mary Higgins **A Cry in the Night**

"Ominous start to the book and that carried through to the end. I had trouble putting this book down because I had to see who the culprit was!" Rated 4 / submitted by TT

Clark, Mary Higgins **All by Myself, All alone**

"Suspenseful and engaging. Many twists and turns that were not expected." Rated 5 / submitted by JW

Clark, Mary Higgins **I Heard That Song Before**

"Great read! Just the right mix of mystery, suspense and romance." Rated 5 / submitted by TT

Clark, Mary Higgins **Let Me Call You Sweetheart**

"I really enjoyed reading this book. She had me guessing every chapter and then completely switched things up at the end." Rated 5 / submitted by TT

Clark, Mary Higgins & Burke, Alafair **All Dressed in White**

"Very much enjoying the 'Under Suspicion' series from these authors. This is the third book of the series. There is just enough drama and suspense that makes it hard to put this book down." Rated 5 / submitted by TT

Clark, Mary Higgins & Burke, Alafair **The Cinderella Murder**

"Very good read! This is the second book in the 'Under Suspicion' series. I am looking forward to reading the rest of this series." Rated 5 / submitted by TT

Clark, Mary Higgins & Burke, Alafair **The Sleeping Beauty Killer**

"Great read! This has been a great series I enjoy the twists throughout the book and the surprising ending." Rated 5 / submitted by TT

Child, Lee **Complete Collected Jack Reacher Short Stories**

"One of those stories is new, and the rest were previously published, so you may have already read a majority of this book. However, I enjoyed re-reading some of Reacher's adventures - hopping through his life at different times. Only complaint is that they are short stories, so you're left wanting more." Rated 4 / submitted by CB

Clason, George S. **The Richest Man in Babylon**

"Excellent read/study. Basic, timeless principles to build wealth." Rated 5 / submitted by FS

CoCo, Nancy **Oh Say Can You Fudge** (A Candy-coated Mystery)

"Pleasant, cozy. Takes place on Mackinac Island, Michigan. Interesting arson plot." Rated 4 / submitted by MG

Connelly, Michael **The Late Show**

“Love the addition of the new woman lead character. I’ve had trouble getting into Michael Connelly books in the past, but I’ll be looking forward to more Det. Ballard books” Rated 4 / submitted by CB

Cook, J.J. **In Hot Water**

“Cozy mystery about a volunteer fire brigade in rural Tennessee. Good story, but choppy writing and strange cliffhanger ending.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

Cornwall, Patricia **Chaos**

“Great - different from her approach to a Scarpetta novel.” Rated 4 / submitted by JW

Corry, Jane **My Husband’s Wife**

“Unexpected twists and turns keeps you reading this interesting novel.” Rated 4 / submitted by JW

Costeloe, Diney **The Throwaway Children**

“The book was wonderfully written, very engaging, but the premise of the story is very sad.” Rated 5 / submitted by JW

Coulter, Catherine **Devils Triangle**

“Thrilling, heart stopping, I couldn’t put this book down” Rated 5 / submitted by JW

Delaney, Frank **Shannon**

“It was an interesting premise, but hard to get engrossed in it.” Rated 2 / submitted by KM

Derrick, Tony **Garden Plants for Free**

Rated 3 / submitted by KM

Dillard, Anne **An American Childhood**

“Dillard writes about her life growing up in Pittsburgh in the 1950s. From a ‘well-to-do’ family - she lives her life with the less fortunate and shares the joy of getting in touch with real life.” Rated 3 / submitted by CL

Drury, Bob & Clavin, Tom **Lucky 666: The Impossible Mission**

“Book was good. It explained how a WWII aircrew of individuals were put together to complete an against all odds mission to photograph islands in the pacific in order to successfully conduct an amphibious landing.” Rated 4 / submitted by KK

Dunn, Sarah **The Arrangement**

“Interesting story.” Rated 4 / submitted by RS

Dweck, Carol **Mindset: the new psychology of success**

“Excellent ideas about have a growth mindset!” Rated 5 / submitted by JH

Egan, Jennifer **A Visit from the Goon Squad**

“Creative approach, interweaving the lives of multiple characters over time - a bit too meandering for my taste.” Rated 2 / submitted by LK

Evanovich, Janet **Finger Lickin’ Fifteen**

“Laugh out loud funny. Fast read. Could not put the book down - I had to know what happens!!!” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

