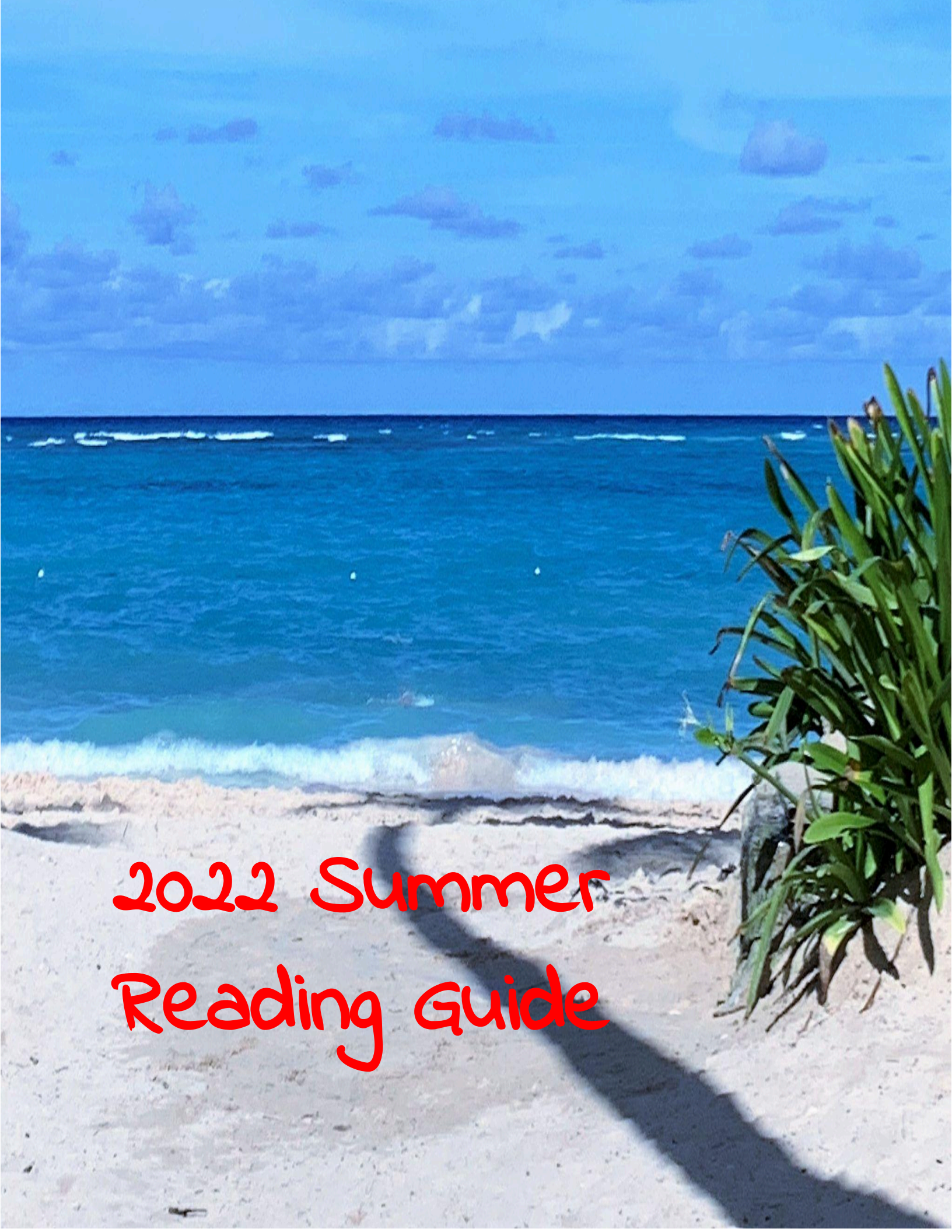


A photograph of a beach scene. The foreground shows a sandy shore with a long shadow cast from the right. A green plant with long leaves is on the right side. The ocean is a deep blue with white waves breaking near the shore. The sky is a lighter blue with scattered white clouds.

2022 Summer Reading Guide

welcome, readers!

No matter where you are this summer - perhaps you will find yourself waterfront, relaxing at home on a comfy couch or somewhere else entirely - it is time to immerse yourself in some serious, and hopefully fun, summer reading!

Living in southwestern Ontario, we find ourselves moving into a season with much sunshine, sitting poolside or at a beach and time to catch up on reading. This is the season that I look forward to most as I can catch up on books published in the first six months of the year.

Your reading life should bring you joy, happiness and an eagerness to share your love of reading. There are so many amazing books which have been published in recent years that it is truly a daunting task to make reading choices. Hopefully, this summer reading guide will offer you ideas to return to

a vibrant and enjoyable life with reading taking centre stage.

As a teacher-librarian it is always enjoyable to see what books are being requested in person, as well as trends that are occurring on platforms such as #BookTok and #Bookstagram.

Hopefully, the categories highlighted in this guide will have selections that will pique your interest while encouraging some genres that perhaps you would not ordinarily select.

Follow what you feel about a book - follow your innate instincts.

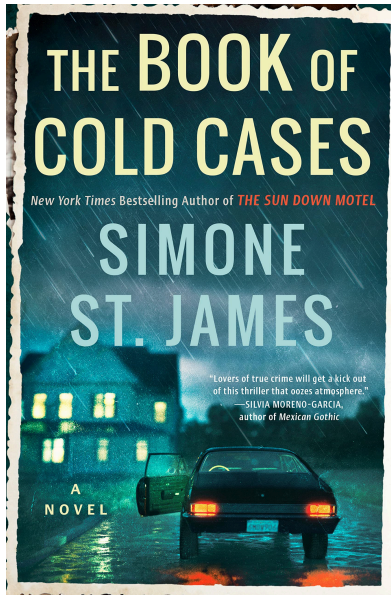
Reading Philosophy

Reading is a very personal activity. In many cases the timing of reading is everything. A plethora of good books exist and are being published regularly. Hopefully selections throughout this guide will offer you encouragement in your reading life.

The best advice to you - the reader - is to know what you need as a reader. Stay with your own tastes with a selection or two outside of your comfort zone to determine what you need right now. You are encouraged to "play" with genres that you would not normally gravitate to. Not sure about what you prefer as a reader? Track what you read noting the genre of the books you have been reading as you go.

As the summer progresses, tag the HHSS library on social media (Instagram @hhsslibrary; Twitter @HHSS_Library) to share your selections.

