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## FICTION

*Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie—A fantastic story of love lost and found. F A235, ebook

*The Japanese Lover* by Isabelle Allende—Wonderful writing, as usual for Allende. Characters are fleshed out and great way to learn more about history during WWII, internment camps, etc. F A432, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*All the Birds in the Sky* by Charlie Anders—I felt like someone wrote a book just for me. Childhood friends by default—Patricia and Laurence. She was a “weirdo” and so was he. She had an inkling of magic and he was a science prodigy. Could they, together, save the world? F A544, ebook

*The Rogue* by Katharine Ashe—This historical romance was set mainly in Scotland during the early 1800s. The hero was kind, handsome, emotionally and physically strong with no title and no money. The heroine was the wealthy and beautiful daughter of a duke who wanted to be loved for herself. She also needed to marry in five weeks. The author gave us well-developed characters, witty dialogue, a well-paced plot with mystery, intrigue, and a very passionate love affair. She made me feel as if I was right there. A great read. ON ORDER

*Northanger Abbey* by Jane Austen—As true today as when it was written regarding relationships, with Austen's wry observations and humor. Many sites in Bath that she writes about still exist. F A933, YA, ebook, eaudio

*A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman—OMG! A wonderful book! We all know a person like Ove—cranky and opinionated. This book makes you laugh and cry, sometimes at the same time. Loved it! F B126, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*The Twenty-three* by Linwood Barclay—If you like thrillers, Linwood Barclay should be on your author list. All of Barclay's books are great reads and this one is no exception. A good plot, interesting characters, and enough twists and turns that will keep you reading far past your bedtime. Highly recommended. F B244, CD book, ebook

*A Year on Ladybug Farm* by Donna Bell—This was a fun and interesting story of three friends who purchase a farm with a huge old house that needs lots of help! It's great to see how they learn about themselves as they pursue this adventure. F B187

*The 3 Mistakes of My Life* by Chetan Bhagat—This book is the story of three friends who try to achieve their goals and have hardships they face in their journey, which is set against the backdrop of religious intolerance. F B575

*The Night of the Comet* by George Bishop—A very good “coming of age” book that ties the coming of Comet Kohoutek in the 1970s to the disintegration of a family. Lots of very accurate emotion and the impact that unmet dreams has on each individual. ON ORDER

*The Girl Without a Name* by Sandra Block—While I am not usually a thriller/mystery lover, I really enjoyed this book. I read it all in one day because it was so interesting. The main characters are psychiatrists at a children's hospital. I found this intriguing as I myself am in med school with hopes of working with children. Another great read! ON ORDER

*A Red Herring Without Mustard* by Alan Bradley—Our favorite eleven-year-old sleuth is back. After she accidentally burns down the tent of the gypsy woman who was telling her fortune, Flavia feels obligated to help the poor woman out. But shortly after Flavia ensconces the gypsy, she finds the woman beaten in her own caravan. Mysteries soon follow! Mys B811, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Dawn: Xenogenesis* by Octavia Butler—Book one of a trilogy that works as a standalone. A cool and thoughtful look at humanity from an alien perspective. An interesting look at power, self, and humanity. F B986

*This Dark Road to Mercy* by Wiley Cash—Very good story of two young girls kidnapped by their dad and how they fare. F C338, CD book

*Among the Wicked* by Linda Castillo—Rating—FIVE! I wish my review could be 30 minutes of delighted squealing but that doesn't translate well in writing. So. Castillo has once again brought a fast paced, nail biting thrill of a book. Katie Burkholder is once again on the case, but this time undercover in a sinister community. The end has a complete twist that will leave you shocked. Read it! F C352, eaudio

*The Luminaries* by Eleanor Catton—Absolutely wonderful book, best I've read this year. It's very long and needs to be read in a short time span to retain all the details, so it's a good summer read. F C369, CD book, ebook

*Stories of Your Life and Others* by Ted Chiang—Ted Chiang is simply one of the greatest living writers of speculative short fiction. F C352 New

*Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins—This read was full of action, memorable characters, and an engaging plot. Written for a bit younger audience than *The Hunger Games*, this book did not disappoint. I can't wait to get into Book 2. jF C713, CD book, ebook, eaudio

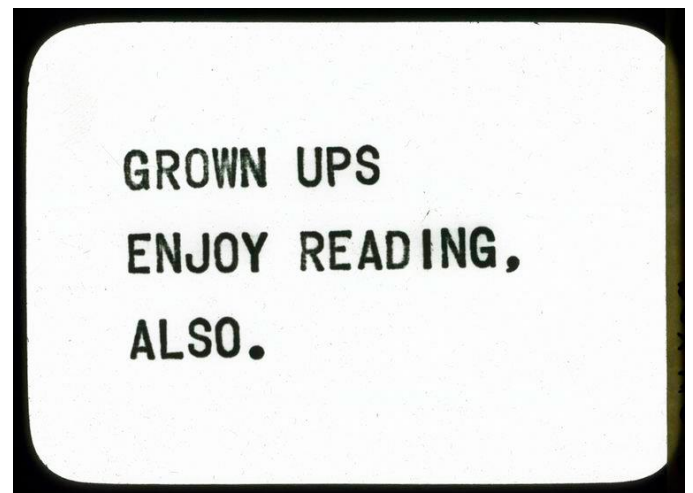
*Mr. Monk Helps Himself* by Hy Conrad—An amusing mystery based on the TV show *Monk*. Monk is a detective who has OCD. So his attention to detail is amazing but his lack of social skills makes for some funny anecdotes. Mys C754

*The Emperor's Revenge* by Clive Cussler—Another great Oregon File adventure with plenty of action to keep you guessing. Cussler sure can combine history and plots that are hard to beat. F C986, LP, CD book, ebook

*Charlie & the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl—I enjoyed listening to this with the kids. It was just as weird as I remembered. jF D131, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier—I couldn't put down this Gothic romance. I felt as though I walked with the main character, feeling her anxiety and terror as she did. The book is quiet and slow, but not to be mistaken for boring. Each moment is eerie and each of the characters you meet has secrets. This is another book about the past (as many Gothic novels are) but this time our main character is haunted by the ghost of her husband's first wife. Can she ever measure up to Rebecca? F D886, CD book

*The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner—A good read about the four Compson brothers and their obsession with their sister Caddy. The story examines the deterioration of the aristocratic Southern class since the time of the Civil War. It also explores the decline of the once prominent Compson family. I think Faulkner is comparing the rise and fall of the Compson family with the rise and fall of the South. F F263, eaudio



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*A Passage to India* by E. M. Forster—I saw the movie, which helped me envision the book (the book was better). A wonderful story, and I learned so much about the patronizing and cruel attitude of the British toward the Indians. A real page turner. F F733

*London's Glory* by Christopher Fowler—If you like British humor, detectives, and wordplay, you're going to love Fowler's elderly detectives. Fowler has written at least 12 books about their cases, and they are all delightful. Mys F785, CD book

*Still Alice* by Lisa Genova—This movie brought me to tears and with a family history of dementia I fully expected this book to do the same. Alice is hard hit by Alzheimer's disease, and nothing is left unaffected. You can feel her anxiety and frustration through the pages then feel for her when she's too detached to make connections. At times a difficult read (emotionally) but well worth it. F G335, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom—A worthwhile read of historical fiction during Virginia's slave years of 1791-1810. It is interesting that it is told by an Irish indentured servant along with one of the African-American slaves. Great character development and a good read! F G869, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah—I highly recommend this book. Very interesting and relatable to our world's current situation which includes war and refugees. F H243, LP, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Redemption Road* by John Hart—Well-plotted with intertwining stories. I did not know who the killer was until the end of the book. Great summer read! F H325, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf—This book is a gem! Haruf's writing is plain but says so much. An end to his career but what an ending! A meditation on aging—a need to connect. F H338, LP, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Here's to Us* by Elin Hilderbrand—I pretty much always love Ms. Hilderbrand's books, and this was no different. Love, family, family drama, Nantucket, and food. What's not to love? F H643, LP, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*20<sup>th</sup> Century Ghosts* by Joe Hill—This was a great collection of stories, ranging from scary to strange to touching. He is a gifted storyteller, and every short story here could have been made into its own novel. F H646

*Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo—Hugo's epic novel features a stirring tale of crime, punishment, justice, and redemption that pulses with life. Truly a masterpiece that continues to astonish and entertain readers—even 150 years since its creation. F H895

*Orphan X* by Gregg Hurwitz—Exceptional writer. Characters are alive. This thriller was hard to put down. F H967, CD book, ebook

*The Fifth Season* by N.K. Jemisin—This apocalyptic fantasy has been making waves and for good reason. Like LaValle's *The Ballad of Black Tom*, *Fifth Season* examines what happens when people without power or recourse are pushed beyond their breaking point. F J49



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From Florida Memory:  
[floridamemory.com/items/show/164897](http://floridamemory.com/items/show/164897)

*Remember Me Like This* by Bret Johnson—What happens after your child returns to you after being kidnapped four years earlier? Heartbreaking and suspenseful—loved it! F J72, eaudio

*Pontoon* by Garrison Keillor—What a hoot! Garrison is always a pleasure to listen to. I highly recommend listening to this one! F K27, CD book

*Mr. Mercedes* by Stephen King—This first novel in the Bill Hodges trilogy does not disappoint. There is a great plot with a lot of suspense: will the heroes be able to figure things out in time? Who will the villain try to kill next? The characters are well-developed and the narrative is so intense and detailed that you feel as if you are in the midst of the story. The number of twists and turns also made this great read hard to put down! F K54, LP, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*The Chance* by Karen Kingsbury—I enjoy Kingsbury's books, as her characters seem to be everyday, fairly normal people confronted with situations which could happen to anyone, then solve them in reasonable ways. F K55, LP



Unidentified woman in Sarasota reading about winter storms up north from Florida Memory: [floridamemory.com/items/show/246341](http://floridamemory.com/items/show/246341)

*Even Now* by Karen Kingsbury—My favorite Kingsbury book that isn't about the Baxter family! I cried multiple times while reading the book. F K55, ebook

*The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling—All Kipling books are a pleasure, but *The Jungle Book* is a joy for children from 5 to 95. jF K57, ebook, eaudio

*Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger—One of the best books I've read in a long time. This is a wonderfully and vividly written story about mysterious deaths in a rural Minnesota town told through the eyes of a child. I will be looking for other books by this author! Mys K94, CD book, ebook

*Queen of Shadows* by Sarah J. Maas—I'm in love. Words fail me in describing the enormity of my love for this book. Definitely my favorite read of 2016. YA M111, ebook

*Truly, Madly, Guilty* by Liane Moriarty—This was a "can't put it down" read with wonderful character development, insight into the intricate dances of relationship on so many levels, and how precious the "ordinary" in life is. F M854, LP, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*The Women of Brewster Place* by Gloria Naylor—Found this book on a list of suggested National Book Award winners for Black History Month. I loved the structure and variety of stories. It was compelling. F N333

*Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng—Truly great read in family dynamics. Excellent characters that make you really care about each person and how they will weather the storm. F N576, LP, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Uprooted* by Naomi Novik—This was everything I love in fantasy. It was creative, exciting, romantic, and super entertaining. I wish there was a sequel! F N943, ebook, eaudio

*Fight Club* by Chuck Palahniuk—Surprisingly similar to the movie, with enough differences to set it apart and let each stand on their own. F P153, CD book, ebook

*State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett—Ann Patchett is another of my favorite authors, and this book did not disappoint! I loved the characters and found the whole premise of the book fascinating. I would highly recommend this book to anyone looking for a thought-provoking read. F P294, CD book, ebook

*The Games* by James Patterson—Fast-paced, exciting read. I wasn't overly interested in the Rio Olympics, but will have to watch now just to see the sights mentioned in the book. Mys P317 New, CD book, LP, ebook, eaudio

*In the Shadow of the Banyan* by Vaddey Ratner—This book is about a seven year old girl's struggle to survive during a revolution in Cambodia. It narrates the girl's journey towards freedom. F R236

