

# “A UNIVERSE OF STORIES”

What adults read during the summer of 2019

- Adams, Ellery           **Killer Characters**  
Very disappointing last novel in the Bayside Book Writers series. Skip this one. (rated 1 by MG)
- Arden, Katherine       **The Winter of the Witch**  
Action-packed conclusion of the trilogy, and my favorite of the three books. It is a fun interweaving of Russian history and fairytales, with a likeable, strong heroine. (rated 5 by AA)
- Ashford, Lindsay J     **The Snow Gypsy**  
Enjoyed this story since it was mostly believable. Held my interest and was worth reading. (rated 4 by LB)
- Aswold, M               **Guide to the National Parks**  
Very helpful in plenty of our vacation. Good coverage of park offerings. (rated 5 by EM)
- Atwood, Margaret     **Oryx & Crake**  
This book was a fascinating read. The first in a trilogy looking at the ultimate decline and implosion of today's society. How far will people go to get what their hearts desire and at what cost? (rated 5 by DM)
- Auxier, Jonathan      **Sweep & Her Monster**  
"You save yourself by saving others" is the theme lesson of this poignant story about a chimney sweep and her friend, which is a "golem." (rated 4 by JL)
- Baldacci, David        **One Good Deed**  
(rated 4 by MBM)
- Baldacci, David        **Redemption**  
(rated 4 by MBM)
- Barelli, Natalie       **Missing Molly**  
Tightly plotted "light" thriller takes place in England. Former crime victim is hiding in plain sight. (rated 5 by MG)
- Barr, Nevada           **Hard Truth**  
This book took place in Rocky Mountain National Park but was a little different from others in the series. It was told in multiple points of view and had a very evil tone to it. (rated 4 by MG)
- Barron, T. A.           **The Great Tree of Avalon: Child of the Dark Prophecy**  
A fun quick read. I didn't read any of the other books in the series and I wasn't lost. Lots of fun creatures! Fun coming of age story with enough mystery and adventure to keep you coming back for more! (rated 3 by DF)
- Bartol, Amy            **Rebel Born**  
I believe it was 3rd in the series. Hard to follow w/ an abrupt ending. (rated 3 by SM)
- Bartz, Andrea          **The Lost Night**  
(rated 2 by MBM)
- Beddor, Frank         **Seeing Redd**  
The exciting continuation of the story of Alyss. Despite Alyss being Queen and alone....enemy wise up. (rated 4 by JA)

- Beddor, Frank           **The Looking Glass Wars**  
A new take on the loveable Alice in Wonderland story. Her the book is old.....stars. Also is to be the future queen of the Queendom. It also has splashes of romance in it. (rated 4 by JA)
- Blume, Judy           **In the Unlikely Event**  
An interesting read with families and events woven through multiple tragedies. (rated 5 by WT)
- Bohjalian, Chris       **Guest Room**  
Yes! A surprising delight! Picked up and didn't want to put down. I would be interested in reading more by Bohjalian! (rated 5 by RN)
- Bolton, S. J.           **Sacrifice**  
I would recommend it! It was an intriguing read and I enjoyed the Scottish legend. (rated 5 by RN)
- Bond, Stephanie       **5 Bodies to Die For**  
Continuation of a trilogy in the Body Movers series. The story ended with a cliff hanger, which is never desirable. Just OK. (rated 3 by MG)
- Bower, Rhys           **The Tuscan Child**  
This novel had a wonderful sense of place - I felt I was back in Tuscany the whole time! It included a nice little mystery and very interesting intertwined characters. (rated 5 by MG)
- Box, C. J.           **Wolf Pack**  
(rated 4 by MBM)
- Bracewell, Patricia   **Shadow on the Crown**  
I would be interested in finding other books like this. (rated 5 by RN)
- Brennert, Alan       **Daughter of Moloka'i**  
Very interesting read based upon the treatment of the Japanese during WWII and a woman who was forced to give up her child. (Rated 5 by JW)
- Brennert, Alan       **Moloka'i**  
A wonderfully written story about a family & others who embrace life while faced with death. (rate 5 by JW)
- Camp, Bryan           **The City of Lost Fortunes**  
Each chapter opened oddly, as though the author Googled a topic and summarized his findings before resuming the story. But the characters and premise were interesting and the narrative was fun. (rated 4 by AA)
- Cast, P. C.           **The Dysasters #1**  
The book was a girl finding out herself along with eight other children were part of her foster family's experiment for the Meth. The faster show such strength will try to find the others. (Rated 4 by MA)
- Chainani, Soman      **A Crystal of Time**  
Another great installment in The School for Good and Evil series. The novel features the wickedest villains in the series yet. Agatha meets a stranger and learns to rely on others. While Tervis learns that he can't always rely on others. (rated 5 by JA)
- Chakraborty, S. A.    **The Kingdom of Copper**  
I did not enjoy this as much as the first book in the trilogy (City of Brass). Nonetheless, it is fun and fairly fast-paced, a good summer read, and refreshingly different from other books in the genre. (rated 4 by AA)