Mystery and Thriller



THE BOOK OF COLD CASES, Simone St James

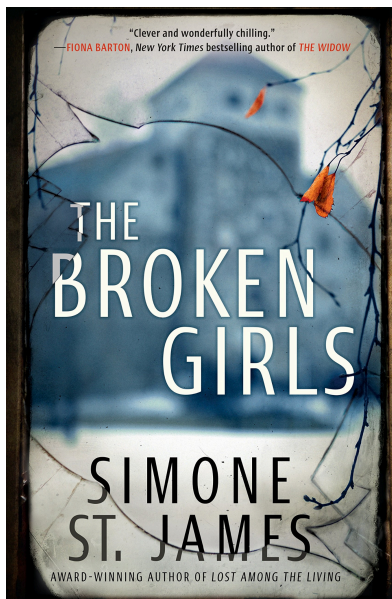
BERKLEY, 2022

Two men - seemingly selected at random - are found killed in 1977 in Claire Lake, Oregon.

Beth Greer finds herself in the middle of the investigation - and the sole suspect. Although acquitted, the community remained resolute in its belief that Beth committed the crimes.

Shea Collins - intrigued by the Lady Killer Murders of 1977 - maintains a site focused on these two murders. Shea is given the opportunity to speak with Beth decades after the murders - and what she learns will leave many questioning their own thinking around the Lady Killer Murders.

TAGS: Ghost thrillers; Suspense; Women's fiction



THE BROKEN GIRLS, Simone St James

BERKLEY, 2018

Vermont, 1950 - Idlewild Hall is a place for girls who do not fit with what society deemed appropriate for a girl. Local legend suggests that this school is haunted. Four roommates find themselves sharing their fears and secrets while at Idlewild.

Vermont, 2014 - The sister of Fiona Sheridan was found dead on the former Idlewild Hall property. Idlewild is now in ruins and even though her sister's boyfriend was convicted of the crime, something seems to be missing.

An anonymous benefactor has decided to restore Idlewild Hall. Fiona's interests are piqued - enough to write a story - and what she learns may have a lasting

impact.

TAGS: Historical thrillers; Supernatural thrillers; Psychological thrillers



BY GASLIGHT, Steven Price

MCCLELLAND & STEWART, 2017

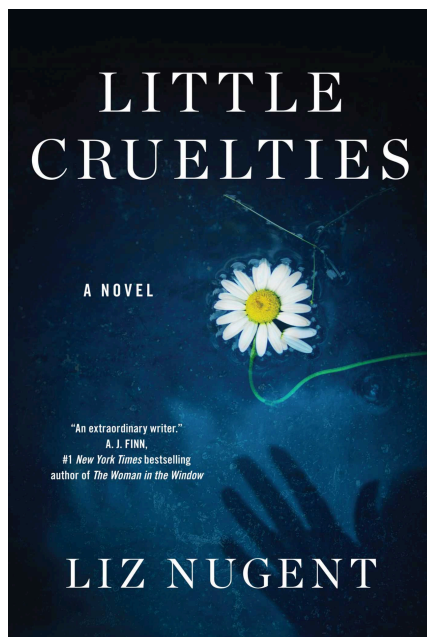
London, 1885 - Edward Shade - notorious thief - exists only as a ghost, an individual who steals other peoples future. William Pinkerton - already famous - is determined to pull Shade out of the shadows.

Adam Foole - a gentleman by all accounts - receives a letter from his beloved initiating his return to London to search for her.

What ensues is an unlikely partnership between Pinkerton and Foole to locate Edward Shade.

Readers are taken through the underbelly of Victorian era London. Where would you be willing to go to bring an individual to justice?

TAGS: Historical mystery; Spy thrillers



LITTLE CRUELITIES, Liz Nugent

GALLERY / SCOUT PRESS, 2021

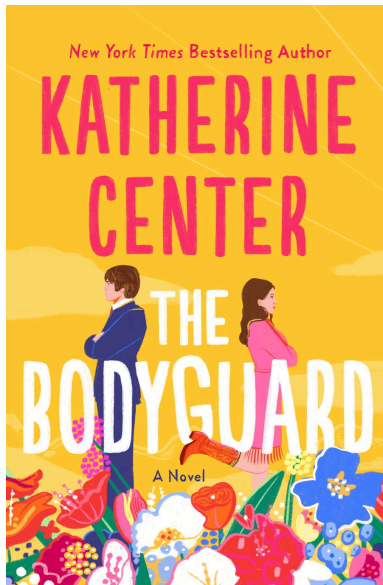
The Drumm brothers were at the funeral. All three of them to be exact - but one of them was in the coffin.

The three boys - William, Brian and Luke - learned to compete for their mothers attention at a young age. Even after moving out to live their own lives, they find that the games they played as children have carried over into their adult years.

These games become darker and more cruel in nature - as well as more dangerous. With the lives of the three brothers being so intricately connected, only two of them will survive.

TAGS: Psychological thrillers; Suspense

Love Stories



THE BODYGUARD, Katherine Center

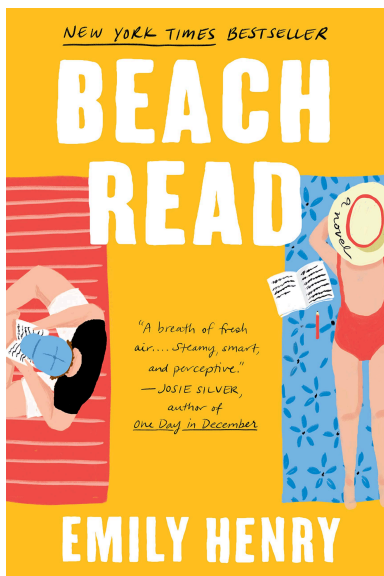
ST MARTIN'S PRESS, 2022

Hannah Brooks looks like anything but what she is - an Executive Protection Agent (also known as a "bodyguard") and she has just been hired by Jack Stapleton.

Jack is needed to return home to Texas but does not want his family to know about his stalker or Hannah having been hired as his bodyguard.

Things begin to develop as the two spend more time in each other's company. Things may just develop where they least expect them to. Will the two be able to blur the lines between professional and personal?

TAGS: Rom com; Women's fiction



BEACH READ, Emily Henry

BERKLEY, 2020

Augusts Everett, a highly regarded author of literary fiction, finds himself facing a serious case of writer's block. January Andrews, a writer of bestselling romance, is also facing writer's block.