*Delicious!* by Ruth Reichl—Billie Breslin leaves the west coast to begin a change—in New York—as a writer for food magazine *Delicious*. Headquartered in an old mansion, many adventures develop, even finding a secret room. Billie overcomes the shock of her sister's death and finds friendship and love. F R351, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds—This book is a thoughtful look at racial issues in America. Told in dual perspectives it gives the reader a better view and leaves you thinking. YA R463, CD book

*Driftless* by David Rhodes—Midwest town people are explored in ways that try to prove the value of their lives in an urban world. F D796, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers—This was a re-read for me, but I love this book! I like how the author realistically brings the need for redemption into the characters' lives. LP F R622, regular print ON ORDER

*The Winged Histories* by Sofia Samater—Following the lives of four women on different sides of a civil war, this beautifully written fantasy is one of my favorite reads of 2016. ON ORDER

*Escape Clause* by John Sandford—Iowa and Minnesota are featured in this well-scripted plot. You'll look forward to the next funny moment/quip among the sometimes gory details. Mys S217, LP, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Look Again* by Lisa Scottoline—This was an interesting story about an adopted boy who turned out to have been kidnapped. Nice twist at the end. Mys S431, CD book, eaudio

*Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* by Gary Schmidt—Gary Schmidt wonderfully portrays real characters and the struggles they go through. A great glimpse into an otherwise unknown bit of history. YA S351

*Dear Committee Members* by Julie Schumacher—I loved this book. Maybe it's because I'm a disillusioned middle-aged man who thinks society is headed in the wrong direction. Jay Fitger is lovable if not likable and demonstrates a level of jadedness that only comes from truly caring about something. I'm telling all my friends to read it. F S392



Two Women Reading from the National Library of Denmark:  
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*A Darker Shade of Magic* and *A Gathering of Shadows* by V.E. Schwab—A unique story about magic and different Londons. The second installment ups the ante with a magician's tournament and a strong female character. F S398, ebook, eaudio

*A Town Like Alice* by Nevil Shute—A great book by one of my favorite authors. This 1950s novel is a beautiful story of a love born during WWII in Malaya between a woman prisoner of war and an Australian soldier, and the little old English lawyer who would up telling the story. F S562, CD book

*China Dolls* by Lisa See—1938 in San Francisco, three young Asian girls are having a great time. Then the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor and all changes. Secrets, jealousy, and paranoia exist. Follows the three girls' journey through life. F S451, LP, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*The Help* by Kathryn Stockett—Everyone has probably read this book by now, but I hadn't read it or seen the movie. I absolutely loved it. I couldn't put it down, and hated for it to end. F S864, LP, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout—The story is constructed in rich irony, moments of genuine surprise, and intense emotion. Stout's writing here is deep and masterful. F S925, CD book, ebook

*A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles—What a lovely read! You don't need to travel the world to live a big life. Thought provoking and engaging. I learned so much about Russian/Soviet history and culture. F T742, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Vinegar Girl* by Anne Tyler—This charming book is a modern version of *The Taming of the Shrew*. Anne Tyler loves to explore the quirks of people and does it better than anyone else. Wonderful book! F T981, CD book, ebook

*The Serpent King* by Jeff Zenther—Wow. This book got to me. Great story about discovering who you are and who you want to be. Loved it! YA Z56, CD book

## NONFICTION

*UFOs, JFK, and Elvis: Conspiracies You Don't Have to Be Crazy to Believe* by Richard Belzer—Great book, edgy. 001.9 B454, eaudio

*The Public Library* a photographic essay by Robert Dawson—GREAT book! Fascinating reflections by some favorite writers are included. Rich and engaging photography and writing. 027.473 P976

*Thinking Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman—Economics and how it influences our choices. Fascinating. 153.42 K12, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain—There are two types of people in this world, introverts and extroverts. Do you feel as if you are "forced" to live each day to the drum of an ongoing society? You will see how one tries to conform in order to succeed today. If you feel like the world is noisy and all you want to do is decompress in silence and solitude, this book is probably for you. 155.232 C135, CD book, eaudio