Chamberlain, Diane      **Summer's Child**

Not my favorite by this author. The plot seemed forced and the characters not very likeable. (rated 4 by MG)

Chiaverini, Jennifer      **The Aloha Quilt**

Light summer reading. (rated 3 by DM)

Child, Lee      **Past Tense**

Another interesting Jack Reacher book. (rated 5 by JW)

Child, Lee      **The Killing Floor**

I have loved every Jack Reacher book I've read, and this book is no exception! (rated 5 by LK)

Choo, Yangsze      **The Night Tiger**

A great mystery and thriller. I couldn't stop reading late into the night. (rated 4 by KP)

I enjoyed learning about Chinese folk traditions and historical setting of British Malaysia. It took a while for me to get into the story, however. By the last 100 pages, I warmed to the characters and enjoyed the plot twists and turns. (rated 3 by AA)

Clare, Cassandra      **Lady Midnight**

It was a good introduction to a new series, with some beloved characters of past series. (rated 4 by ER)

Coben, Harlen      **Run Away**

(rated 4 by MBM)

Coble, Colleen      **Haven of Swans (#4 Rock Harbor Series)**

Very different from books 1 & 2. I like this one the best. Great twist at the end. I didn't read #3 because it is out of the county. I did read # 1 & 2. (rated 4 by TT)

Coble, Colleen      **Beyond a Doubt**

This is the 2nd book in a series of 4. It was better than the first. Although, it had a surprise ending! (rated 3 by TT)

Coble, Colleen      **Mermaid Moon**

#2 in the Sunset Cove series. It was fun to read. I really enjoy the setting that the story takes place in. (rated 3 by TT)

Coble, Colleen      **Rosemary Cottage**

#2 in Hope Beach series. Another good read in the series. I had a hard time putting this one down. Easy quick read! (rated 4 by TT)

Coble, Colleen      **Seagrass Pier**

#3 of the Hope Beach series. I had a little trouble following the plot in this book. The first 2 in the series were much easier to read. (rated 3 by TT)

Coble, Colleen      **Without a Trace**

I did enjoy the book, however, it was a bit slow to develop. This is the first of a series and I do plan on trying the next book. Very easy and quick read. (rated 3 by TT)

Collear, Marsha      **Facebook & Twitter for Dummies**

Very helpful. (rated 5 by EM)

- Connolly, Sheila      **Many a Twist**  
Better than average installment in this mystery series that take place in the County Cork. (rated 4 by MG)
- Copperman, E. J.      **The Question of the Absentee Father**  
Great series about a man with Asperger's who has a business answering questions. The author writes with knowledge and conviction. (rated 5 by MG)
- Coulter, Catherine      **The Countess**  
Is was an engaging mystery with a romance rolled into one page turning novel. As the book continues the beginning the plot thickens but it ends in a satisfying way. (rated 5 by JA)
- Coulter, Catherine      **The Duke**  
A deliciously romantic read. I enjoyed every page of this novel. It brings together romance and mystery which is lovely. (rated 5 by JA)
- Cramer, James      **Stay Mad for Life**  
Excellent. Must read to acquire wealth. Simple most of them, some parts require further study. (rated 5 by FS)
- Cremer, Andrea      **Invisibility**  
A musical novel that explores the idea of being born invisible and only one person can see you. It was also a deeply romantic read. (rated 4 by JA)
- Dameron, William      **The Lie: a Memoir of Two Marriages, Catfishing & Coming Out**  
The content of this book was very interesting and extremely personal. The author was very brave to share his tory. Glad he's living her true life although it was not an easy journey for any of them. (rated 4 by LB)
- Deaver, Jeffery      **The Never Game**  
(rated 4 by MBM)
- DeLeon, Jana      **Lousiana Longshot**  
Terrific mystery taking place in the bayou of Louisiana. Great characters in funny situations. (rated 5 by MG)
- Deveraux, Jude      **As You Wish**  
Nice summer read - Goes back in time to change characters & personal histories - fun. (rated 4 by EM)  
  
It was very entertaining and a fast read. The first one was better. (rated 3/5 by RT)
- Deveraux, Jude      **The Summer House**  
Mysterious Madame Zoya sends 3 best friends on journeys into their past lives. Every one receives very pleasant surprises. (rated 4 by JV)  
  
This book was your typical summer read until the main characters visited Madame Zoya. Things got strange after this and it was not believable anymore. (rated 3 by DS)
- Dickerson, Melanie      **The Captive Maiden**  
A romantic read with an engaging plot and realistic characters. (rated 5 by JA)
- Dickerson, Melanie      **The Healer's Apprentice**  
A beautifully romantic story, at some point it make your heart want to break. But the conclusion is satisfying. (rated 5 by JA)
- Dogar, Sharon      **Annexed**  
First of many questions I have about how Peter Vanfelt's may have to tell the world about Anne Frank. It was interesting to see Anne Frank in a different perspective. (rated 4 by JA)

