

# “LIBRARIES ROCK!”

What adults read during the summer of 2018

**Abbot, Victoria**     **Wolfe Widow**

“Upstate New York book collector is tricked by her half-sister. I liked the author’s style and the story and characters were interesting.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

**Albert, Susan Wittag**     **Indigo Dying**

“Cozy mystery takes place in Texas Hill Country. Involves and herbs specialist who helps solve mystery involving her friend.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

**Alderman, Naomi**     **The Power**

“Very violent, and overly simplistic – if physical power determines social & political power, where does racism come from? But the characters were compelling & propelled me to the finish of the book.” Rated 2 / submitted by AA

**Alpert, Mark**     **The Six**

“The book was good. I picked it up on a whim and enjoyed it more than I thought I would.” Rated 4 / submitted by AC

**Ambrose, Stephen**     **The Wild Blue: the Men and Boys Who Flew b-24s Over Germany**

“Great book. Well researched.” Rated 5 / submitted by KK

**Anderson, B. Kent**     **Cold Glory**

“Read first chapter – did not entice me to read further>” Rated 1 / submitted by BH

**Angelou, Maya**     **Letter to My Daughter**

“The author arranged the book into short chapters that were life lessons in poem and short story formats. This book was candidly written, causing the reader to reflect throughout each page.” Rated 4 / submitted by VP

**Atkins, Ace**     **The Sinners**

“Quinn Colson – cool character” Rated 4 / submitted by BH

**Avi**     **Crispin**

“Required for my 7<sup>th</sup> grader, so I read it as well. This was a good book with some suspenseful moments, especially for middle schoolers.” Rated 4 / submitted by TW

**Backman, Fredrik**     **Beartown**

“Interesting story about a small town in Sweden and its relationship with the young boy’s hockey team and players. Uniquely written.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

**Backman, Fredrik**     **A Man Called Ove**

“I absolutely loved the way this book was written. A fantastic tale of an elderly gentleman who has given up and the family that brings him back.” Rated 5 / submitted by DM

**Bailey, Sarah**     **The Dark Lake**

“An interesting thriller with many unexpected twists.” Rated 4 / submitted by JW

**Balough, Mary**     **Web of Love**

“This story of a war torn country has the main characters meeting and then losing the loves that they longed for.” Rated 2 / submitted by JV

**Beason, Pamela**     **The Only Witness**

“Very interesting story about a gorilla who witnesses a kidnapping and is able to help the police through her use of American Sign Language.” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

**Berg, Elizabeth**      **What We Keep**  
“Not one of her best.” Rated 3 / submitted by BM

**Blaise, Kate, Capt**      **Heart of a Soldier**  
“Great book about the sacrifice that soldiers make; a husband & wife both deployed and the ultimate sacrifice of one of these brave warriors.” Rated 5 / submitted by KK

**Blake, Bethany**      **Death by Chocolate**  
“Mediocre mystery about an over-educated pet sitter. The ending didn’t quite make sense with the clues given.” Rated 3 / submitted by MG

**Blehm, Eric**      **Fearless**  
“Fascinating story about navy seal Adam Brown and how he overcame addiction to become a true hero.” Rated 5 / submitted by DB

**Bloom, Amy**      **White Houses**  
“I don’t know if this story is true but everyone needs love.” Rated 3 / submitted by BM

**Boyden, Joseph**      **Through Black Spruce**  
“I couldn’t get past about page 70. Hard to follow whether it was Will’s thoughts (in coma?) present or how far past or his niece Annie – present, past, her premonitions, dreams, and I tried many times & days to stay awake to find something that would pull it together for me.” Rated 1 submitted by PY

**Brown, Brene**      **Rising Strong**  
“If you’re looking for some inspiration for personal growth, this is the book for you. It is relatable.” Rated 4 / submitted by LS

**Brown, Dan**      **Origin**  
“Interesting premise for the next book featuring symbologist Robert Landon. This time he explores the origin of humanity.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

**Brown, Janelle**      **All We Ever Wanted Was Everything**  
“Excellent book about how female members of a family deal with divorce. Author made you feel what each character was feeling.” Rated 5 / submitted by MS

**Brown, Matt**      **Awakening**  
“Inspiring” Rated 4 / submitted by RF

**Brown, Sandra**      **Tough Customer**  
“Story about murder, would prefer more description of characters and prefer James Patterson style.” Rated 3 / submitted by DB

**Brunt, Douglas**      **Trophy Son**  
“It was the book choice for our church’s book club. The tennis player (main character) was from Radnor, PA. So it had some local interest, but maybe I just don’t appreciate tennis enough. To me, beyond the question of parents pushing/controlling their child’s life, it just seemed tedious.” Rated 3 / submitted by PY