Evanovich, Janet **Wicked Appetite**

“Great story. I had a hard time putting it down. If you’re looking for a good weekend read, this is a great one. Just make sure you don’t have a lot planned - it is hard to put it down.” Rated 5 / submitted by KS

Fenton, Richard & Waltz, Andrew **Go for No!**

“This is a self-help book for the sales professional.” Rated 3 / submitted by JV

Flagg, Fannie **The Whole Town’s Talking**

“Lots of detail from the past of a small town in Midwest. Too much detail. The ending is a surprise.” Rated 3 / submitted by LR

Flanagan, John **The Royal Ranger**

“This was not my favorite book in the Ranger’s Apprentice series, but I definitely enjoyed it. Some parts were predictable, but there were also some suspenseful moments.” Rated 4 / submitted by TW

Fluke, Joanne **Plum Pudding Mystery**

“Joanne uses humor in this Christmas time mystery. She includes recipes at the end of each chapter.” Rated 4 / submitted by JV

Fuhrman, Joel, M.D. **Eat to Live**

“It was very eye opening and insightful.” Rated 5 / submitted by RF

Furlong, Susan **Rest in Peach (A Georgia Peach Mystery)**

“Southern Georgia, cozy story with lots of atmosphere. Good characters and interesting mystery.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

Gaiman, Neil **The Sandman: The Kindly Ones**

“While being the longest book in the series, it is, however, a dramatic, tragic epic. It is worthwhile if you read the other volumes in the series.” Rated 4 / submitted by FL

Gaiman, Neil **The Sandman Vol. 10: The Wake**

“I am glad to have read this series. It ended well and was worth the time. The wake was a great conclusion.” Rated 5 / submitted by FL

Galbraith, Robert **Career of Evil**

“Excellent - surprise murder. Good characters.” Rated 5 / submitted by LR

Galbraith, Robert **Cuckoo’s Calling**

“Good book - would read again.” Rated 5 / submitted by LR

Garber, Stephanie **Caravel**

“The book was intriguing. I could not put it down, I am anxious for the sequel.” Rated 5 / submitted by RT

Gardener, Lisa **The Neighbor**

“If you liked ‘Gone Girl’, you will definitely like ‘The Neighbor’. I read it quickly, not wanting to put it down.” Rated 5 / submitted by CR

George, Anne **Murder Carries a Torch**

“Cozy mystery which features a unique method of death. Great characters.” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

Glass, Julia **A House Among Trees**

“Meet Ivo and his creator, Morty Lear, acclaimed children’s book author and illustrator. Meet characters well developed and enduring. Meet the world of Colorquake. An acclaimed author (Glass) artfully tells the story of acclaimed children’s book author, Morty Lear.” Rated 5 / submitted by CS

Goodman, Joanna **The Finishing School**

“This book started out slow - so I was going to return it. But, then I got hooked. Great read!! With a twist I didn’t see coming.” Rated 5 / submitted by JM

Goodwin, Doris Kearns **Team of Rivals**

“In depth and enlightening autobiography of Abraham Lincoln. Full of insights into his thought processes and dedication to preserving the nation - extremely topical.” Rated 4 / submitted by MV

Grafton, Sue **“I” is for Killer - A Kinsey Millhone Novel (Kinsey Millhone Alphabet Mysteries)**

“I enjoy reading a series. This book is an easy read. Funny and interesting.” Rated 4 / submitted by AW

Grafton, Sue **“K” is for Innocent - A Kinsey Millhone Novel (Kinsey Millhone Alphabet Mysteries)**

“I love a mystery! Some of Sue’s books are better than others, this one I just glided right through!” Rated 4 / submitted by AW

Greene, Ross W. **The Explosive Child**

“It’s medical, so not the most interesting book, but it did help me realize my child’s issues are probably not medical but more personality traits.” Rated 4 / submitted by JP

Gregory, G. **Motivated Brain**

“Motivating students at school can sometimes be a difficult task for a teacher. This book put student learning in a different perspective so I can reflect on my teaching practice.” Rated 3 / submitted by WT

Grippando, James **Born to Run: A Novel of Suspense**

“Very Good - intriguing and engaging with a surprise ending.” Rated 5 / submitted by JW

Grisham, John **Confession**

“Very good!” Rated 4 / submitted by RS

Grisham, John **Gray Mountain**

“Loved it!” Rated 4 / submitted by GS

Grisham, John **The Litigators**

“Loved it!” Rated 4 / submitted by GS

Grisham, John **Sycamore Row**

“Loved it!” Rated 4 / submitted by GS

Grisham, John **The Whistler**

“Excellent murder mystery with American Indians and casinos.” Rated 5 / submitted by LR