Dow, David                    **Confessions of an Innocent Man**  
(rated 3 by MBM)

Dumas, Alexander        **The Man in the Iron Mask**  
It was a novel that included the Three Musketeers characters in an adventure in the time of King Louis XIV while it explores the idea of Louis having a twin brother named Philippe. (rated 3 by JA)

Evanovich, Janet        **The Big Kahuna**  
Lots of action but very little plot or character development. A lot of it took place in Hawaii, which was nice to read about. (rated 4 by MG)

Feeney, Alice            **Sometimes I Lie**  
Great twists and turns! (rated 5 by KM)

Ferguson, Alane        **Christopher Hiller**  
An intriguing mystery novel that will keep you guessing who it was that was and I was left with wanting more. (rated 4 by JA)

Fergusson, L. P.        **A Dangerous Act of Kindness**  
Very Good. Romantic. Based during WWII. (rated 5 by SM)

Enjoyed the history mixed with mystery & drama. Just when I thought I knew what would happen there was an added twist! (rated 4 by WT)

Fisher, Carrie            **The Princess Diarist**  
Interesting read but I lost respect for Carrie Fisher in reading. (rated 3 by RN)

A great insight on how it was to be the person that became Princess Leia Organa. (rated 3 by JA)

Flanagan, John        **Burning Bridge**  
#2 in Ranger's Apprentice series. A really fast paced story. A lot of fun and very quick to read. I was not happy about the "cliff hanger" ending. I have to read more! (rated 4 by DF)

Flanagan, John        **Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan**  
A very fast paced adventure with a lot of action. I am already looking forward to reading the next book in the series. (rated 4 by DF)

Flower, Amanda        **Crime and Poetry**  
This cozy mystery has a lot of humor as main character, Violet Waverly, is on the trial of a murder investigation. Her helper is a mystery cat that always appears at crucial moments. (rated 3 by JV)

Fluke, JoAnne        **Chocolate Cream Pie Murder**  
A great read that combines mystery, baking, and romance (if you're into it) I am excited to read the next novel in the series. (rated 5 by JA)

Foody, Amanda        **Ace of Shades**  
An adventure with almost non-stop action. It is mixed with romance and a fantasy world with likeable characters. I love this book to pieces and would highly recommend this book to people. (rated 5 by JA)

Galbaldon, Diana       **The Fiery Cross**  
The story of Claire and Jamie continues and does not get old. The author still holds my interest in this love story. Looking forward to the next book! (rated 5 by LB)

- Garber, Stephanie      **Finale**  
It was a great conclusion to the series. I hope there are more. (rated 5 by RT)
- Gifford, Rob      **China Road**  
Interesting read! I learned so much about China! (rated 5 by RN)
- Gottlieb, Lori      **Maybe You Should Talk to Someone**  
(rated 3 by MBM)
- Grames, Juliet      **The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna**  
Wonderful book for those with Italian blood, or wish they had some. Very good character development.  
(rated 5 by BH)
- Graves, Tracey G      **The Girl He Used to Know**  
Good story about a young woman who presents on the spectrum and the love of her life during 9/11.  
(rated 3 by KP)
- Hampton, Nell      **Kale to the Queen**  
American chef becomes personal cook for Duchess of Cambridge. Realistic settings but amateurly written.  
(rated 4 by MG)
- Hand, Cynthia      **My Plain Jane**  
A solid "meh" (rated 1.5 by RN)
- Harper, Jane      **The Lost Man**  
(rated 3 by MBM)
- Harwood, J Calvin      **Watering Weeds**  
Not really my cup of tea - this book was about a woman formerly involved in the meth trade but pulled back into the violence. (rated 3 by MG)
- Hassman, Tupelo      **Girlchild**  
This book is unlike anything I have ever read. The story follows its own timeline that seems out of sorts but actually flowers nicely with the author's stream of conscious style of writing. The novel deals with heavy issues but I found myself usable to put it down. Highly recommended. (rated 5 by DF)
- Hayes, Ned      **The Eagle Tree**  
I only got 10% into this ebook before I had to move on to another book. It was painful to read due to being so monotonous and boring. Would not recommend. (rated 1 by LB)
- Hellerman, Anne      **The Tale Teller**  
(rated 2 by MBM)
- Henley, Virginia      **Enslaved**  
An excellent romantic read, nothing is better combination than love and time travel. (rated 5 by JA)
- Henley, Virginia      **A year and A Day**  
It is a deliciously romantic novel that I greatly enjoyed reading. (rated 5 by JA)
- Hilderbrand, Elin      **Barefoot**  
Great book! The author does a great job engaging the reader with real life events most women can relate! A great summer read! My beach book. :) (rated 4 by JA)