**Buckley, Julia**      **Cheddar Off Dead**  
“Enjoyable cozy mystery about a Chicago chef who assists the police. Christmas themed.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

**Burton, Tara**      **Social Creature**  
“Did not like. Read first chapter – left me cold.” Rated 1 / submitted by BH

**Carr, J. Revell**      **All the Brave Soldiers**  
“Great book, amazing sacrifice by English sailors during World War II.” Rated 5 / submitted by KK

**Carson, Ben**      **America the Beautiful**

"It was very well written and informative narrative of America. I thoroughly enjoyed it and my 12 year old son did, too." Rated 5 / submitted by RF

**Chamberlain, Diane Breaking the Silence**

"Really interesting book which combined a love story, childhood trauma and historical mind control studies. Somehow it all came together!" Rated 5 / submitted by MG

**Chevalier, Tracy Remarkable Creatures**

"Good historical fiction. I like Tray Chevalier's work." Rated 4 / submitted by DM

**Chiaverini, Jennifer Enchantress of Numbers**

"Chiaverini draws you into the story & makes you want to know more." Rated 5 / submitted by JW

**Chiaverini, Jennifer The Spymistress**

"Loved the book. At times a little slow with battle details, but I liked learning about the "spy" aspect of the Civil War." Rated 5 / submitted by DM

**Child, Lee Running Blind**

"Read the entire series. Was enjoyable to go back to the beginning." Rated 4 / submitted by BH

**Child, Lee A Wanted Man**

"Tom Cruise is no Jack Reacher." Rated 4 / submitted by BH

**Cline, Ernest Ready Player One**

"A delightful call back to the 1980s. Heavy on the technology side. Great take on a futuristic outlook and possibilities of virtual reality." Rated 4 / submitted by DM

**Coble, Colleen The House at Saltwater Point**

"Slightly unlikely mystery about a terrorist working in Washington State. I did enjoy the love story and family drama, however." Rated 4 / submitted by MG

**Costillo, L A Gathering of Secrets**

"Amish – murder" Rated 3 / submitted by BH

**Cussler, Clive The Gray Ghost**

"Usual fare from Cussler." Rated 3 / submitted by BH

**Connolly, John The Woman in the Woods**

"Not an enjoyable read. Odd eerie characters." Rated 2 / submitted by BH

**Cosell, Howard I Never Played the Game**

"Good book about the politics of professional sports and how the owners of large sports franchises manipulated major cities and sports fans." Rated 3 / submitted by KK

**De Laurentiis, Giada Giada's Italy**

"Beautiful pictures" Rated 4 / submitted by BM

**Delinsky, Barbara Suddenly**

"Friends and coworkers of a suicide victim move on after her death. Many storylines but I didn't like the way it came together." Rated 3 / submitted by MG

**DuPrau, Jeanne City of Ember**

"This is a great book for all people of all ages. It captures the imagination of what it would be like to grow up in another place away from the world we know. The author did a great job imagining the world. It was so good they made a movie out of it, too." Rated 5 / submitted by MS

**DuPrau, Jeanne**      **The Diamond of Darkhold**

“The conclusion of the City of Ember books. For the most part, a satisfying ending for the people of Ember. There are underlying themes that DuPrau explores that could lead to a greater discussion such as her support of green energy.” Rated 5 / submitted by MS

**DuPrau, Jeanne**      **People of Sparks**

“The second book in the City of Ember series. Wonderful continuation of the story of the people of Ember. Accurately depicts how unprepared the people would be after living underground to 200 years. It also explores the tension of food shortages, sharing & trust relationships.” Rated 5 / submitted by MS

**DuPrau, Jeanne**      **Prophet of Yonwood**

“Third book in the “City of Ember” series goes back to tell the prequel to City of Ember. I found the story unnecessary \* & did not add any insight to the Ember story. All the pertinent information to the story can be found in books 1, 2 & 4.” Rated 1 / submitted by MD

**Ebershoff, David**      **The 19<sup>th</sup> Wife**

“Learned a lot about the Latter Day Saints, rather than my previous misinformed opinions. He wove Ann Eliza Young’s book (1873 – 19<sup>th</sup> wife of LDS Leader Brigham Young) with a modern day mystery surrounding a murder case involving a modern day 19<sup>th</sup> wife of firsts (modern ay polygamist LSD “cult”).” Rated 4 / submitted by PY

**Eskens, Allen**      **The Heavens May Fall**

“Interesting mystery/courtroom drama taking place in Minneapolis. Part of loosely connected series.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

**Evans, Richard Paul**      **Forgotten Road**

“A great follow-up to the Broken Road. I can’t wait until the next book. “ Rated 5 / submitted by JW

**Feehan, Christine**      **Dark Predator**

“Excellent! The entire Carpathian series is awesome. This is my second time reading the “Dark” series and I will probably read it a third time.” Rated 5 / Submitted by JL

