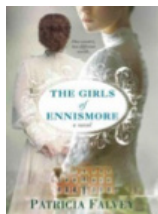


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ALL REVIEWS SUBMITTED BY PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2017 SUMMER READING CLUB



THE GIRLS OF ENNISMORE

Author: Patricia Falvey

Interesting portrayal of the rigid class system that existed in England before the war. A friendship started between the two young girls who came from an estate – one a servant and one the owner’s daughter – and how life intervened to separate them but eventually caused them to come together again.

Reviewed by Patricia F.

Rating: 10 if you are a Downton Abbey fan



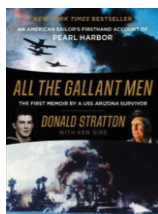
THE NIGHTINGALE

Author: Kristin Hannah

The best historical fiction. The story of two sisters in France on the eve of WWII and their struggle to survive and resist the German Occupation of France.

Reviewed by Patron

Rating: 10++



ALL THE GALLANT MEN

Author: Donald Stratton

Very good. Donald’s account of WWII while he was on the ship of the Arizona during Pearl Harbor’s bombing.

Reviewed by Patron

Rating: 10



ALL BY MYSELF ALONE

Author: Mary Higgins Clark

Thriller takes place on a cruise ship with a killer among the passengers.

Reviewed by Patron

Rating: 7



SINS OF THE MOTHER

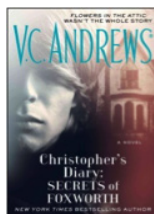
Author: Danielle Steel

A successful and strong business woman misses out of most of her children’s lives. This is a choice some of the children cannot understand. However, irony brings them to

make the same choice.

Reviewed by Patron

Rating: 7



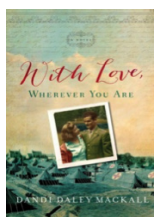
CHRISTOPHER'S DIARY – SECRETS OF FOXWORTH

Author: V.C. Andrews

Christopher tells the secrets of flowers in the attic at Foxworth Hall.

Reviewed by Patron

Rating: 5



WITH LOVE, WHEREVER YOU ARE

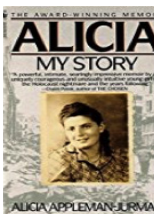
Author: Dandi Daley Mackall

If you would like to know how a couple met, fell in love, and dealt with the separation of a wartime marriage during the last World

War, this book brings that era to life in a very intimate way. Based on actual love letters saved by her family.

Reviewed by Elaine G.

Rating: 10



ALICIA, MY STORY

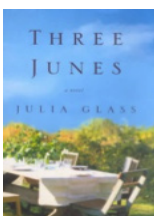
Author: Alicia Appelman-Jurmante

This is a memoir of a very courageous young woman and how she survived the invasion of Poland by the Nazis and then the Russians. She lost her family, her home, and friends

and yet, at the age of 11, found the strength to overcome all these atrocities of war.

Reviewed by Mary D.

Rating: 9



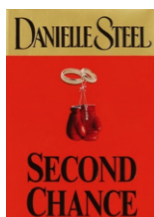
THREE JUNES

Author: Julia Glass

The life of a Scottish family over a decade as they deal with the many twists and turns of life, love, and family ties.

Reviewed by Patron

Rating: 8



SECOND CHANCE

Author: Danielle Steel

A love story with life’s challenges and personal struggles. Hence, the question to the reader, “What would be your choice of a second chance given these circumstances?”

Reviewed by Patron

Rating: 6



WHAT WAS MINE

Author: Helen Klein Ross

Lucy Wakefield is so desperate to have a baby she kidnaps one from a shopping cart at her local shopping mall and raises it as her own. Twenty-one years later,

her secret is revealed. Read to discover the effect this discovery has on the kidnapper, the person kidnapped, family, friends, and neighbors. Powerful book. Surprise ending. Well written.

Reviewed by Lillian P. **Rating: 10**



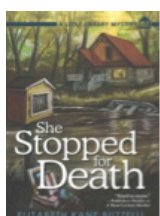
DOING TIME LIKE A SPY

Author: John Kiriakou

John Kiriakou spent a total of fifteen years working for the CIA. He resigned the CIA in 2004. He found himself the target of a federal investigation. He revealed the

fact that the CIA was torturing its prisoners. At the end of the ordeal, he was sentenced to 30 months in prison. The book continues as part prison memoir (he exposed waste, fraud, abuse in our prison system) and part CIA trade craft instruction manual. Read this book to learn more about how our government operates. Outstanding book.

Reviewed by Lillian P. **Rating: 10**



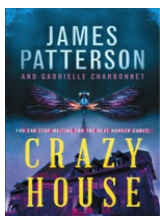
SHE STOPPED FOR DEATH

Author: Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli

An engaging mystery whose terrible secrets in a little town, filled with swamps, fires, death, and loss of many precious things. With literary reference everywhere

and its quirky characters, this books deserves to be read and re-read. Jenny and Zoe solve an old mystery and one saves the other. They're great friends, and they're the glue of the story.

Reviewed by Alexandra A. **Rating: 8**



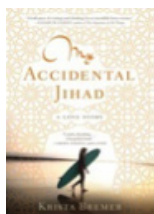
CRAZY HOUSE

Author: James Patterson

Becca, a 17-year old girl, is put into a maximum security prison and put on death row with other kids. All the children were snatched from their homes. Becca's

twin goes looking for her.

Reviewed by Patron **Rating: 8**



MY ACCIDENTAL JIHAD

Author: Krista Bremer

Explores what it means to open one's mind to another culture. Challenging notions of femininity, freedom, and what it means to be family. Intellectually and

emotionally challenging. Profoundly moving.

Reviewed by Lillian P. **Rating: 10**

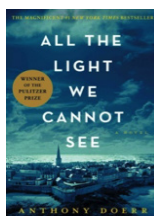


KISS CARLO

Author: Adriana Trigiani

This is Adriana Trigiani at her best. She uses memories of her Italian family traditions to create engaging, funny, and touching sagas around the triumphs and tragedies of one particular family. She makes us love her characters and care what happens to them.

Reviewed by Elaine G. **Rating: 10**



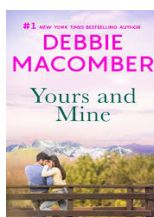
ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE

Author: Anthony Doerr

A blind girl during WWII overcomes many obstacles with the help of her locksmith dad. The story tells of this girl

and a young German soldier before they meet and what occurs in their lives and decisions they make.

Reviewed by Patron **Rating: 9**

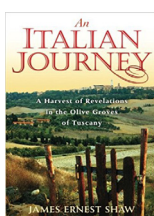


YOURS AND MINE

Author: Debbie Macomber

This book is a fast read about how preteen best friends arrange for their single parents to meet and eventually fall in love. Perfect summer read.

Reviewed by Mary D. **Rating: 8**



AN ITALIAN JOURNEY

Author: James Ernest Shaw

A fascinating story of a man from Nebraska who at a very young age fell in love with Italian food and culture.

When he was in his sixties, he traveled to Tuscany. While in Tuscany, he rode his bike and sought out work on grape and olive farms. Mr. Shaw is a great storyteller and his description of beautiful Italy and the Italian farmers are worth the read.

Reviewed by Mary D. **Rating: 8**