In every other way these two authors are very different from one another other than each have rented a cottage for three months and they are now neighbours.

The pair have come to an agreement - they will write in the genre of the other author. Will this be the start of a new relationship? Will this twist help them break free from writer's block?

TAGS: Rom com; Contemporary women's fiction



LOVE HER OR LOSE HER, Tessa Bailey

AVON, 2020

The Vega's are the perfect couple. Madly in love as a result of being high school sweethearts. But, that isn't the case any more.

Dom is a great provider, stable and devoted to Rosie. But Rosie is looking for more from life and wishes to pursue her dream of opening a restaurant.

With Rosie looking for more, the couple have decided to try marriage boot camp. Will this be enough to save their marriage?

TAGS: Rom com; Contemporary women's fiction



WINDOW SHOPPING, Tessa Bailey

TESSA BAILEY, 2021

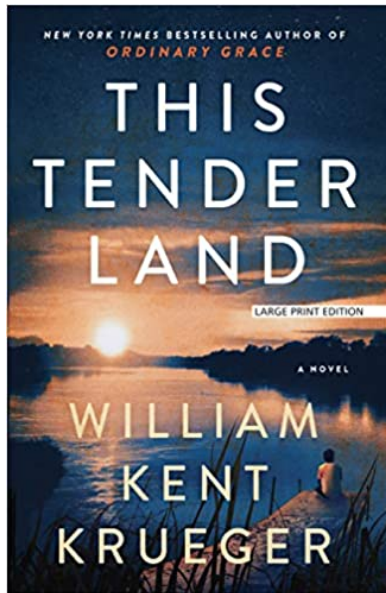
Stella has an eye for what draws people into a store. What she sees in the windows of department store Vivant will not do the job in her opinion.

Aiden - a Vivant exec - sees Stella observing the window and encourages her to apply for the job of window dresser.

Will this job opportunity give Stella a much needed push to put her convict past behind her? What will Aiden think when he learns of her past should she apply for the job?

TAGS: Rom com

Historical Fiction



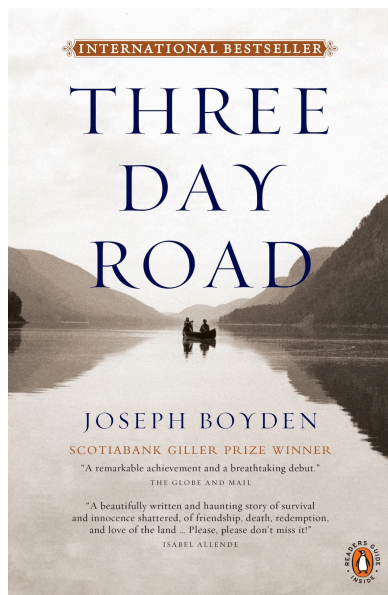
***THIS TENDER LAND*, William Kent Krueger**

ATRIA BOOKS, 2019

A coming-of-age story that centers on four kids growing up during the Great Depression years. Each come with various backgrounds which impacts their futures.

After a tornado impacts the school they attend as well as the lives they knew they begin to realize that no one is going to save them. They make the decision to make their way down river in a canoe. This little band encounters a variety of situations in which some strangers are kind while others are all too willing to exploit them.

TAGS: Historical fiction; Literary fiction



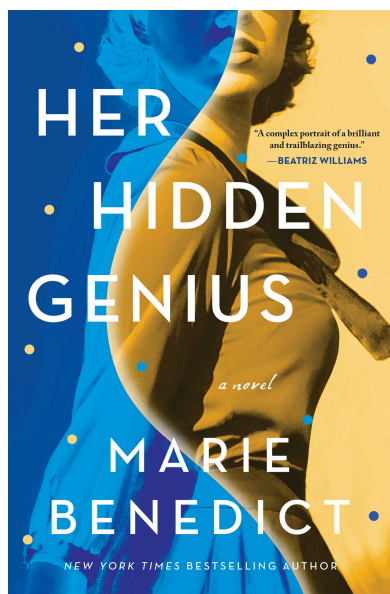
***THREE DAY ROAD*, Joseph Boyden**

PENGUIN CANADA, Reprint 2008

World War I has concluded and Niska, the last Oji-Cree woman to live off the land, is making a three day canoe trek to connect with Xavier. Xavier is her only surviving relative struggling with significant wounds and is addicted to morphine.

As the pair make the three day return journey readers are taken through the stark landscape of northern Ontario while the stories of Niska and Xavier emerge.

TAGS: Historical fiction; Canadian fiction; Literary fiction



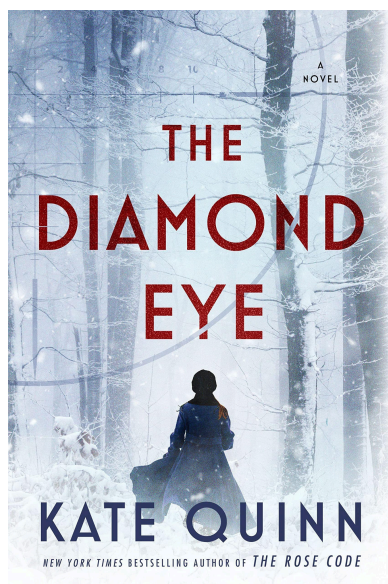
HER HIDDEN GENIUS, Marie Benedict

SOURCEBOOKS LANDMARK, 2022

Rosalind Franklin has always been a brilliant scientist. Finding solace in books and her research, she delves into conducting research to better understand the secrets of DNA.

When the double helix structure of DNA finally shows itself to Rosalind she could never have predicted what was to follow.

TAGS: Historical fiction



THE DIAMOND EYE, Kate Quinn

WILLIAM MORROW, 2022

As we delve into the life of Mila Pavlichenko - a Russian bookworm - we learn of her skills as the deadliest female sniper who gained the nickname "Lady Death."

After reaching her 300th kill, news of her capabilities spreads and she finds herself gaining attention. When enemies unite to destroy her, she finds herself struggling just to survive.

Based on a true story.