*Stumbling on Happiness* by Daniel Gilbert—Great book on the state of happiness. 158 G464, CD book

*Tiny Beautiful Things: Advice on Love and Life from Dear Sugar* by Cheryl Strayed—I LOVE, LOVE, LOVED this book! Sugar/Cheryl Strayed gives amazing advice! She truly puts things in a practical, logical way while acknowledging emotions and how important they are in decision making. Her personal

anecdotes really add to the advice. 158.1 S913, ebook, eaudio

*This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Women and Men* edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman with John Gregory and Viki Merrick—This series of essays challenges one to review and write your own essay of what you believe. 170.44 T448, ebook, eaudio

*Small Victories* by Anne Lamott—Very funny/poignant about the foibles of being a human. I never get tired of her stories. 204.4 L235, CD book, ebook, eaudio



Woman sitting on a beached boat reading a book  
From the State Library of Queensland: [hdl.handle.net/10462/deriv/77561](https://hdl.handle.net/10462/deriv/77561)

*Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family* by Amy Ellis Nutt—This is required reading for everyone on the planet. I thought I knew a lot and learned I know nothing. 306.768 N976

*The Smartest Kids in the World and How They Got That Way* by Amanda Ripley—A book any educator or parent would find very interesting and would also make you stop and think. 370.9 R589

*Undeniable: Evolution and the Science of Creation* by Bill Nye—Somehow I managed to miss Bill Nye growing up. If his show is even half as good as this book, I will have to change that. The man clearly knows his stuff! 576.8 N994, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Sad Animal Facts* by Brooke Barker—Fun, silly book with awesome animal facts. I am taking this book home for my teenage son to read. He LOVES animals and random facts. YA 590 B255

*The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman—A real learning experience to read about the Hmong people living in America and all the barriers there are to overcome. Lisa Lee was a very special little girl who touched many people. 610.696 F147

*The Shepherd's Life* by James Rebanks—The memoirs of the author, a shepherd's son, living in the Lake District of northern England. It tells of the training of the sheep dogs, of bitter, grueling winters, lambing time, and of shepherd's trying desperately to stay on the family farm. It's a culture where things have not changed for generations. 636.3 R289

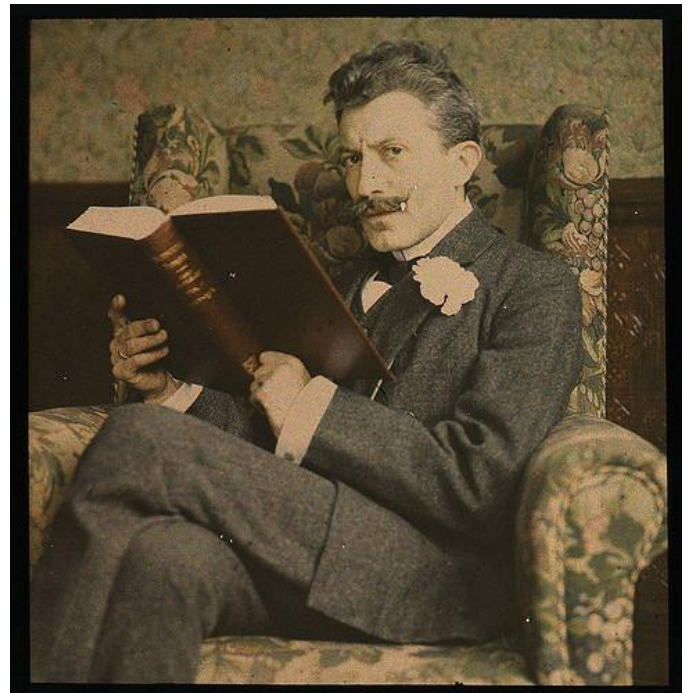
*The Good Good Pig* by Sy Montgomery—This was recommended by a friend and I was so happy I read it. It's a quick read, a heartwarming story, and I learned a lot about pigs! 636.40887 M788, CD book