- Hill, Clint                   **5 Presidents**  
This was one of the most interesting books that I have read in a long time. (rated 5 by KM)
- Hinton, S. E.               **Outsiders**  
This is a tale of wanting to be accepted and how despite our differences we all want the same things. Engrossing and still relevant today. (rated 5 by DM)
- Hitchcock, Jane S         **Bluff**  
I had to force myself to finish this book. (rated 2 by DM)
- Hoang, Helen              **The Bride Test**  
A charming book about two people learning to accept themselves and their difference. (rated 5 by JW)  
  
I was a little disappointed in this book. The characters had very little chemistry. The use of autism wasn't very committed. (rated 4 by MG)
- Hoang, Helen              **The Kiss Quotient**  
Very cute book that looks at relationships from the viewpoint of a person with Asperger's. Keeps you wanting to read to see what happen next. Would love to read a sequel. (rated 5 by JW)
- Hunter, Georgia         **We Were the Lucky Ones**  
My no. 1 pick of the year. The book is based on the family of the author. Set in Europe during WWII. It was heartbreaking, tearful, joyful and uplifting. (rated 5 by BM)
- Ibrahim, Alla             **Yellow Crocus**  
Very well written intriguing story that follows a slave and her master's daughter...great book - my daughter read it too! (teenager) (rated 5 by JH)
- Jackson, Brenda         **Forget Me Not**  
Nice story about a couple that reunites after the husband has memory loss. Quality of writing is somewhat lacking. (rated 4 by MG)
- Jaswal, Balli K         **Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows**  
This was a book club pick and a change from the suspense books I usually read. It was slow to get into, but by the halfway point the pace picked up. Some stories are graphic, fyi. (rated 4 by CB)
- Kellerman, Jonathan    **Obsession**  
Enjoyable! I have read about a dozen of Jonathan's books - always welcome his writing! (rated 4 by BM)
- Kelly, Diane             **Dead as a Door Knocker**  
This series has great potential but the plot needs to be tightened up a little. House flipping is the theme. (rated 4 by MG)
- Kelly, Martha H         **Lost Roses**  
Great story. Could not put down. (rated 5 by JW)
- Kerr, Laurel             **Sweet Wild of Mine**  
Disappointing story of a woman falling for a Scottish man with issues. The best part was the background stories of the zoo animals in the book's setting. (rated 3 by MG\_)
- Kerr, Philip             **Metropolis**  
(rated 2 by MBM)

- Kinsella, Sofia           **Finding Audrey**  
A solid read that is romantic and funny at the same time. (rated 3 by JA)
- Kleyas, Lisa           **Stranger in My Arms**  
It is a romantic book with intriguing characters. I would not bore myself by reading this novel again and again.  
(rated 5 by JA)
- Lakin, Rita           **Getting Old is the Best Revenge**  
This book started out slow and seemed disconnected. I like the way the author brought together all the plot points at the end. (rated 4 by MG)
- Larson, Erik           **Dead Wake**  
Sinking of the Lusitania. Well-written as Erick Larson seems to do. (rated 5 by RB)
- Lee, Min Jin           **Pachinko**  
Excellent book with great character development. There is prejudice throughout the world. In Japan where 90% of the book is set, the Koreans are believed to be inferior dogs. This books is centered around this.  
(rated 5 by BM)
- Lelchuk, S. A.           **Save Me From Dangerous Men**  
(rated ¾ by MBM)
- Letts, Billie           **Where the Heart Is**  
Novalee, a 17 yr old, pregnant girl travels from Tennessee to California. They stop in Oklahoma and her boyfriend, Willy abandons her in Walmart. Novalee meets a new life long friend's sister husband. (rated 2 by JV)
- Letts, E           **Finding Dorothy**  
(rated 5 by MBM)
- Lewis, C. S.           **Magician Nephew**  
Chronicle of Narnia series. I read this to my (almost) 7 year old. A very slow start but picked up at the end.  
(rated 2 by DF)
- Lindsey, Johanna           **Make Me Love You**  
Is was an enchanting book that gives me Beauty and the Beast vibes. The relationship between Brooke and Dominic was a great progression. A romantic read that I have enjoyed and I have fallen in love with the characters. (rated 4/5 by JA)
- Lindsey, Johanna           **Marriage Most Scandalous**  
It was as good read that I had trouble putting it down! I love the developing tender relationship between Margaret and Sebastian. Johanna Lindsey, in my opinion, really is the Queen of Adult Romance novels.  
(rated 4/5 by JA)
- Lindsey, Johanna           **The Pursuit**  
It was a romantic book (but not my favorite novel that she has written) A tale of star crossed lovers, Melissa and Lincoln, like that of Romeo and Juliet. (rated 4 by JA)
- Lockhart, E           **We Were Liars**  
I didn't enjoy this book. The story was vague and didn't have depth. The title "We Were Liars" wasn't relevant to the story. (rated 2 by LB)
- Very quick, easy summer read. I enjoyed it and will be discussing it in a book club. (rated 4 by RK)