TAGS: Historical fiction; Biographical fiction

The Two Best Things You Can Do For Your Reading Life

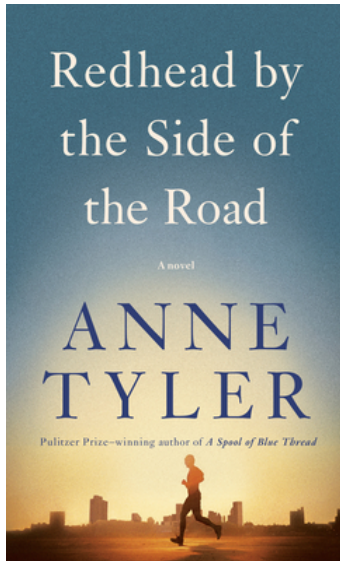
1. Don't finish every book you start

Those who are willing to diverge from a book they have been reading - perhaps even setting it aside entirely - find that they turn their attention to other books that they are far more interested in.

2. Track what you read

Tracking what you read will provide you with an insight as to a genre, author etc that you gravitate to.

Friends & Family



REDHEAD BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, Anne Tyler

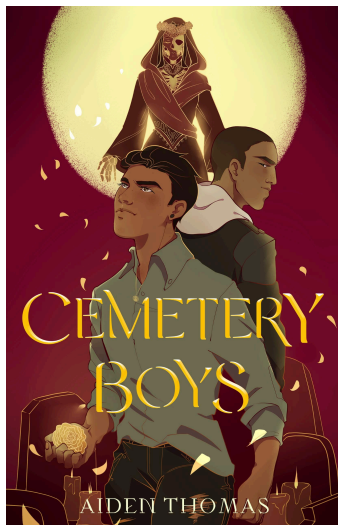
RANDOM HOUSE, 2020

Micah Mortimer thrives on routine. As a self-employed tech entrepreneur and a superintendent of his apartment building he seems content with living a life with few deviations from his normal.

His routines come to an abrupt halt when his girlfriend tells him she is facing eviction and a teenager shows up at his door claiming to be Micah's son.

Will Micah ever regain a sense of his former routine? Or will his meticulously crafted life be changed forever.

TAGS: Family life; Literary fiction



CEMETERY BOYS, Aiden Thomas

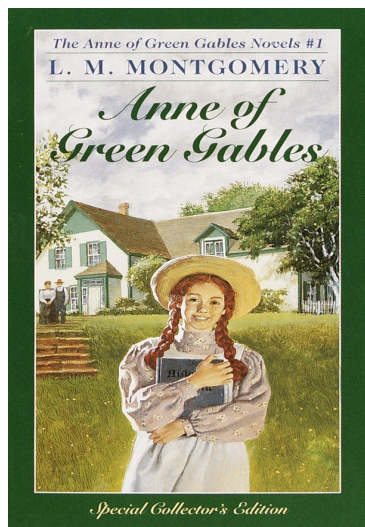
SWOON READS, 2020

Yadriel desperately wants to be accepted by his family who struggle with accepting his true gender. He sets out to prove his skills by summoning a ghost on his journey to becoming a brujo.

The ghost summoned by Yadriel is none other than Julian - a person who gave Yadriel grief in school.

Yadriel and Julian will have to work together so both can obtain what they want but the two find that they don't want to find themselves separated by death.

TAGS: Paranormal romance; LGBTQ2S+



ANNE OF GREEN GABLES, Lucy Maud Montgomery

L C PAGE & CO, 1908

Anne finds herself desperately searching for a family that will adopt her. Perhaps she has found this family in Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert - siblings who have tended to the family farm for decades.

With Anne's feisty demeanor and eagerness to prove herself worthy of remaining at Green Gables, she puts her whole being into winning the Cuthbert's over to her side.

TAGS: Classics; Canadian literature



THE VANISHING HALF, Brit Bennett

RIVERHEAD BOOKS, 2020

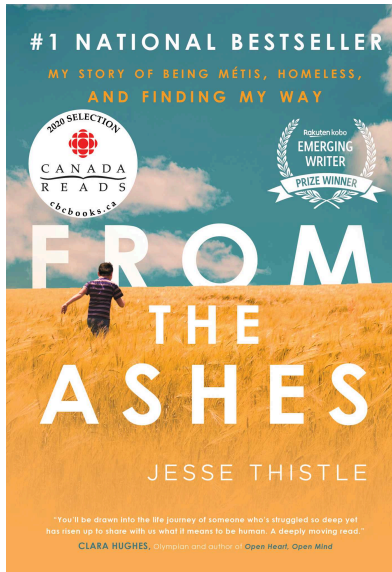
Although the Vignes sisters are identical twins, they have come to find that their small, southern hometown is rather stifling.

After running away at sixteen, their lives diverge as adults and the twins live very different experiences. One sister finds herself being pulled back to their hometown while the other wishes to stay away for as long as possible (perhaps even forever if given the chance).

What will transpire when the children of the twins meet? Will all they have worked for crumble?

TAGS: Coming of age; Literary fiction; Women's fiction

Memoir and Nonfiction



FROM THE ASHES, Jesse Thistle

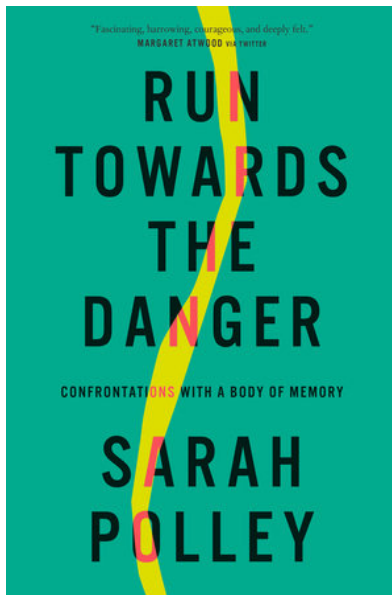
SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2019

This incredible memoir looks at hope and resilience, and a look into a Metis-Cree individual who refused to give up.

Jesse recounts his experiences in the foster care system prior to living with his paternal grandparents as well as a life living on the streets and relying on drugs and alcohol.

Through the kindness of others, he began the challenging journey of changing his lifestyle, completing his high school education and progressing through the world of education to work as a professor at a university.