Hawkins, Paula **Into the Water**

“Good, suspenseful. Read. Lots of characters (sometimes confusing) an plenty of twist and turns in the story.” Rated 4 / submitted by CB

Haywood, B.B. **Town in a Cinnamon Toast**

“Well written, cozy mystery taking place in Down East Maine. It would be helpful to read this series in order.” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

Hoffman, Alice **The Third Angel**

“An acclaimed author weaves another story of three women and their stories of love. They actually intertwine and present a full picture of the three lives joined. The Angel of Life, the Angel of Death and the Angel you can't know. Magical!” Rated 5 / submitted by CAS

Hogan, Ruth **The Keeper of Lost Things**

“Anthony finds things on the street, train, etc. and keeps them to return to their owners - Laura creates a website to find the owners - the stories of the ‘losers’ are interspersed in the story. A fun read.” Rated 5 / submitted by CS

Holiday, Ryan **Ego is the Enemy**

“Very good book about the essential nature of humility for success. Lots of historical examples and stories.” Rated 4 / submitted by NH

Holiday, Ryan **The Obstacle is the Way**

“Very good. Uses stoic philosophy and a lot of historical examples to show how obstacles often bring out the best in us, whether its persistence against things that can be changed, or acceptance and patience with things that can't.” Rated 5 / submitted by NH

Hoover, Colleen **November 9**

“Absolutely loved it. It made my heart tingle an ache. Quick read.” Rated 5 / submitted by WT

Jabbour, Niki **Year Round Vegetable Gardener**

Rated 3 / submitted by KM

Jenkins, Jerry B. **Riven**

“Good, but long. Dramatic story of the redemption of a man on death row, a prison chaplain's validation through him.” Rated 4 / submitted by NH

Johnson, Julia Claiborne **Be Frank With Me**

“The audiobook was fantastically read - particularly the voice of Frank - who was on the spectrum. Otherwise, the book had no plot.” Rated 3 / submitted by MG

Kelly, Megyn **Settle for More**

“An interesting view of Megyn Kelly's life.” Rated 4 / submitted by JW

Kellerman, Jonathan **Guilt**

“Not memorable.” Rated 3 / submitted by RS

Kenney, Jeffe **Talon of the Hawk**

“It reminded me of a light female “Lord of the Rings.” I'm enjoying the whole series.” Rated 4 / submitted by RT

Kidd, Sue Monk **The Invention of Wings**

“I enjoyed the book - kept me reading.” Rated 4 / submitted by SN

Kiernan, Denise **The Girls of Atomic City**

“Learned how important the Clinton engineering works were to helping win WWII. Author did a great job in research and presenting the story.” Rated 5 / submitted by KK

Kingsbury, Karen **Maggie’s Miracle**

“Excellent! Little bit of a surprise ending. Karen Kingsbury makes you feel like you are part of the book and the family.” Rated 5 / submitted by CN

Kinsella, Sophie **My Not So Perfect Life**

“Funny, quirky Katie’s journey reminds us that none of us are perfect and that things are not always what they seem and that is ok.” Rated 5 / submitted by JW

Kitamura, Katie **A Separation: A Novel**

“The book was slow for the first half. It got faster and more intriguing during the second half, but did not give me good closure in the ending!” Rated 3 / submitted by EH

Kline, Christina Baker **A Piece of the World**

“A very realistic though fictional story of the background of Christina Olsen, the woman depicted in Andrew Wyeth’s famous painting ‘Christina’s World.’ Fans of Andrew Wyeth will enjoy reading the details about Christina’s life and Andrew’s interaction with her family.” Rated 5 / submitted by SC

“Wow – what a great insight into the lives of Christina Olson and Andrew Wyeth. It makes me want to learn more about both of them.” Rated 5 / submitted by JW

Kondazian, Karen **The Whip**

“Good book!” Rated 4 / submitted by SN

Landay, William **Defending Jacob**

“Great read, full of suspense! Leaves you pondering who exactly is guilty? The Murderer or the one trying to defend and shield him?” Rated 4 / submitted by LK

Landon, Juliet **The Golden Lure**

“Ginerva is living at a convent since the death of her parents. Sir Jais arrives to announce that he will be taking her to visit her brother. Ginerva then learns that she is to marry this new visitor and that’s when the real challenge begins!” Rated 5 / submitted by JV