**Feehan, Christine**      **Dark Wolf & Dark Lycan**

“Awesome! This series is the best. I am on the second time reading this Dark series and I will probably read it a third time! Spectacular!!!” Rated 5 by submitted by JL

**Fielding, Joy**      **The Bad Daughter**

“Gripping and suspenseful with surprising ending” Rated 5 / submitted by JW

**Finkel, Michael**      **Stranger in the Woods**

“Good book. Hard to set down. Amazing story about a man that lived alone in the Maine woods for over twenty years.” Rated 5 / submitted by KK

“Interesting read about a man who spent 3 decade alone in the woods. His story of survival is amazing.” Rated 4 / submitted by MM

**Finn, A. J.**      **Woman in the Window**

“A quick read that’s suspenseful! You think of all the possibilities & still left guessing. I can’t wait for the movie & more books from Finn!” Rated 5 / submitted by AF

**Flanagan, John**      **The Battle of the Hackham Heath**

“I enjoyed this book, but not quite as much as the other books in this series. I found some contradictions from the previous books.” Rated 4 / submitted by TW

**Fluke, Joanne**      **Raspberry Danish Murder**

“For me the book had a little too many recipes. I was hoping to get to the plot sooner and at times felt more of the book was on the recipes than story. I did get some great recipes.” Rated 3 / submitted by JS

**Flynn, Gillian**      **Sharp Objects**

“Very disturbing book about mental illness in a family. Interesting, but hard to read.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

**Forester, C. S.**      **Hornblower and the Atropos**

“Great action, great story and very little blood and gore (unlike modern action stories!) Highly recommended for readers of all ages.” Rated 5 submitted by CG

**Forester, C. S.**      **Hornblower During the Crisis**

“This is a wonderful and exciting story from the naval war between England and France in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Great Action and great characters!” Rated 5 / submitted by CG

**Forester, C. S.**      **Lieutenant Hornblower**

“This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> book in the excellent series by C. S. Forester. A capital yarn of the hear life at sea in the early 1800s but exciting and with a wonderful 3-dimensional portrayal of all the main characters.” Rated 5 / submitted by CG

**Forester, C. S.**      **Mr. Midshipman Hornblower**

“This is the first in the great series about Horatio Hornblower’s career in the British Navy. Wonderful action, exciting battles with one of the most beloved characters in British Lit.” Rated 5 / submitted by CG

**Fox, Michael J.**      **Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Future**

“Michael J. Fox shared his personal story of not getting a high school diploma or college degree – yet gaining parallel skills and experiences through life. He reminds the reader that “one’s education is never complete.” Not everyone is a lifelong learner. The author wrote the book from the heart. I was disappointed that it was riddled with profanity, which was unnecessary to get points across.” Rated 4 / submitted by VP

**Frankel, Laurie**      **This is How It Always Is**

“The story was interesting and unique. I enjoyed the book but it was a little predictable.” Rated 4 / submitted by RK

**Fraser, Caroline**      **Prairie Fires**

“Beginning of the book was better when it was about the Ingalls Family. Later part of the book was too much about Laura’s daughter, Rose.” Rated 3 / submitted by DM

**Fredericks, Mariah**      **A Death of No Importance**

“A suspenseful murder mystery that I hard to put down. “ Rated 5 / submitted by JW

**Galbaldon, Diana**      **Breathe of Snow & Ashes**

“Excellent – 48 CDs – Explains & concludes lots of the “Outlander” TV series. Would listen to it again.” Not rated / submitted by LR

**Gabaldon, Diane**      **Outlander: written in my own heart’s blood**

“Another good book in the series. Certain parts were page turners & kept me on the edge of my seat. I though this books would end the series, but appears there is to be a 9<sup>th</sup>!” unrated / submitted by JA

**Gardener, Lisa**      **Hide**

“First book read by this author. Loved her style of writing. Did not want to put book down. Likeable characters & plots twists... What’s not to like?” Rated 5 / submitted by MS

**Gardener, Lisa**      **Look for Me**

“Difficult to put down. Another good book by Gardener” submitted by JW

**Genova, Lisa**      **Inside the O’Brien’s**

“Very insightful, thought provoking story about a family dealing with the diagnosis of Huntington’s (she is the author of “Still Alice” which was also excellent.” Rated 5 / submitted by DB

**George, Anne**      **Murder Boogies with Elvis**

"Last in the Southern Sisters mystery series. I loved this book which explored the relationship between two sisters in Alabama, along with their extended families. The mystery part was a bonus." Rated 5 / submitted by MG

**Gillian, Flynn**      **Sharp Objects**

"A chilling read for the hot summer! Dark and mysterious with a surprise twist at the end. A good book, but it might keep you up at night." Rated 3 / submitted by KP