TAGS: Memoir; Native Canadian Biographies



RUN TOWARDS THE DANGER, Sarah Polley

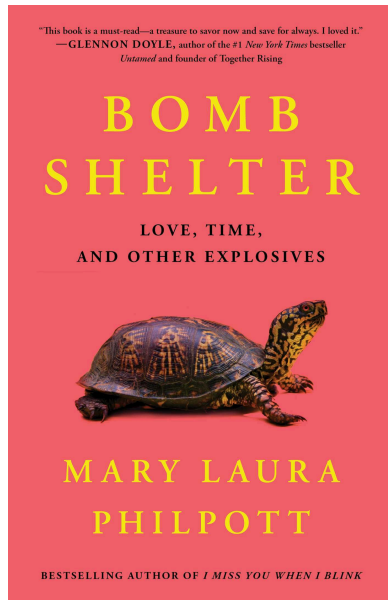
HAMISH HAMILTON, 2022

Written in the format of six essays, Sarah Polley delves into the impact of an acting career as a child, writing screenplays and a deeper look at human memory.

Polley shares further experiences with stage fright, recovering from a concussion and so much more.

Readers are given a glimpse into what occurs behind the scenes for films and tv series which we enjoy and what cast members contend with on a regular basis while filming.

TAGS: Actor biographies; Memoir



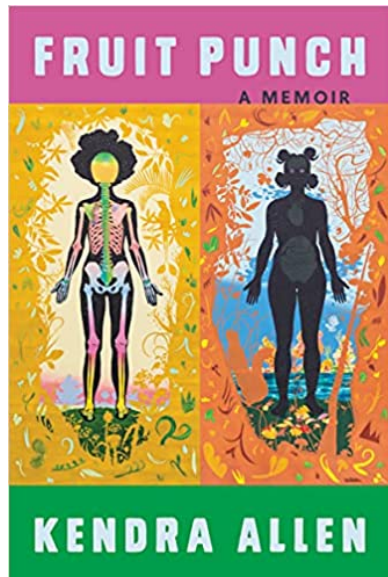
BOMB SHELTER, Mary Laura Philpott

ATRIA BOOKS, 2022

Philpott has always kept her eye on what could happen and worked towards keeping her loved ones safe. But that was shattered when she awoke predawn one day to find her son unconscious on the floor. This led her to wonder what else could happen regardless of how hard she tried to keep everybody safe.

Follow Philpott through this work as she navigates how to balance anxiety with optimism.

TAGS: Women's biographies; Memoir



FRUIT PUNCH: A MEMOIR, Kendra Allen

ECCO, 2022

Follow Kendra Allen through her journey growing up in the southern US as she tackles family life, surrounded by turmoil and how she navigates the world that places expectations on individuals based upon one's culture, gender, social class and so much more.

Allen encourages readers to reflect on how we view ourselves and how we perceive ourselves in comparison to those around us.

TAGS: Women's biographies; Memoir

Feel-Good Fiction



WITH LOVE FROM LONDON, Sarah Jio

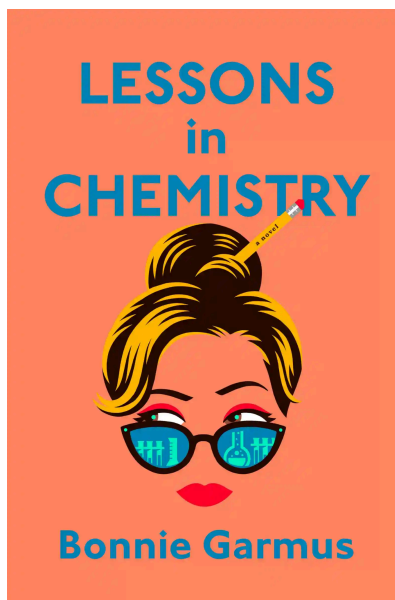
BALLANTINE BOOKS, 2022

Valentina Baker finds herself thrust into a brand new story - her own.

Val's mother unexpectedly fled to London when she was only eleven. Now, as a librarian and in the initial throes of a failed marriage, Val is becoming more dissatisfied with her life.

Unexpectedly, Val receives word that her mother has passed and now finds herself the owner of her mother's property in London - which happens to include a bookstore her mother opened almost two decades earlier.

TAGS: Contemporary romance; Contemporary women's fiction



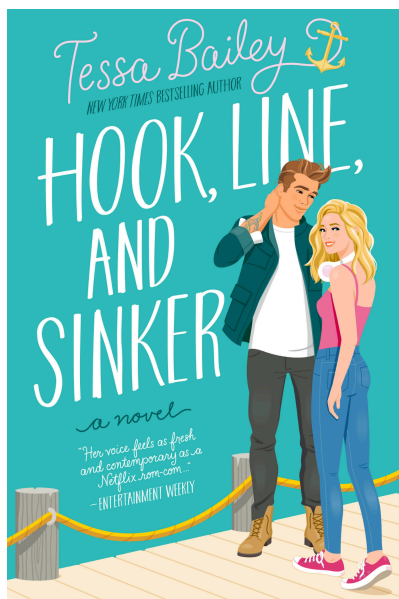
LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY, Bonnie Garmus

DOUBLEDAY, 2022

Elizabeth Zott's goal was to be a scientist - but she faces challenges in the 1960s because she is a woman in a male dominated field.

As a result of having a child without being married she finds herself fired from her scientific research and now is struggling to meet her financial obligations. To meet these obligations, she agrees to host a tv show called Supper at 6. Although the producers want her to look pretty, Elizabeth is far more interested in educating housewives not just how to make good meals, but how to alter their own lives.

TAGS: Literary fiction; Women's fiction



HOOK, LINE AND SINKER, Tessa Bailey

AVON, 2022

Fox Thornton has a reputation - one that he would like to have remain as it is. But Hannah Bellinger challenges that reputation in every way possible. She seems to be immune to all of his charms.

With Hannah visiting, and crashing in Fox's spare room, how will their relationship develop? Hannah's crush on a colleague is apparent but she finds herself more intrigued by Fox.

Things may become quite entangled before they get better with both Fox and Hannah asking themselves how involved they wish to be with the other person.

TAGS: Rom com; Contemporary women's fiction



THE DO OVER, Bethany Turner

AVON, 2022

McKenna Keaton has been so focused on building a stellar career as a lawyer (and hopes to make senior partner soon) that she struggles with asking a man on a date.

She has found herself in a predicament - one that has forced her to return to her childhood home where she reconnects with high school classmate Henry Blumenthal.

With Henry helping McKenna's father with family history, will this be the start of a budding relationship between these two?

TAGS: Rom com; Contemporary women's fiction

Awesome on Audio

***FINDING ME: A MEMOIR* - 9 hours 15 min**

In her own voice, Viola Davis reveals the stunning personal journey that led her from dire poverty to a historic career.

***LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY* - 11 hours 56 min**

A trio of narrators - Miranda Raison, Pandora Sykes, and author Bonnie Garmus - bring this hilarious and vibrant story of love, friendship, found family and second chances to life.

***FIREKEEPER'S DAUGHTER* - 14 hours 13 min**

Native American narrator Isabella Star LeBlanc's brilliant performance captures the pulse-pounding, first-person narrative and the new-to-me Ojibwe phrases and practices in this brilliant YA debut.

***TWO NIGHTS IN LISBON* - 14 hours 30 min**

Fan favourite January LaVoy voices Chris Pavone's newest mystery, driven by a missing person, a ticking clock, and secrets from an old life.

***WHERE THE RHYTHM TAKES YOU* - 10 hours 13 min**

In this tropical retelling of *Persuasion*, listeners will relish descriptions of the beautiful seaside resort voiced by native Trinidadian narrator Antonevia Ocho-Coultes.

***WHAT THE FIREFLIES KNEW* - 8 hours 35 min**

Zenzi Williams brings to life the narration of 10 year old KB, who struggles to adjust when her life is turned upside down by a move to Lansing, Michigan after her father dies.

***THE JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY* - 9 hours 55 min**

This charming historical novel set in the 1940s features a village united around Jane Austen, and the readers who love her work. Narrated by Richard Armitage.

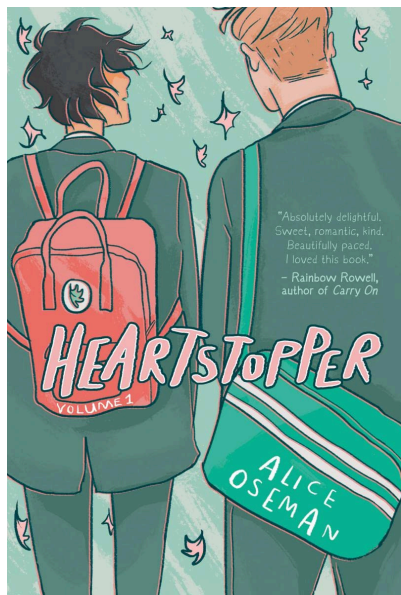
***THE LOVE CONNECTION* - 3 hours 36 min**

Narrated by January LaVoy and Shane East, this fast and fun listen features an adorable meet cute and is set in an airport terminal.

***THE HAPPY EVER AFTER PLAYLIST* - 9 hours 17 min**

Zachary Webber and Erin Mallon do a fabulous job of capturing the characters' witty banter. Makes the listener laugh out loud.

Manga / Graphic Novels



HEARTSTOPPER, Alice Oseman

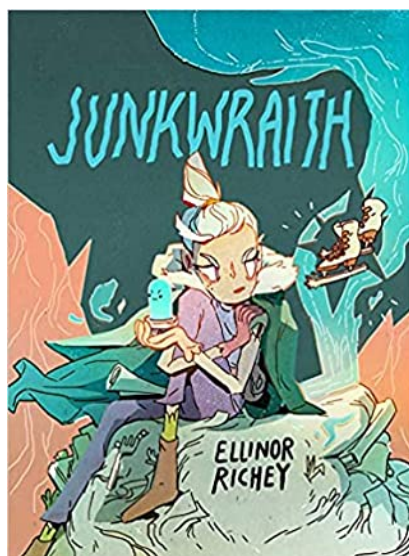
GRAPHIX, 2020

A coming-of-age story that explores the challenges of our teen years while navigating the waters of coming out.

Charlie Spring finds himself seated beside Nick Nelson - a rugby star at their school. While their relationship begins as a friendship, Charlie finds himself feeling more for Nick but doesn't think he stands a chance.

Nick is struggling with his own emotions and continues on the roller coaster ride of teen life with Charlie at his side.

TAGS: LGBTQ2S+; Young Adult



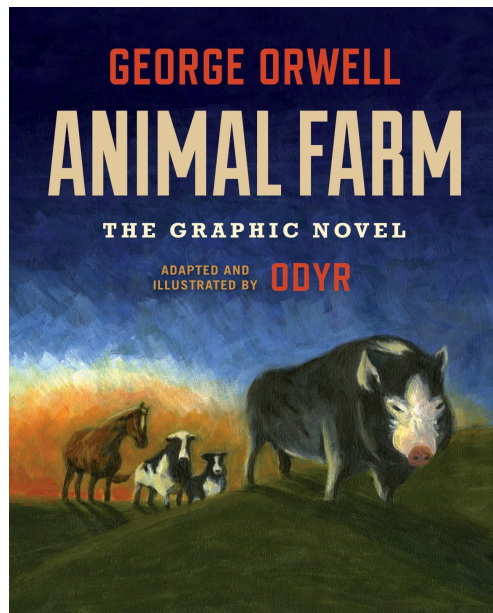
JUNKWRAITH, Ellinor Richey

TOP SHELF PRODUCTIONS, 2022

What happens to our belongings - especially those that have had significance to us - lose that significance?

Florence Sato - a skating prodigy - throws away her skates due to a sense of overwhelming pressure. This action has summoned a junkwraith - a ghost who seeks revenge as a result of its abandonment and will attack the memories of the owner of discarded items. How will Florence make things right and start down a new road?

TAGS: Science fiction; Fantasy



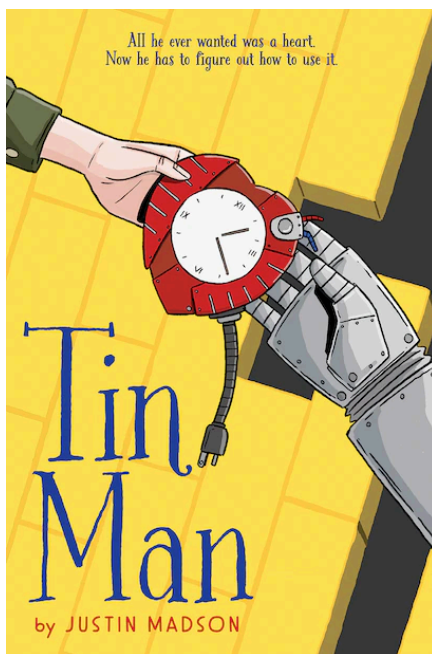
ANIMAL FARM, George Orwell

MARINER BOOKS, 2019

A tale of new tyranny replacing the old system and a cause - with the best of intentions - starts to contain its fair share of corruption.