Lapena, Shari **The Couple Next Door**

“Unlikeable characters in a baby’s kidnapping. I saw the resolution coming halfway through the book.” Rated 3 / submitted by MG

Lesser, Elizabeth **Marrow**

“One sister provides her marrow to another sister. Themes of forgiveness, meditation, authentic self - rich in family connection - a bit too preaching from time to time.” Rated 4 / submitted by CS

Lindhout, Amanda **A House in the Sky: A Memoir**

“Excellent book.” Rated 5 / submitted by SN

MacImerney, Karen **Death Runs Adrift**

“I started reading Karen about 2 months ago. I now am on the last one. I really have enjoyed these books - they are funny, mysterious, and they have great recipes too!” Rated 5 / submitted by JM

MacInerney, Karen **Fatal Frost**

“I am in love with this author. I read the Grey Whale series and this series did not disappoint.” Rated 5 / submitted by JM

MacInerney, Karen **Killer Jam - A Dewberry Farm Mystery**

“I finished reading Karen’s whole mystery series. This is the first one in the Dewberry Farm series and so far, I have not been disappointed. Great Read!” Rated 5 / submitted by JM

MacInerney, Karen **Whale of a Crime**

“This is a great series. Karen did a great job incorporating humor and mystery. I’m so sad that this is the last book in the series, but looking forward to the next one.” Rated 5 / submitted by JM

Maxwell, John C. **15 Invaluable Laws of Growth**

“This book gives suggestions for setting goals to improve success in your daily work and job.” Rated 3 / submitted by JV

McCain, John (with Salter, Mark) **Faith of My Fathers: A Family Memoir**

“Enjoyed the book. The details of his POW experience were incredible!” Rated 5 / submitted by KK

McCammom, Ross **Works Well With Others**

“This is a self-help book for the new person on the job.” Rated 2 / submitted by JV

McGrath, Mike **You Bet Your Tomatoes**

“Labor-saving techniques for growing lots of tomatoes from the former editor of Organic Gardening. Humorous too!” Rated 5 / submitted by NH

McKinlay, Jenn **Vanilla Beaned**

“Pleasant cozy mystery about a cupcake shop. This time in Las Vegas. Light character development. Rated 4 / submitted by MG

McLain, Paula **The Paris Wife**

“I loved the combination of fiction and using real people from history! The whole book was a pleasant read!” Rated 5 / submitted by EH

McLaughlin, Emma **Nanny Return**

“I preferred the first book for sure. So much was vague in this and left so open ended, it just left a bit of ‘huh’ points.” Rated 3 / submitted by JP

Meier, Leslie **Birthday Party Murder**

“Good small town Maine mystery!” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

Meissner, Susan **A Fall Marigolds**

“I loved the parallel stories being told 100 years apart! It was heart wrenching at parts but I wanted to keep reading.” Rated 5 / submitted by MM

Moose, Charles & Fleming, Charles **Three Weeks in October: The Manhunt for the Serial Sniper**

“Book was exciting detailing how a serial killer was caught. The killers were the snipers that randomly shot people around the DC Metro area.” Rated 4 / submitted by KK

Moriarty, Liane **Big Little Lies**

"I enjoyed how this book changed point of view as the story progressed. It also kept the suspense there so I wanted to keep reading. The end surprised me!" Rated 4 / submitted by MM

"Good beach read if you're looking for something light and entertaining." Rated 4 / submitted by RK

Moriarty, Liane **What Alice Forgot**

"This was a great book that I didn't want to put down! I wanted to keep reading to find out what would happen when/if she got her memory back. Also seeing 10 years of memories and how she reacted to them kept it entertaining." Rated 5 / submitted by MM

Moyes, Jojo **One Plus One**

"At first I had trouble getting into this book - not sure if I wasn't focusing or it was just too slow. However, by the time I was halfway through, I couldn't put it down. Definitely pulls at the heartstrings!" Rated 4 / submitted by CB

Murphy, Peter W. **Always Know What to Say**

"This is a self-help book for the new sales representative." Rated 42/ submitted by JV

Norris, Tom & Thornton, Mike **By Honor Bound: Two Navy Seals, the Medal of Honor and a Story of Extraordinary Courage**

"It amazes me how these men performed the duty to our country. Exceptional read - a book that was hard to put down!" Rated 5 / submitted by KK

O'Reilly, Bill & Dugard, Martin **Killing the Rising Sun: How America Vanquished WWII Japan**

"Great research into WWII Pacific Theatre and the players that made history." Rated 4 / submitted by KK