**Grisham, John**      **The Associate**

"Well told story about the inside world of lawyers although fiction describes some of the stress of litigators and dealing with a corrupt system." Rated 5 / submitted by DB

**Gurley, Jason**      **Eleanor**

"Sometimes it was hard to pick up, but mostly it was hard to put down. Solid ending." Rated 4 / submitted by ER

**Hannah, Kristen**      **Firefly Lane**

"Probably this stands better on its own if you read it before Fly Away, which follows the characters after this book ends. If you like her other books it's between 3(average) & 4. I think it made a negative difference that I'd read Fly Away first." Rated 3 / submitted by PY

**Hannah, Kristin**      **Fly Away**

"You have to be able to imagine communication beyond the grave and in the comatose state." Rated 4 / submitted by PY

**Hannah, Kristin**      **Homefront**

"A very good book to look at PTSD and discuss how we deal with war and our vets. Set in 2005 & a female helicopter pilot, wife, & mother serving "non-combat" in Iraq. I never thought this deeply about all our wars without a "front" but rather all-pervasive hostilities." Rated 5 / submitted by PY

**Hannah, Kristin**      **The Nightingale**

"I couldn't put this book down! The struggle of the sisters in France during WW2 was real and intense. I appreciated how their stories intertwined." Rated 5 / submitted by MM

**Hannah, Kristin**      **Summer Island**

"A good summer read. We make hasty judgments when we are hurt by someone without waiting for or being able to hear from the other person's reasoning or their situation." Rated 4 / submitted by PY

**Hannah, Kristin**      **Winter Garden**

"I learned a lot about the siege of Leningrad in WWII "War Stories" are not just about the horrors of the front line, but struggles of the families left behind & what they must do to survive! Worthy of a book discussion." Rated 5 / submitted by PY

**Harbison, Beth**      **Secrets of a Show Addict**

"I enjoyed how all the characters came together in the very surprising and witty ways. Supporting one another through their respective troubles. However, the explicit language used is not for the faint of heart!" Rated 4 / submitted by BM

**Haywood, Wil**      **The Butler: A witness to history**

"This book (well written & easy to read) had historically significant race events to the career of Eugene Allen, a butler for 34 years at the White House. Mr Allen admittedly served 8 presidential administrations. He met his role with discretion and patriotism, witnessing firsthand the progress in the civil rights movement through retirement – even voting for the first black president. The Butler also explores the inequalities for blacks in the movie industry, both in front of and behind the camera. This was a fantastic book to read, learn from, and enjoy!" Rated 5 / submitted by VP

**Hendricks, Greer**     **The Wife Between Us**

“The book was awesome. I wanted to get to the end of the book to see what happened but didn’t want it to end.” Rated 5 / submitted by RS

**Higgins, Kristin**     **Anthing for You**

“Very average romance – enjoyable but weak characters and so-so storyline.” Rated 3 / submitted by MG

**Hoff, Benjamin**     **The Tao of Pooh**

“For the beginning of self-help/improvements; entertaining for those familiar with “Pooh”. Rated 3 / submitted by LS

**Holmsberg, Charlie**     **The Paper Magician**

“A light, quick fantasy/romance novel. It would be appropriate for young adults. It lacks depth, but is charming & inventive.” Rated 3 / submitted by AA

**Hood, Ann**     **She Loves You**

“Loved this book – brings me back to when I was a Beatlemaniac.” Rated 4 / submitted by BM

**Howard, Catherine**     **The Liar’s Girl**

“Very good book – enjoyed reading it.” Rated 4 / submitted by JW

**Huber, Laurel**     **Velveteen Daughter**

“Mesmerizing story of a mother and daughter and demons they face.” Rated 5 / submitted by JW

**Hunter, Maddy**     **Say No Moor**

“Very disappointing entry in a travel mystery series. The group only traveled to one location and the dialogue was much less snappy than usual. Rated 3 / submitted by MG

**Jackson, Lisa**     **Liar, Liar**

“Got 127 pages in & gave up – never caught my attention” Rated 1 / submitted by BH

**Jaffarian, Sue Ann**     **The Ghosts of Misty Hollow**

“Mystery series about a woman who can see and talk to ghosts and her great grandmother who keeps solve crime.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

**Jakes, John**     **Gods of Newport**

“A little slow at times. The fictional characters were both likeable and detestable. The historic characters were mostly detestable because of their indulgences.” Rated 4 / submitted by DM

**Jance, A.**     **Trial by Fury**

“Homicide detective in Seattle investigates a high school coach’s murder.” Rated 3 / submitted by MG

**Jewell, Lisa**     **The She was Gone**

“Read 12 pages – did not like.” Rated 1 / submitted by BH

**Kalanithi, Paul**     **When Breath Becomes Air**

“Very well written book on dying & death with a difference perspective. Greatly enjoyed.” Rated 5 / submitted by JS