*Catify to Satisfy* by Jackson Galacy & Kate Benjamin—We just adopted 2 kittens, so this book has been the purrrrfect book/resource for our family. How wonderful for all our feline friends to have a reference guide to lush living. So cute to see pictures of adorable cats and all his creations. 636.8 G147

*Shadow Mountain* by Renée Askins—Renée Askins is to wolves as Jane Goodall is to chimpanzees. Anyone who doubts the link between conservation, humanity, and spirituality needs to read this. 639.979 A835

*At Home: a Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson—A plethora of interesting tidbits based upon the lowa-born author's England home. Very fun and informative! 643.1 B916, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Spark Joy: An Illustrated Master Class on the Art of Organizing and Tidying Up* by Marie Kondo—I did not want to read this and thought it would not work for me, even though I wanted to organize my life & home, but I was hooked after a few pages. I've learned to think about the objects in my life a little differently, making it easier to let them go... 648 K82, ebook, eaudio



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*The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed* by Jessica Lahey—The author is a mother and a teacher at a high school. So she knows how well parents protect children from failing at anything. However, the author thinks too much protection of children does not help them. Through failures, children learn themselves. 649.7 L183, CD book

*The World in Six Songs* by Daniel Levitan—How—and why—our brain processes music. There are different kinds of songs for different human purposes. 781.11 L666, CD book, ebook

*Hamilton: the Revolution* by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter—This beautiful book is a must-read for anyone obsessed with the soundtrack of this revolutionary musical or preparing to see the show. It provides not only the libretto with every lyric to all 46 songs, but also photos and background on the creators and stars. Especially insightful are side comments by Miranda explaining his creative process. I read the library's copy to prepare to see *Hamilton* in Chicago. Then I purchased my own copy so I could re-read it. It absolutely enhanced my understanding and appreciation of this remarkable theatrical event. 782.140268 M672, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Ahead of the Curve* by Brian Kenny—Excellent book on baseball. Very readable. 796.357 K36, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown—This is an excellent read. While most depression era and World War II stories are sad, this book gives an uplifting story of the rowing team who won gold at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. The rowing team was from Washington State. 797.123 B877, CD book, ebook, eaudio. There's also a YA version.

*The Road to Little Dribbling: Adventures of an American in Britain* by Bill Bryson—A new book by Bill Bryson is always a treat and this one is no exception. A sequel to his earlier book about England, *Notes from a Small Island*, this one will have you chuckling and laughing throughout. Don't miss it. 914.1 B916, LP, CD book, ebook, eaudio



“Woman Reading as Baby Sleeps” from the National Media Museum:  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nationalmediamuseum/3589579030/>

*Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen* by Bob Greene—Loved the book. It is an example of women seeing a need and acting. They gave their time, love, and rations to make this a successful project. My grandmother was one of the women. 978.2 G799

*The Immortal Diamond* by Richard Rohr—A Catholic priest who transcends Catholic doctrine to examine the sense of self and what it means to die. Good for progressive Christians or theology geeks who like Parker Palmer and Paul Tillich. ON ORDER

*The Advantage of Being Born Poor* by Ernie Buresh—A great autobiography of an Iowa success story, growing up in the depression and becoming a generous philanthropist, giving to hospitals, libraries, and colleges. He ended up in baking after having a seed company and going to law school. Nice read about a local person with so many familiar names and places in the book. ON ORDER

*A Murder Over a Girl* by Ken Corbett—I'm a sucker for true crime stories. In 2008 a boy shot his classmate in class because Larry had begun transitioning to Leticia. This story intrigued me as the shooter fought charges of a hate crime as many testified that he was fueled by Larry/Leticia's sexuality and gender identity. An interesting case. ON ORDER

## BIOGRAPHY

*Abigail Adams* by Woody Holton—This is a biography of the life of a most remarkable woman who was well ahead of her time. Though she was denied a formal education she taught herself and was indeed one brilliant lady. At that time women were the property of their husbands and did not own property on their own, but she was very forward thinking and well respected by her husband John. She endured the loss of children, the long separations from her husband due to his political roles and yet managed to take in and help many of her family members. In the end she even wrote her own will, again something that was completely unheard of in those days, and out of respect John followed it. This is a captivating story of a very remarkable woman and how she helped to shape this country. B A211 Adams