- Logan, Kylie           **Gone with the Twins**  
Good installment in this series taking place on South Bass Island in Lake Erie. Interesting characters and character development. (rated 4 by MG)
- MacInerney, Karen   **Mother Knows Best**  
Great characters; very humorous light mystery about a working mother. I loved it! (rated 5 by MG)
- MacLean, Julianne   **A Fire Sparkling**  
This is the best book I've read all summer. Fascinating story about a woman's history during WWII. Wonderfully written and ended well. Will read more by this author. (rated 5 by LB)
- Mallery, Susan       **California Girls**  
Pleasant read about three sisters and their romantic escapades (rated 4 by MG)
- Marchetta, Melina   **Finnikin the Rock**  
A breathtaking adventure about a young man named Finnikin finding himself and his purpose in life. It also had romance in it but it is not the ??? to any of the novel but it is distracts the story the way it is written. (rated 4 by JA)
- Marchetta, Melina   **Froi of the Exiles**  
A great continuation from Finnikin of the Rock. Plot is more exciting than the first book in the trilogy. Also, I loved the unexpected twists. The end is riveting, a hunting move. (rated 5 by JA)
- Martin, George       **Game of Thrones**  
Although it was hard to keep track of all the plots and subplots in this book, I found the writing very visual and the story very interesting. (rated 4 by LK)
- McKillian, B         **Falter**  
So scary - defines climate changes and changes that have already occurred. Definitely not for entertainment. (rated 5 by EM)
- McKinley, Jenn       **Dying for Devil's Food**  
No the best in this series about cupcake-making friends in Arizona. (rated 3 by MG)
- McKinley, Robin     **Shadows**  
A magical novel that hooks my in with loveable characters. Also, I love the romantic between Maggie and one of her best friends, TaKahiro "Taks". There is a sequel to this novel, I would rate 4. (rated 5 by JA)
- McKinley, Robin     **Spindle's End**  
A whole new take on Briar Rose/Aurora/Sleeping Beauty. It was beautifully written and featured strong friendships. As well as the spirit tree of true love. (rated 5 by JA)
- McNeil, Gretchen    **A Murder Trending**  
I loved it because it kept you guessing on who the postman is. It was intriguing combination of a suspense, romance and adventure. It was so good and enjoyable. I almost finished it in one day. (rated 5 by JA)
- Meacham, Jon        **Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power**  
Having forgotten many details of my school-aged history lessons, and having just visited Monticello, I felt this book did a great job bringing Jefferson to life. (rated 5 by LK)

- Meier, Leslie           **Chocolate Covered Murder**  
Lucy loves the play "private detective" as she solve many mysteries in her small town. Little does she know how many mysteries need to be solved. (rated 3 by JV)
- Meier, Leslie           **Star Spangled Murder**  
Better than average book in this Maine-based mystery series. Lots of character development and interesting real Drama. (rated 4 by MG)
- Merullo, Roland       **Breakfast with Buddha**  
Loved it. Funny but also very insightful. A good story with intention! (rated 5 by CB)
- Meyer, Stephanie      **The Chemist**  
Is was a good science filled read. (rated 4 by RT)
- Meyerson, Amy        **The Bookshop of Yesterdays**  
I found this book very depressing. It rambled a lot and the ending wasn't satisfying. (rated 2 by MG)
- Michaelides, Alex     **The Silent Patient**  
A short book that will grab you. Definitely will be a movie. (rated 4 by BM)  
  
Interesting psychological thriller with a surprise ending. (rated 4 by MG)
- Michaels, Fern        **Celebration**  
Main character Kristine Kelly is a devoted military wife and mother. When her husband, Logan< mysteriously disappears, Kristine goes on a wild goose chase to find him. Lots of twists and turns and a surprise ending!  
(rated 3 by JV)
- Michaels, Fern        **Kentucky Heat**  
2nd of trilogy – predictable (rated 4 by DM)
- Michaels, Fern        **Kentucky Rich**  
Easy "summer" read. Predictable. (rated 4 by DM)
- Michaels, Fern        **Kentucky Sunrise**  
3rd of trilogy - nice wrap up (rated 4 by DM)
- Miralles, Francesc    **Love in Lowercase**  
A romantic read where a loner learns to interact with people around him. (rated 4 by JA)
- Molley, Aimee         **The Perfect Mother**  
A psychological thriller that kept me wondering what happened and who took the baby. (rated 5 by WT)
- Monroe, Mary A        **The Summer Guests**  
(rated 3 by MBM)
- Moore, Alan        **The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen**  
It is one of my favorite graphic novels. I adore the fact it has legendary characters for novels like Dracula, and Dr. Jekyll & Mr Hyde. I love this GN more than words could ever say. (rated 5 by JA)
- Moriarty, Liane        **Nine Perfect Strangers**  
Story about nine strangers who meet at a health resort & how circumstances force them to work together & discover unexpected things about themselves. (rated 5 by JW)