**Kava, Alex**     **Lost Creed**

“An easy afternoon of reading. Easy straight forward plot. Good guy with a dog goes after bad guys.” Rated 3 / submitted by BH

**Kelly, Diane**     **Death, Taxes, and Peach Sangria**

“Fun read about an IRS investigative agent and her romantic and work adventures.” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

**Keyes, Marian**      **Watermelon**

“Excellent! Thought provoking. Funny. A lot of her thoughts are written throughout the book. Very well written. Good realistic fiction about a woman whose husband left her as soon as she had a baby.” Rated 5 / submitted by JS

**Khong, Rachel**      **Goodbye, Vitamin A Novel**

“Love, heartbreak, and funny look at being a caregiver & having family member with dementia.” Rated 4 / submitted by JS

**Kinsella, Sophie**      **Can you Keep a Secret?**

“Boring & uninteresting characters.” Rated 2 / submitted by BM

**Kinsella, Sophie**      **Surprise Me**

“This is a quick & easy read perfect for the summer. A great story about looking at your life & what over thinking can do to you.” Rated 4 / submitted by AF

**Knight, Phil**      **Shoe Dog**

“Awesome read, very inspiring! I couldn’t put it down whenever I tell myself last page. This book entails life changing advice.” Rated 5 / submitted by MC

**Konar, Affinity**      **Mischling**

“Powerful book, beautifully written but so darn boring.” Rated 3 / submitted by BM

**Kyle, Taya**      **American Wife: Love, War Faith and Renewal**

“Interesting book.” Rated 4 / submitted by KK

**Lee, Mira T.**      **Everything Here Is Beautiful**

“Read to mention of mental health and found it heart wrenching book filled with perspectives of individual with mental health and family perspectives.” Not rated / submitted by JS

**L’Engle, Madeleine**      **A Wrinkle in Time**

“Even though it is a children’s book, I never read it as a child. I found it to be a very interesting and well written story. I will encourage by my kids to read it.” Rated 4 / submitted by ER

**Lescroart, John**      **Poison**

“It was a great read” Rated 5 / submitted by BH

**Lestari, Dee**      **Paper Boats**

“I’m not usually one for romance novels, but this was a very well written tale of love and star crossed lovers.” Rated 4 / submitted by DM

**Levien, David**      **City of the Sun**

“Audio book was average although very good narrator.” Rated 3 / submitted by BM

**Lewis, C. S.**      **Abolition of Man**

“It was a difficult read but very thought provoking. I definitely want to read it again.” Rated 4 / submitted by RF

**Lewis, C. S.**      **The Horse and His Boy**

“Excellent plot and main character. Very well established.” Rated 4 / submitted by BH

**Lippman, L**      **Sunburn**

“More escapism but for a few hours.” Rated 3 / submitted by BH

“Interesting read. Unexpected twists in the plot.” Rated 4 / submitted by JW

**Margolin, Philip**      **Worthy Brown’s Daughter**

“Anything he writes is a page turner.” Rated 5 / submitted by BH



**Marryat, Frederick**    **Mr Midshipman Easy**

“A wonderful vividly told, sea yarn from the era of the British Navy fighting France. Great action! Great people portrayals. A Delightful tale for people young and old!” Rated 5 / submitted by CG

**Marryat, Frederick**    **Peter Simple**

“A wonderful, very well-written tale of the life of a young man in the British Navy during the Napoleonic War. Highly recommended for anyone interested in the sea.” Rated 5 // submitted by CG

**Martin, C.**                **Send Down the Rain**

“Sentimental story but an interesting read.” Rated 2 / submitted by BH

**Martin, Valerie**        **Salvation: Scenes from the life of St. Francis**

“Fascinating accounts of St Francis and the life in 13<sup>th</sup> century Tuscany. A must read if you are planning a visit or have already been to Assisi. The chronology jumps around, which I found a bit confusing.” Rated 4 / submitted by JP

**McLaughlin, Emma**    **Between Me and You**

“Great read with very unique plot. The writing was hard to grasp at times though bouncing between characters without much context.” Rated 4 / submitted by JP

**McLaughlin, Emma**    **The First Affair**

“It was not bad but I just didn’t like the character. I guess it was meant to be like her writing but the flow just wasn’t there.” Rated 3 / submitted by JP

**McLaughlin, Emma**    **How to be a Grown up**

“It was a good read characters were relatable but hated how quick and rushed the ending wrap-up of the plot was. Wished longer.” Rated 3 / submitted by JP

**McLaughlin, Emma**    **Over You**

“It was a great new topic. I’ve never read a book with a similar plot so it kept my attention to figure out what would happen.” Rated 4 / submitted by JP