Palmer, Daniel **Helpless**

"First book I have listened to by this author - very good!" Rated 4 / submitted by GS

Paris, BA **Behind Closed Doors**

"It started out slow, however, I couldn't put it down soon after! I would recommend it. Definitely a page-turner!!" Rated 45/ submitted by CR

Patterson, James **The Black Book**

"Another intriguing Patterson book that you can't put down and leaves you wondering what happens next!" Rated 5 / submitted by JW

Peterson, Holly **The Manny**

"I loved it. The author's writing style was interesting and the characters were relatable. Wish you had more by this author!" Rated 5 / submitted by JP

Peterson, Tracie **Treasure Grace**

"Grace, the main character, and her young sisters travel to the Oregon Territory in the 1840's. They meet many obstacles along the way!" Rated 4 / submitted by JV

Pettrey, Dani **Cold Shot**

"Easy to read Christian romance/thriller in Baltimore and Gettysburg. First in a series." Rated 5 / submitted by MG

Picoult, Jodi **Small Great Things**

“It was okay; the story was interesting, but a little superficial.” Rated 3 / submitted by RK

Pilcher, Robin **Starburst**

“Audio. An entertaining ‘listen’ as many characters work together to present a music festival in Edinburgh - follow their stories as they meet challenges and all have happy endings and success. The read is in an Irish/Scottish brogue!” Rated 4 / submitted by CS

Pritchett, Laura **The Blue Hour**

“Interesting book about how people’s lives are intertwined and how the action of one person affects those around him.” Rated 4 / submitted by JW

Quinn, Spencer **The Right Side**

“Story about an injured returning vet and how she was helped by a special dog. Sometimes difficult to read. Good but the ending seemed rushed.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

Reid, Taylor Jenkins **The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo**

“Like the book. Interesting story.” Rated 5 / submitted by RS

Reynolds, Nicholas **Writer, Sailor, Soldier, Spy**

“Interesting info re: Hemingway.” Rated 3 / submitted by KM

Robards, Karen **Guilty**

“I really enjoyed reading this book. It was easy to read, but had enough twists to keep me guessing on what was going to happen next.” Rated 4 / submitted by TT

Robards, Karen **The Midnight Hour**

“I really enjoyed this book. Great mystery with some romance thrown in. I was very surprised at the twist at the end of the book.” Rated 5 / submitted by TT

Roth, Veronica **Carve the Mark**

“Fans of the Insurgent trilogy may be disappointed. However, this novel is engaging enough that I want to read the second book when it comes out.” Rated 3 / submitted by AA

Ruse, Austin **little Suffering Souls**

“This is Christian story about children who touch the lives of everyone they meet during their short lives.” Rated 4 / submitted by JV

Ryan, Hank P. **The Other Woman**

“Good political thriller with a serial murder twist. Good sense of place - Boston.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

Ryan, Sofie **Buy a Whisker**

“Pleasant cozy mystery taking place in Maine. Smart cat involved, but too many characters to keep track of.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

Sandberg, Sheryl & Grant Adam **Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy**

“Inspiring, thoughtful & insightful. A must read for everyone.” Rated 4 / submitted by JW

Scottoline, Lisa **Every Fifteen Minutes**

“Enjoyed the book. Good plot. I was constantly trying to figure out who the sociopath was. In the end, I was right!” Rated 4 / submitted by JR

Sefton, Maggie **Needed to Death**

“Great summer read. The series is so good so far. Can’t wait for the next one.” Rated 4 / submitted by JM

Shattuck, Jessica **The Woman in the Castle**

“Very good. A different and rarely explored view of woman during the holocaust.” Rated 5 / submitted by JW

Shelton, Paige **To Helvetica and Back**

“Easy to read and enjoyable cozy taking place in Utah ski country. Main character owns a typewriter repair store.” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

Shreve, Anita **The Stars are Fire**

“Well known author - not her best offering. Based on true and devastating fire along Maine coast. Grace deals with trauma and being homeless, penniless and loss of husband - she heals, grows strong and is saved by the memory of music in an unexpected place!” Rated 2 / submitted by CS

“Great book, easy read.” Rated 4 / submitted by JM

Smith, Alexander McCall **Precious and Grace**

“I love listening to this series on tape. The reader is amazing! This book had several interesting storylines.” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

Steel, Danielle **The Mistress**

“I’m not a picky reader, but this was very disappointing. She goes on and on giving minute to minute detail, which gets BORING! Starts off good, but something is lacking at the end - like she got tired of writing the book.” Rated 3 / submitted by MG