- Moriarty, Liane      **What Alice Forgot**  
I enjoyed the read. Pretty fast paced. Kept me interested until the end. Have read other books by the same author. (rated by JA)
- Morris, Heather      **The Tattooist of Auschwitz**  
The heart wrenching story of people who suffered in concentration camps and how they were able to persevere. Sad and inspiring. (rated 5 by JA)
- This easy to read book focuses on the experiences of one Holocaust survivor, Lale Sokolov, who happened to be the tattooist at Auschwitz. He was able to use his favored position to manipulate the system to help his friends. I wonder about the unwritten detriments of his advantages. (rated 4 by AS)
- Mosley, Walter      **The Man in My Basement**  
Great set-up but disappointing direction. (rated 4 by RN)
- National Geographic      **50 States, 5,000 Ideas: Where to Go, When to Go, What to See, What to Do**  
Very informative. Lots of great places to visit. Touches on all the popular points of interest. (rated 5 by LG)
- Oke, Janette      **A Bride for Donnigan**  
I love this but it gets lost on what it would be like as a mail order bride and the men who order the brides. The romance between Donnigan and the Kathleen was heartwarming and beautiful. (rated 5 by JA)
- Orenstein, Denise G      **Dirt**  
I read this book to my first grader and I was surprised with eh heavy material it dealt with including alcoholism and foster care. The author writes in a clear and emotional style with a subtle touch of symbolism that made it an interesting book for this adult reader. (rated 2 by DF)
- Owens, Delia      **Where the Crawdads Sing**  
An absolutely beautiful book. A wonderful, mysterious story about a character who stays with you afterward. (rated 5 by KP)
- Starts sad but interesting twisting story - great summer read, lots of nature details! (rated 5 by JH)
- Oyeyemi, Helen      **Gingerbread**  
(rated 2 by MBM)
- Patrick, Phaedra      **Library of Lost and Found**  
Enjoyed it. (rated 4 by DM)
- Patterson, James      **Target**  
Part of the Alex Cross series. It was a solid read w. known characters. Liked the premise of what could happen to our government with terrorism and interference. Also, ended on a cliff hanger for the next book. (rated 4 by CB)
- Patterson, James      **The 13 Minute Murder**  
(rated 4 by MBM)
- Patterson, James      **The Chef**  
Suspenseful thriller that combines two unlikely combined careers - chef & cop. Page turner full of suspense. (rated 5 by JW)
- Patterson, James      **The First Lady**  
Another page-turner by Patterson with an unexpected end. Hard to put down. (rated 5 by JW)

- Pendzinol, Jean E      **The Lightkeeper's Daughter**  
Loved this book. Have recommended to my book club. Surprise ending I didn't see coming. (rated 5 by DM)
- Penny, Louise      **Kingdom of the Blind**  
The next book in the sequence about Inspector Gamaches. Keeps you on your toes. (rated 5 by JW)
- Pessl, Marisha      **Neverworld Wake**  
Enjoyable but I wouldn't read again (rated 2 by RN\_)
- Preston, Douglas      **Riptide**  
I enjoyed the mystery and adventure as well as the three components which make it perfect for a summer read: sea, island, treasure! (rated 5 by RB)
- Prince, April J      **Who's Who: Frederick Douglas**  
Didn't know anything about Frederick Douglas so I'm glad to read his story with the kids. What a remarkable man of courage and determination during a sad and unfortunate period in America. (rated 4 by JL)
- Quinn, Kate      **The Alice Network**  
I love this historical fiction! This one I could not put down! (rated ?? by MM)
- Quinn, Spencer      **Heart of Barkness**  
I love the way these are written in the dog's point of view. This particular book plot seemed to fall apart at the end, but was still great. (rated 5 by MG)
- Reid, Taylor J      **Daisy Jones and the Six**  
I really enjoyed this book, at first it was hard to get into but it grew on me and really stuck in my heart. A good book for a Fleetwood Mac fan, or any fan of early 70's rock. (rated 4 by KP)
- Rice, Anne      **Prince Lestat of the Realms of Atlantis**  
I have enjoyed her other books but this one wasn't as enjoyable. I don't want to give away any spoilers, but this one was a bit ridiculous. (rated 2 by KM)
- Riggs, Ransom      **Hollow City**  
This 2nd installment in the series surpasses the adventure of the 1st novel in the series. Jacob Portman and the children leave the time loop and have to face the dangers the Peculiars must face with hollows. (rated 5 by JA)
- Riggs, Ransom      **Library of Souls**  
Ever more exciting than the last installment. More of the Peculiar world is at stake. (rated 5 by JA)
- Riggs, Ransom      **Map of Days**  
A great continuation of the series. It is filled with adventure and danger. With Jacob Portman trying to follow in the footsteps of his deceased grandfather, Abe Portman. (rated 5 by JA)
- Riggs, Ransom      **Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children**  
Interesting idea, but his book was overblown and quite stupid. (rated 1 by LK)
- Graphic novel edition. A pretty decent pictorial representation of the book although it would be a little harder for those who didn't read the novel it is based on. (rated 3 by JA)
- Riggs, Ransom      **Tales of the Peculiar**  
It was interesting to read the tales in this novel which teaches a lesson in each story. (rated 4/5 by JA)