**Meyer, Marissa**        **Fairest**

“This is a series I thoroughly enjoyed over the summer. Fairest gave insight into Levana, “the Evil Queen.” And how she became such a sociopath and misinterpreted what real love is. She has a wicked personality looking for more people to “adore” her. Not rated / submitted by KW

**Meyer, Marissa**        **Winter**

“I enjoyed this series (Lunar Chronicles) immensely over the summer. This book is about the stepdaughter of the “Evil Queen.” She is a beautiful troubled young girl with similarities drawn from Snow White.” Not rated / submitted by KW

**Meyer, Marissa**        **Scarlet: the Lunar Chronicles**

“Wonderful – must read Cinder first and I can’t wait to read the next book! It is an easy read, but fun, exciting and entertaining. It’s a futuristic world with many technological and scientific “advances” and yet similar fairy tale stories we all know & love.” Rated 5 / submitted by KW

**Michaels, Fern**        **Sweet Revenge**

“Suspenseful. Easy read – finished it in 2 days.” Rated 4 / submitted by DM

**Millan, Cesar**         **Cesar’s Rules**

“Good read! Very useful pointers in the training of a dog and understanding best practices in training a puppy or dog rescue.” Rated 4 / submitted by DB

**Miller, Clara B**        **Tender Herb**

“Well done, fictional story of Amish converting to Mennonite.” Rated 4 / submitted by BH

**Mizushima, Margaret**      **Killing Trail**

“Well-written mystery about a K-9 team in Colorado who solve a murder mystery.” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

**Moore, Christopher**      **Noir**

“More of a fun read than a serious novel. Better for teens or young adults. A little silly. Good characters. Not much of a plot. No suspense.” Rated 3 / submitted SK

**Moriarty, Laura**      **Hypnotist’s Love Story**

“New plot that I’d never read before. They made even the protagonist likeable in her own way.” Rated 4 / submitted by JP

**Moriarty, Laura**      **The Rest of Her Life**

“Great! Makes you think about death and how a teenager feels when accidentally hitting another young girl with her car and killing her. It is very good in showing how the accident affects the whole family. Rated 5 / submitted by JS

**Moriarty, Laura**      **Truly, Madly, Guilty**

“I loved the characters and their relationship. The buildup in the story ended up being very anti-climactic, but overall I did like the book. Rated 4 / submitted by MG

“Awesome read. Plot was nothing like I expected which was great. Not stereotypical or predictable characters had depth.” Rated 5 / submitted by JP

**Nashawaty, Chris**      **Caddyshack : the making of a Hollywood Cinderella story**

“Funny movie / funny story” Rated 2 / submitted by BH

**Ng, Celeste**      **Little Fires Everywhere**

“I liked the characters in this family story, which took place in a Cleveland suburb. I did not, however, like the way the author wove the story. I found the end very unsatisfying.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

“This book kept my attention because the two families had a very interesting connection and they had very different backgrounds.” Rated 4 / submitted by MM

**O’Reilly, Bill**      **Killing Lincoln**

“Good book about the Lincoln presidency & the Civil War. All the O’Reilly books on “Killing...” have been good.” Rated 4 / submitted by KK

**Park, Sue**      **A Single Shard**

“Very good. Enjoyed it. Main characters very honorable.” Rated 5 / submitted by BH

**Paris, B. A.**      **Bring Me Back**

“Such a quick read – very good book. Just when you think you have figured it out, you’re proven wrong.” Rated 5 / submitted by CB

**Patterson, James**      **The President is Missing**

“This book is long, but filled with good details and twists. Definitely a good book!” Rated 4 / submitted by CB

**Pausch, Randy**      **The Last Lecture**

“This is an extraordinary book in follow up to the last lecture by Randy Pausch at Carnegie Mellon. Randy is/was a scholar, friend and family man who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer! In his final months he devoted time to leave a lasting legacy for his young children and wife. This book is humorous, yet filled with relevant life lessons for anyone. When reading it, you paused to reflect on your own life and how you are living it. Very powerful.” Rated 5 / submitted by VP

**Peters, Elizabeth**     **The Painted Queen**

“Sadly, this is the posthumous completion by Joan Hess of the manuscript which is the last Amelia Peabody series novel. This series, which spans from 1880’s though 1923, features an archeologist in Egypt, an English woman who always encounters some sort of mystery. Each book, including this one about Nefertiti, could stand alone. But why not read all 20 of them in chronological order to gain the historical perspective of Egyptian world & Imperial English cultures as you watch her family grow over the 20 years.” Rated 5 / submitted by PY

**Picoult, Jodie**     **Plain Truth**

“I enjoyed learning more about the Amish faith and its overriding principles that are so difficult for us ‘English’ to understand in everyday life and in our judicial system.” Rated 5 / submitted by PY