*Live Like Line, Love Like Ellyn* by William Hoelt—This is the story of how seventeen year old Caroline Found died in a moped accident. Twelve days later her mother Ellyn lost her battle with cancer. It's inspiring to see how family and community came together to walk through the grief. Another patron notes: A very fast read. I read this being a teacher in the ICCSD and knowing 90% of the book's content. Bill Hoelt did an excellent job presenting the story, very much paying attention to detail when needed. A tear jerker and truly unbelievable for a first book. B F771 Found

*Cheaper by the Dozen* by Frank Gilbreth & Ernestine Gilbreth Carey—One of my favorite books that I hadn't read in ages, but is still great. Such an engrossing glimpse inside a unique family during a fascinating time in American history. B G466 Gilbreth

*Undress Me in the Temple of Heaven* by Susan Jane Gilman—A memoir—an interesting story about 1980s China and their understanding of mental illness. B G487 Gilman

*Rocket Boys* by Homer H. Hickman Jr.—A very good book about Homer Hickman Jr. growing up in West Virginia and how he fulfilled his dreams of going to work for NASA. B H627 Hickman

*Greetings from Utopia Park: Surviving a Transcendent Childhood* by Claire Hoffman—This book was written by a girl from my hometown of Fairfield, Iowa so I was excited to read it. I was a "townie" and she was part of MIU which was a foreign land to me. I enjoyed reading about the town and places I used to go as a kid. I recommended this to all my hometown friends. B H699 Hoffman, CD book, eaudio

*When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi—Excellent autobiographical account of a young man choosing his career and trying to find meaning in life. He unfortunately got cancer during a neurosurgery residency and died not long after completing it. His other major interest was writing and literature and it results in a very well done book. Another patron says: Excellent, though tear-jerking at the end. It is the story of a med student's journey through his education and the choices he has made in his study of neurology and neuroscience. In the middle of his residency, he has to deal with a diagnosis of cancer. B K14 Kalanithi, CD book, ebook, eaudio

*Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt—Heartbreaking and hilarious all at once, this is one of my favorite books of all time. B M478 McCourt, CD book

*Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah—So good! Very interesting insights into Apartheid, a childhood lived in South Africa, and a boy's relationship with his mom. I laughed, cried, and 100% recommend! B N739 Noah, CD book, ebook

*What Remains: a Memoir* by Carole Radziwill—A heartbreaking, touching, and yet witty remembrance of family and friends. It is a tear-jerker, but reveals what agony Carole endured at the loss of the man who was her husband and best friend. It also illustrates the author's experiences with the world of privilege in comparison with her own lower class upbringing. B R133 Radziwill

*Broken Brain, Fortified Faith* by Virginia Pillars—Not a day goes by that someone we know or care about couldn't be inserted into this memoir as any one of the players. Of course this heartfelt story is totally real; it is not fiction which is why it becomes a page-turner. Mental illness is a reality...some of us know a little, some a lot. We can all learn more through the Pillars family. An excellent read. ON ORDER

*Walking with the Wind* by John Lewis with Michael D'Orso—The most important book I've read in a long time. A memoir of the Civil Rights Movement. John Lewis is as significant as Martin Luther King Jr. ON ORDER

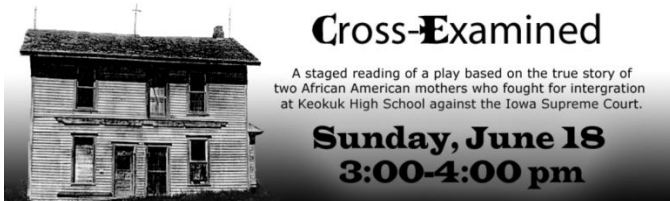
## GRAPHIC NOVELS

*March Book One* by John Lewis—Excellent! A perfect 5. This is the first graphic novel I've read. The history is fascinating and the storytelling is very engaging. The pictures add so much to the story – I felt like I was watching history as it happened. Can't wait to read the next two books. YA-GN B L674 Lewis

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