- Riordan, Rick           **The Blood of Olympus**  
An amazing ending to the series. I really loved the evolution of all the characters & learning so much about Greek/Roman mythology. (rated 5 by NM)
- Riordan, Rick           **The House of Hades**  
I loved this book in the series especially with the evolution of the Nico character. The dual adventures that came together in the end were awesome. (rated 5 by NM)
- Riordan, Rick           **The Lost Hero**  
I really enjoyed the book and the new characters in the familiar world of Percy Jackson. (rated 5 by NM)
- Riordan, Rick           **The Mark of Athena**  
I really liked the book, the whole cast of characters and Annabeth's challenge. (rated 5 by NM)
- Riordan, Rick           **The Son of Neptune**  
I really enjoyed the book and was happy to continue the Percy Jackson story but in the Roman lens. (rated 5 by NM)
- Roberts, Nora           **Chesapeake Blue**  
This is the 4th story (the grand finale) in the Chesapeake series. Young Seth is introduced in this book. Seth's 3 older brothers cannot dismiss the fact that Seth has the same piercing blue eyes as their adopted father, Roy. This is Seth's story. (rated 5 by JV)
- Roberts, Nora           **Inner Harbor**  
#3 in Chesapeake series. This is the 3rd book in the Chesapeake series. It is the story of Philip (son of Roy & Stella Quinn) a very successful businessman. A stranger arrives in town & threatens to unravel the entire Quinn family. (rated 4 by JV)
- Roberts, Nora           **The Next Always**  
This is the first in a series of 3. It's a nice story about friendship and love. I'm looking forward to reading the next two books. (rated 5 by DS)
- Roberts, Nora           **Rising Tides**  
#2 in Chesapeake series. The 2nd son of Roy & Stella Quinn, Ethan is the most quiet and patient of the Quinn brothers because of a earlier incident that happened to him. This is Ethan's story. (rated 4 by JV)
- Roberts, Nora           **Sea Swept**  
#1 in the Chesapeake series. Roy Quinn and his wife, Stella, adopt 3 delinquent brothers. This is the story of the oldest boy, Cameron and how he is forever changed by his new family. (rated 4 by JV)
- Rooney, Sally           **Normal People**  
Two people searching for normal, but it's a perceived normal for them, Are they missing important parts of life as they search for their normal? (rated 4 by BM)
- Rose, Heather           **The Museum of Modern Love**  
Interesting premise, as told by many viewpoints related to a performance artist at MOMA in NYC. I had a difficult time feeling connected to the many characters. (rated 3 by MG)
- Ross, Barbara           **Boiled Over**  
This is the second in the Maine murder series. Another enjoyable book. The characters are likeable and interesting. (rated 5 by DS)

- Ross, Barbara            **Clammed Up**  
This is the first of several murder mysteries set in Maine. This book is well written, funny and a good who-dun-it. (rated 5 by DS)
- Ross, Barbara            **Fogged Inn**  
This is the fourth in the Maine mystery series. I hope Barbara Ross writes another book because I am hooked on the characters and love the mysteries. (rated 4/5 by DS)
- Ross, Barbara            **Musseled Out**  
This is the third book in the Main mystery series. I love the recipes author includes in the back of the books. (rated 5 by DS)
- Rubio, Susana L        **The Price of Paradise**  
I really enjoyed this book. I read it in one day! An interesting & believable story that started in the 1940's in Cuba. Great storytelling. (rated 4 by LB)
- Ryan, Annelise         **Frozen Stiff**  
Well-written cozy mystery takes place in Wisconsin. Great characters and an interesting plot. (rated 5 by MG)
- Sanderson, Branden    **Mist Born**  
Awesome! If you like fantasy & science fiction you will enjoy it. Deep world lore, cool "magic" system. The story is filled with intrigue, strong leads and new ideas. READ IT. (rated 5 by JP)
- Sandford, John         **Neon Prey**  
(rated 4 by MBM)
- Scottoline, Lisa        **Someone Knows**  
Not one of my favorites from this author. The characters were not likeable and the plot seemed rushed at the end. (rated 3 by MG)
- Sedaris, David         **Samual Meers Chipmonk**  
Finished only to add to my Goodreads challenge. Ugg! Difficult to finish! Cycle humor - [probably the worst book I've finished in a while. (rated 1 by RN)
- Sepetys, Ruta         **Between Shades of Gray**  
A beautifully written story about love during the time of the genocide of the Baltic people in the 1940's. Quick, touching read. (rated 4 by KP)
- Setterfield, Diane     **Once Upon a River**  
Great book. (rated 5 by DM)
- Short, Sharon         **Tie Dyed and Dead**  
Nice ending to this series. It takes place in Ohio and uses the setting of a laundry mat owner and her friends. (rated 4 by MG)
- Silver, Josie            **One Day in December**  
Interesting love story about love at 1st sight and how it shapes the lives of the people involved. (rated 5 by JW)
- Souers, Kristin        **Fostering Resilient Learners: Strategies for creating a trauma-sensitive classroom**  
Very informative describing ACEs (adverse childhood experiences) that can cause trauma and how to work with those students with an additional understanding. (rated 5 by WT)