**Picoult, Jodie**     **Small Great Things**

“Great book club selection – difficult but important issues to discuss; excellent writing, suspense and character development – hard to put down!” Rated 5 / submitted by LJ

**Preston, Douglas**     **Pharaoh Key**

“A good adventure story” Rated 5 / submitted by BH

**Price, Alfred, Dr**     **Great Aircraft of WWII**

“Book was good. Emphasis on top 4 aircraft used by Great Britain during WWII. Very detailed from prototypes to final production models.” Rated 4 / submitted by KK

**Quick, Amanda**     **The Other Lady Vanishes**

“Total escapism for an hour.” Rated 3 / submitted by BH

**Quindlen, Anna**     **Alternate Side**

“Another interesting view of life by Quindlen” Rated 4 / submitted by JW

**Quinn, Kate**     **The Alice Network**

“Very interesting story about WWI spy intertwining with post WWII society girl.” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

**Riordan, Rick**     **Maze off Bones: the 39 Clues**

“This is a great action adventure book for all ages. It covers multiple locations around the world and gives some actual real information about historical figures even if it is fiction.” Rated 5 / submitted by MS

**Robards, Karen**     **Moscow Deception**

“Not a fan. Too many words to get to the predictable end.” Rated 1 / submitted by BH

**Roberts, Nora**     **Shelter in Place**

“Exciting thriller about what happens after a mass shooting. I like the way Nora Roberts set up this story.” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

**Roberts, Nora**     **Year One**

“Nora Roberts has done it again with a new series. I couldn’t put the book down. I can’t wait until the next book in the series” Rated 5 / submitted by JW

**Rockland, Kate**     **150 Pounds**

“A reminder that self-esteem, happiness, and friends are more important than a number on the scale.” Rated 3 / submitted by JS

**Rowling, J. K.**     **Harry Potter and the Cursed Child**

“If you loved the Harry Potter series you will love this book. It was interesting to hear the story about Harry’s son Albus and his struggles.” Rated 5 / submitted by AF

**Rosen, Jeff**     **Nine Women, One Dress**

“Fun novel with many characters who wear the same “little black dress” and what follows.” Rated 4 / submitted by MG

**Rosenfelt, David**     **Leader of the Pack**

"I normally love this author but I didn't enjoy the story line in this book. It was very violent and difficult to be connected to the characters." Rated 4 / submitted by MG

**Scottoline, Lisa**     **Exposed**

"Good story about a law group taking on an ADA case. Very topical with great characters." Rated 4 / submitted by MG

**Scottoline, Lisa**     **I See Through Rose Colored Glasses**

"Very funny collection of essays by mother and daughter writers. Great summer read!" Rated 5 / submitted by ER

**See, Lisa**     **Shanghai Girls**

"The book followed 2 Chinese sisters who fled China around 1937. It details their trials to adjust to America. Good read." Not rated / submitted by KW

**Setterfield, Diane**     **Bellman & Black**

The book left a lot of questions & at times was eerie. It is obsessed with death." Rated 3 / submitted by DM

**Setterfield, Diane**     **Thirteenth Tale**

"Great book the best I've read this summer. Suspenseful & thought provoking." Rated 5 / submitted by DM

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

"WWII and aftermath told through the lives of 3 women – a different perspectives of the German side of WWII." Rated 4 / submitted by BM

**Sheinkin, Steve**     **Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon**

"I really enjoyed reading this book. Puts perspective on collaborating efforts by U. S. people." Rated 5 submitted by KK

**Smith, Frank K.**     **Aviation and Pennsylvania**

"Great book about history of flying in Pennsylvania and how PA personnel contributed to flight in the U.S. & the world." Rated 5 / submitted by KK

**Smith, Frank K.**     **Legacy of Wings: the Harold F Pitcairn Story**

"Great book on Harold Pitcairn and the development of rotary aviation in Pennsylvania." Rated 5 / submitted by KK

**Stahl, Lesley**     **Becoming Grandma**

"Being a Grandma, I can relate. Loved it." Rated 4 / submitted by BM

**Steel, Danielle**     **The Wedding**

"True to her writing style, Ms. Steele delivers a contemporary tale of a wedding in today's very busy families." Rated 2 / submitted by JV

**Stewart, James B.**     **Heart of a Soldier**

"A book about the adventures of Rick Rescorla – an Englishman who fought in Vietnam for the US & then who was killed during the 911 attack on NYC." Rated 5 / submitted by KK

**Strawser, Jessica**     **Not That I Could Tell**

"I read this book in less than 2 days! This in itself says a lot. Great story about a small town and group of girlfriends and how their lives are not what they seem. Surprise ending!!" Rated 5 / submitted by BS

**Sweeney, Leann**     **The Cat, The Sneak and the Secret**

"In a series involving a woman quilter who owns three cats. This book included a wedding, so lots of family members were involved." Rated 4 / submitted MG