Stratton, Donald **All the Gallant Men: An American Sailor’s First Hand Account of Pearl Harbor**

“Book was good Enjoyed reading it.” Rated 4 / submitted by KK

Sullivan, J Courtney **Saints for All Occasions**

“Great book. Love this author.” Rated 5 / submitted by RS

Swanson, Denise **Dying for a Cupcake**

“Cozy mystery in a dime store in Missouri. Very average plot with sub-par writing.” Rated 3 / submitted by MG

Tessaro, Kathleen **Perfume Collector**

“Set in 1920s & 1955 – themes of perfume making, roaring 20’s, 2 women connected but at first unknown to Grace (1955), fashion, style and underlying mystery. Set mostly in Paris. “ Rated 5 / submitted by CS

Thomas, Angie **The Hate U Give**

“Eye-opening, perspective on the Black Lives Matter movement. The characters in this young adult novel were complex and well-drawn and the conclusion is hopeful and uplifting.” Rated 5 / submitted by AA

Towles, Amor **Rules of Civility**

"I enjoyed the twists and turns of Katey's life in NYC 1938. The historical references and description of the various social levels made it an interesting read." Rated 5 / submitted by MM

Uris, Leon **Mila 18**

"Excellent story." Rated 5 / submitted by SN

Vallere, Diane **A Disguise to Die For**

"A costume shop mystery. Takes place near Las Vegas – series shows promise." Rated 3 / submitted by MG

van Alkemade, Kim **Orphan #8**

"Well written from multiple perspectives of the characters. So many twists and turns, I couldn't put it down!" Rated 5 / submitted by AS

Vance, JD **Hillbilly Elegy**

"I think about the first 2/3 were really good, but got a little preachy by the end. It could have been a little shorter." Rated 4 / submitted by JM

Vatterott, Cathy **Rethinking Homework**

"This book made me rethink the practice of giving homework; when, why and how much." Rated 4 / submitted by WT

Ward, J.R. **The Chosen**

"I love the series but this one was cliché and expected. The characters seemed out of context at times too." Rated 4 / submitted by JP

Ware, Ruth **In a Dark, Dark Wood**

"I read 'The Woman in Cabin 10' on a recommendation and decided to check out her other books. I wasn't disappointed! Fast paced book - I couldn't get to the end fast enough. She gives you bits of the end of the story and then returns to the past - your mind is spinning the whole time!" Rated 4 / submitted by CB

Ware, Ruth **The Woman in Cabin 10**

"I really enjoyed this book - good suspense and plenty of detail to keep me thinking (and looking back to double check details). Definitely a page turner - looking forward to reading more by this author." Rated 4 / submitted by CB

Weiner, Jennifer **Who Do You Love**

"Typical love story. The beginning was excellent, but middle/end was predictable." Rated 2 / submitted by AS

Welsh, Kaite **The Wages of Sin: A Novel**

"Well written book about a woman pursuing a medical education in a time when this was not the norm. Kept me in suspense." Rated 4 / submitted by JW

Wenoff, Pam **The Winter Guest**

"This story takes place during WWII when a Polish girl helps an American soldier. She risks her family's safety and her own life to help protect him when the German soldiers invade their village." Rated 5 / submitted by JV

Wiggs, Susan **Family Tree**

“Very average book about a TV chef. Goes back and forth between past and present so it is difficult to build a connection with the characters.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

Wilber, Charles **How to Grow World Record Tomatoes**

“Excellent real life techniques of a man who broke world records for tomato yields.” Rated 5 / submitted by NH

Woods, Sherryl **Along Came Trouble**

“Third in a romance trilogy taking place in Northern Virginia. This one also included a “mild” murder mystery.” Rated / submitted by MG

Woods, Sherryl **Moonlight Cove**

“Good summer romance with a big Irish family in Maryland.” Rated 4 / submitted by LR

Woods, Stuart **Ask Anyone**

“Part of a romantic trilogy - on the Virginia shores of the Potomac River. Typical storyline, but very good characters.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

Woods, Stuart **Beach Haven**

“Good summer book. It answers some of the ?s from the earlier books.” Rated 3 / submitted by LR

Woods, Stuart **Indecent Exposure**

“Part of the Stone Barrington series - I enjoyed this book because it establishes more of a consistent relationship between Stone and Holly Barker. I also like how the storyline is setting the tone for future stories.” Rated 4 / submitted by CB