Follow Old Major, Napoleon, Squealer, Snowball, Boxer and other unique characters as they navigate through the changing times. How will these animals maneuver to ensure their survival as philosophies change?

TAGS: Literary fiction; Graphic novel adaptation



TIN MAN, Justin Madson

HARRY N ABRAMS, 2022

Solar and her brother Fenn befriend the Tin Man with some unexpected results. Solar finds herself struggling with the death of her grandmother, makes changes that alter her plans for the future and so much more. Fenn doesn't know how to handle the changes with his sister.

The Tin Man - also known as Campbell - is a metal man whose sole purpose is to cut down trees. He is desperately wanting a heart believing that he will be able to change his future by being able to feel what others take for granted.

TAGS: Coming of age; Literature; Fiction

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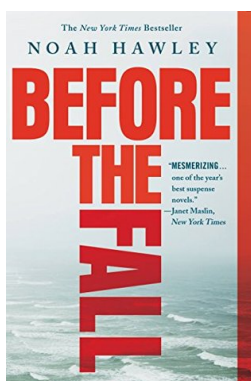
My To Be Read List

A healthy To Be Read list will assist you in never being left looking for the next book to read. You are encouraged to not only include the title and author, but also why you have chosen the title.

Book Title	Author	why

Staff Member Recommendations

Various members of the staff at HHSS have selected one or two books that they have either read already or are looking forward to reading over the summer.



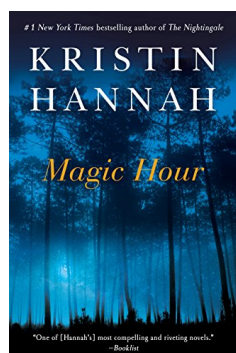
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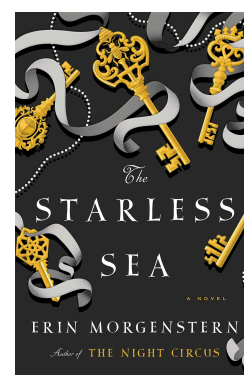
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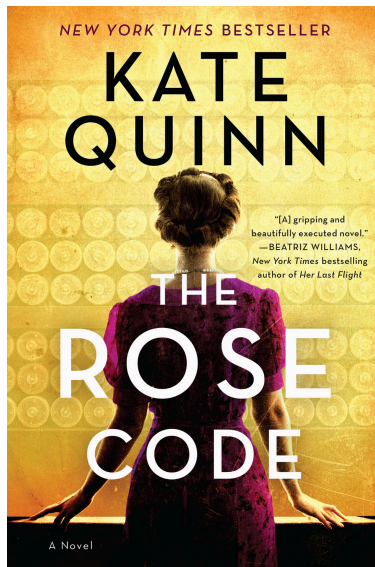
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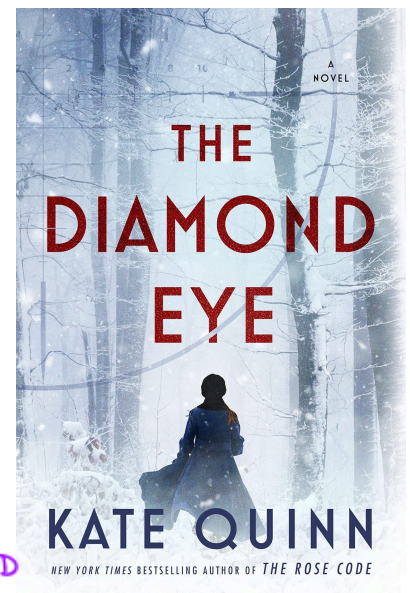
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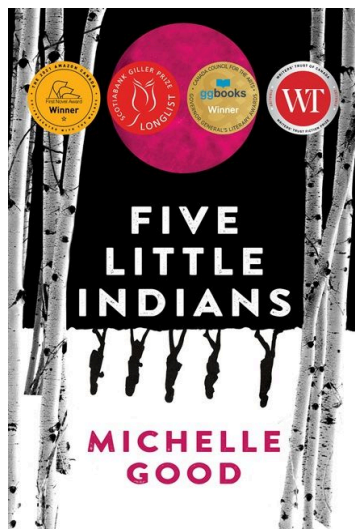
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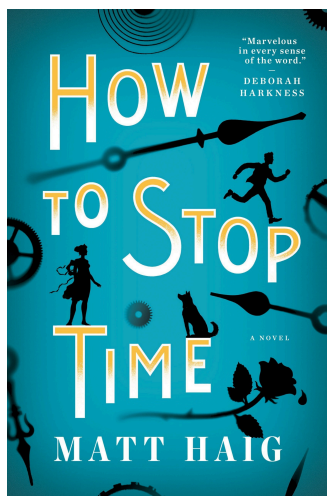