**Taylor, Laini**      **Strange the Dreamer**

“Beautifully written and wonderfully imaginative. Not fast-paced, but well worth savoring.” Rated 5 / submitted by AA

**Teller, Danielle**      **All the Ever Afters: The untold story of Cinderella’s Stepmother**

“Enjoyable read! Couldn’t wait to read it all. Creative alternative to the standard fairy tale and a good story of maternal love & perseverance in times of trial. Made you cringe a bit to know how hard life was for so many people/women especially, in those times.” Rated 4 / submitted by NK

**Thornton, Margaret**      **The Theory of Love**

“A good read; insight to how an everyday relationship has to work through challenges. Not your everyday romance.” Rated 4 / submitted by LS

**Timmerman, Kenneth**      **The Death Lobby: How the West Armed Iraq**

“Interesting book on how Saddam Hussein developed his military power through western countries supports.” Rated 4 / submitted by KK

**Toutonghi, Steve**      **Side Life**

“Like Heinlein at his worst (long philosophical ramblings). It is creative enough to keep me reading, but far too dark for my taste.” Rated 1 / submitted by AA

**Trip, Paul D.**      **Age of Opportunity**

“Very informative of how to raise teenagers without so much struggle. Rated 4 / submitted by BH

**Tyler, Anne**      **Clock Dance**

“Just ok. Not as good as some of her other books. Main character wimp and irritating. Predictable ending.” Rated 3 / submitted by DM

**Vipond, Anne**      **Alaska by Cruise Ship**

“Good tips & info on upcoming cruise.” Rated 4 / submitted by DM

**Ware, Ruth**      **Death of Mrs. Westaway**

“She has written another great psychological thriller – so many times when you think you know the answers, but it takes until the final pages to really discover the truth ☺” Rated 5 / submitted by CB

**Waxman, Abbi**      **The Garden of Small Beginnings**

“Fantastic story about a group of strangers who take a gardening class together. Lives are changed while friendship ensues. Highly recommended.” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

**Wein, MacLean**      **The Book of Essie**

“Could not put it down. Read it in one afternoon. Just fantastic.” Rated 5 / submitted by BH

**Westlake, Donald**      **Help I am Being Held Prisoner**

“Silly but fun.” Rated 3 / submitted by BH

**Westover, Tara**      **Educated: a Memoir**

“I loved this book and can’t stop thinking about it. It opened my eyes to a different lifestyle and how much family can influence a person. Best book I’ve read this year.” Rated 5 / submitted by RK

**White, Karen**      **The night the Lights Went Out**

“Well written, detailed descriptions that allow you to visualize what is taking place. Keeps you guessing throughout the book.” Rated 5 / submitted by LS

“Interesting book, multiple inter-twined stories, hard to put down, love Karen White.” Rated 5 / submitted by JH

**Wiggs, Susan**      **Candlelight Christmas**

“Independent Darcy Fitzgerald visits her friend, India, for Thanksgiving. She is pleasantly surprised to meet India’s brother, Logan, a single dad. Sparks fly at the beach in sunny Florida.” Rated 4 / submitted by JV

**Wiggs, Susan**      **Lakeside Cottage**

“Pleasant romance taking place on a lake in Olympic National Park. I loved how the main character created a family.” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

**Williams, Beatriz**      **A Hundred Summers**

“I enjoyed this book very much. It took place in the 1930’s, but the relationships felt very modern. Part love story, but mostly a tale of friendship.” Rated 5 / submitted by MG

**Wingate, Lisa**      **Before We Were Yours**

“Past & present – 2 different ratings. The past was an interesting story, heartbreaking. The present so female driven. Rated 3 / submitted by BM

“Very touching, moving, emotional story about true events that I wasn’t aware of...flips between past & present and keeps you guessing!” Rated 5 /submitted by JH

**Wombach, Abby**      **Forward**

“A very honest gritty, & inspiring memoir. It gave substance to an already impactful person & insight into what makes & what it takes to be a champion moving forward...” Not Rated / submitted by AM

**Wood, Kevin**      **The Board: A Chronicle of the Decline and Fall of the Pottstown Symphony Orchestra**

“A must read if you have an interest in Pottstown history, arts, and culture. I was a musician in the PSO and was not privy to the events surrounding its demise until I read this book. Sadly, this is a chronicle of gross mismanagement and unethical behavior.” Rated 4 / submitted by JP

**Woods, Stuart**      **Turbulence**

“Usual family insipid plot. Weak character development. Read all his others so continuing to read is now just a bad habit.” Rated 3 / submitted by BH

“Another Stone Barrington novel – always a quick page turner, but not any great mystery to solve. A solid entertaining read.” Rated 4 / submitted by CB