- Sparks, Nicholas      **Every Breath**  
Is was a fast, romantic read. (rated 4 by RT)
- Sparks, Nicholas      **Message in a Bottle**  
Fluffy read - I didn't like the love interest. (rated 2 by RB)
- Sparks, Nicholas      **The Notebook**  
A classic reread - enjoyable. Noah <3 (rated 4 by RN)
- Steel, Danielle      **Silent Night**  
Pulls at your heartstrings. Shows how the healing powers of love can overcome all obstacles. (rated 5 by JW)
- Stern, Howard      **Howard Stern Comes Again**  
Very entertaining and surprisingly intuitive. Learned a lot about different celebrities and different ways of thinking. (rated 4 by KP)
- Thayer, Nancy      **Secrets in Summer**  
Interesting characters. (rated 4 by DB)
- Thomas, Bev      **A God Enough Mother**  
(rated 2 by MBM)
- Thomas, Sam      **The Midwife's Tale**  
I enjoyed the intrigue (rated 4 by DM)
- Thomason, Linda B      **Liberating Paris**  
Very formulaic & predictable. (rated 3 by DM)
- Toews, Miriam      **Women Talking**  
Although this book is based on the tragic experience of Mennonite women in Bolivia, this author does an excellent job of portraying how women work through problems together. Despite the subject matter, it is a compelling read. (rated 5 by AS)
- Townsend, Tina      **Tidewater Inn**  
#1 in A Hope Beach series. This as a very enjoyable book. I am looking forward to reading the rest of the series. (rated 4 by TT)
- Tyler, Paige      **Her Perfect Mate**  
Book #1 of X-OPS series. Good quick book. Frist time reading a sci-fi/romance story. Well done. Would consider reading other titles from this author. (rated 4 by LB)
- Valpy, Fiona      **Sea of Memories**  
(rated 2 by MBM)
- Vileisis, Ann      **Kitchen Literacy**  
Interesting read - gave me insight (and guilt) into my buying habits. (rated 4 by RN)
- Wait, Lea      **Thread and Gone**  
Interesting premise about an historic needlepoint found in Maine. Unfortunately, the ending seemed very rushed. (rated 4 by MG)
- Walker, Wendy      **Four Wives**  
Easy relationship story with its light drama and suspense. Great beach read! (rated 4 by WT)

- Walter, Jess           **Beautiful Ruins**  
Great multi-story, multi-time book, took a little while to get into but once I did I couldn't put it down!  
(rated 5 by JH)
- Waters, M. D.           **Archetype**  
It was an intriguing book about Emma (the main character) trying to retrieve her memories after an "accident". I can't wait to read the next installment in the series. (rated 5 by JA)
- Weiner, Jennifer       **Mrs. Everything**  
A long, sweeping story of two sisters through the decades. A great tale of love, forgiveness and compassion. Beautifully written. (rated 5 by KP)
- Weissbluth, Mac       **Healthy Sleep Habits, Happy Child**  
I wish someone else would organize this for him. Terrible to read for great information. (rated 1/5 by RN)
- Westover, Tara       **Educated**  
Great! (rated 5 by JW)
- White, Karen           **The Sound of Glass**  
Book was very leisurely written, but I ended up very invested in the characters, the plot and the mystery.  
(rated 4 by MG)
- Wiggs, Susan           **Summer By the Sea**  
Disappointing novel by an author I usually enjoy. The plot was very weak and uninteresting. (rated 3 by MG)
- Wiseman, Ellen M     **The Life She Was Given**  
Really well written but though subject matter about a mother who psychologically traumatizes her daughter.  
(rated 4 by MG)
- Woodiwiss, Kathleen   **The Reluctant Suitor**  
A romantic regency period story. This novel was delightful read with interesting characters. As well as a fantastic plot of what happens if a man (Colton) runs away from an arranged marriage with a woman (Arimina) and comes back years later. (rated 4 by JA)
- Woods, Sherryl       **Stealing Home**  
Good family drama which is supposed to be a romance. I didn't feel much romantic tension ever though I enjoyed the plot. (rated 4 by MG)
- Woods, Stuart         **Skin Game**  
This was a Teddy Fay character story. I prefer this character because the story line is fast paced and more exciting than Juli Stone Barrington. (rated 4 by CB)
- Woodward, Bob         **Fear**  
Accurate, factual account of Trump's presidency - Scary but all American's should be aware of its contents  
(rated 5 by EM)
- Yates, Christopher     **Grist Road**  
I did not enjoy this "mystery thriller" at all. The plot wasn't really interesting and the timeline was very difficult to follow. (rated 1 by MG)
- Yousafzai, Malala     **I Am Malala**  
Read it along with my daughter. It was a great inspiration. (rated 5 by RK)