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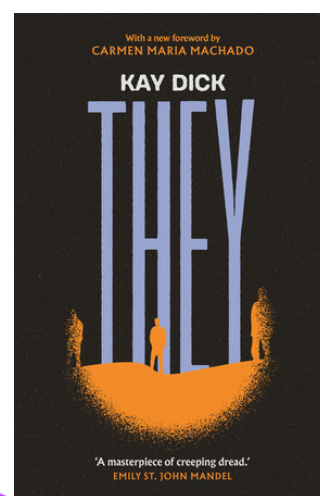
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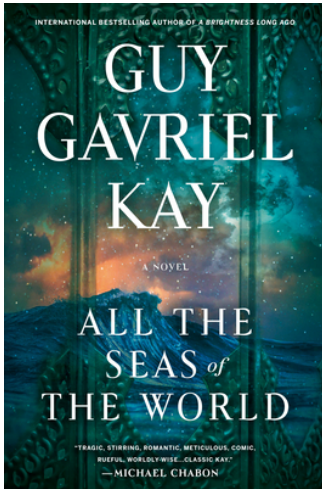
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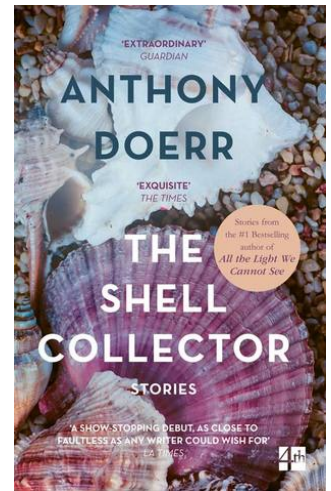
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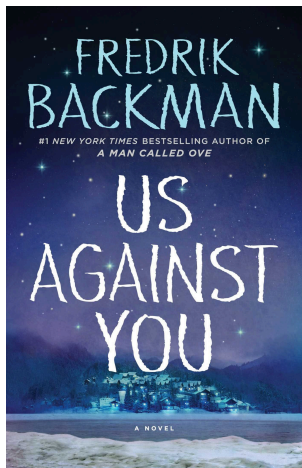
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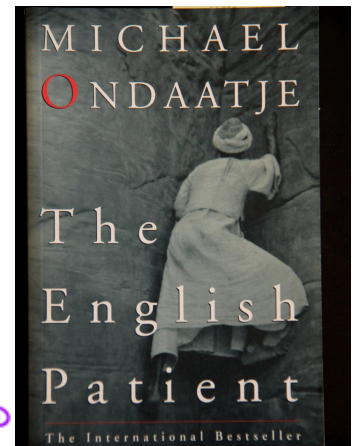
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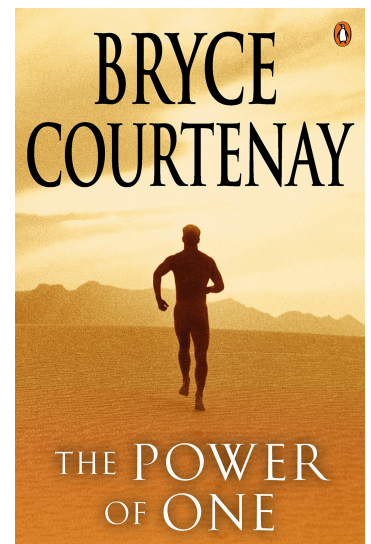
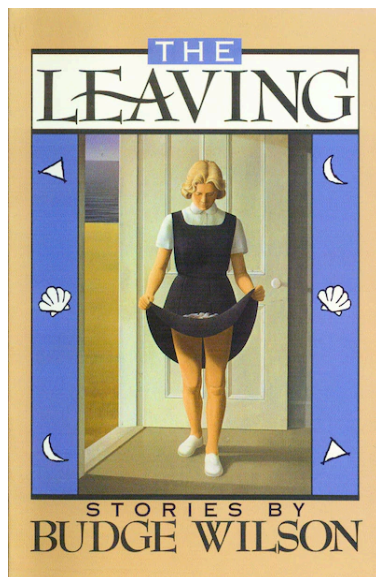
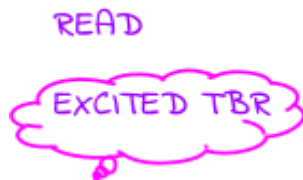
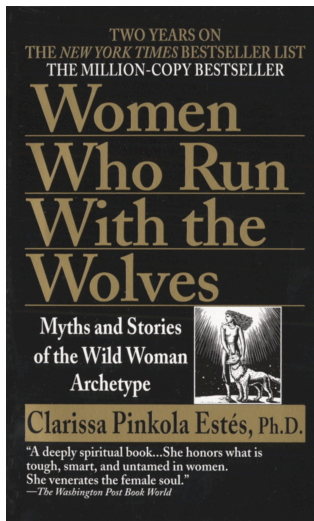


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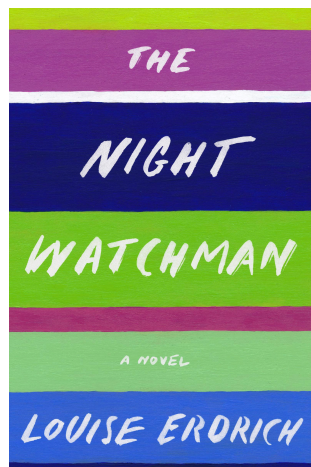
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Literary Festivals to Look For

As we continue finding what works for us as more changes are made after two plus years of minimal in person activities, there are more literary festivals that are moving back to in person events. Check out the list below with the possibility that you could attend one (or multiple) of these events in the upcoming year.

Eden Mills Writers Festival

This wonderful festival is taking place in Eden Mills (just outside of Guelph) on Sunday, September 11, 2022. The format is very informal and multiple authors will be providing insight into their writing process, reading from their most recent publication and so much more.

GritLit

GritLit is a four day event held in downtown Hamilton. Participants can attend writing master classes, author readings and so much more. Keep an eye on their website for 2023 dates!!

Toronto International Festival of Authors

This three day event is held in the Harbourfront area of Toronto - usually early June. Many author events take place with the opportunity to obtain an autographed copy of the author's most recent work.

Toronto Comic Arts Festival

Another three day event which takes place mid June focuses on manga and comics. The event has been held at the Toronto Reference Library in previous years and offers a plethora of vendors if you are looking to expand your personal library.

Alice Munro Festival

With this festival we find ourselves in the land of Alice Munro. Held in Wingham, Ontario we find ourselves immersed in the short story genre (a genre that Munro is known for). Readings and master classes are part of this multi day event.

HHSS Husky Series 2022-2023 Selections

The HHSS Husky Series book club will be back at reading some wonderful works during the 2022-2023 school year. The selections can be found below.

Month	Main Selection	Flight Pairing
September	What If It's Us (Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera)	They Both Die At the End (Adam Silvera)
October	This Mournable Body (Tsitsi Dangarembga)	The New Wilderness (Diane Cook)
November	Milkman (Anna Burns)	Normal People (Sally Rooney)
December	When the Stars Go Dark (Paula McLain)	The Book of Cold Cases (Simone St James)
January	The Night Watchman (Louise Erdrich)	The Stationery Shop (Marjan Kamali)
February	The Forbidden Wish (Jessica Khoury)	Flame in the Mist (Renee Ahdieh)
March	The Girl At the Edge of Sky (Lilian Hatfield)	The Brideship Wife (Leslie Howard)
April	Every Heart a Doorway (Seanann McGuire)	The House in the Cerulean Sea (T J Klune)
May	Five Wives (Joan Thomas)	The Innocents (Michael Crummey)
June	Fire Song (Adam Garnet Jones)	Jonny Appleseed (Joshua Whitehead)

Useful Links For You

There are a number of useful links for the library at Huron Heights Secondary School. These can be useful for doing research, finding that next fantastic read and so much more!!



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