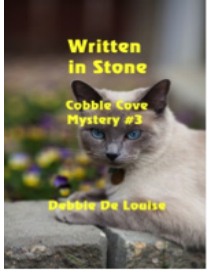




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### May 2017 Staff Picks



#### WRITTEN IN STONE

Author: Debbie De Louise

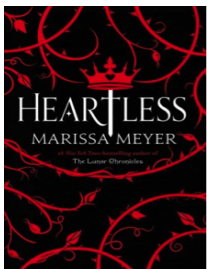
Genre: Cozy Mystery

Librarian Debbie De Louise has published a third book in her Cobble Cove Mystery series following *A Stone's Throw* and *Between a Rock and a Hard*

*Place*. After a library book signing, an unpleasant woman is found dead in the stacks, but there are indications that the killing was meant for Alicia. At the same time, a beautiful but mysterious old girlfriend of John's turns up in town; and Sneaky, the library cat, goes missing. Gilly, Alicia's friend who now runs the Cobble Inn, teams up with her to solve these mysteries despite warnings from the sheriff. Will they find the answers before they fall into danger? The book is located in New Fic De Louise.

Reviewed by Roseann A.

Rating: 10 out of 10



#### HEARTLESS

Author: Marissa Meyer

Genre: YA Fantasy

How did the Queen of Hearts from Lewis Carroll's *Alice Adventures in Wonderland* get to be so cruel, always shouting "off with their heads?"

Once upon a time, she was Lady Catherine Pendleton, a lovely and much loved young woman in Hearts, living with her parents, the Marquess and Marchioness of Rock Turtle Cove. Catherine bakes the most delectable treats in Hearts and wants to open her own bakeshop. But noble women are not allowed to run businesses, and the King of Hearts wishes to marry her, much to her parents' joy. Instead, Catherine falls in love with Jest, the king's joker, and dreams of using her dowry money to purchase a bakeshop. An absorbing origin story of the Queen of Hearts. This novel is a nominee for the 2017 Teens' Top Ten List. We have it in YA MCN Meyer and YA Fic Meyer.

Reviewed by Judith M.

Rating: 9 out of 10



#### A MAN CALLED OVE

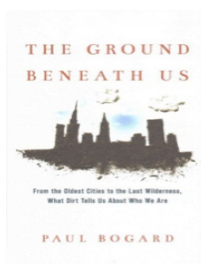
Author: Fredrik Backman

Genre: Popular Fiction

Ove is an unrelenting, Andy Rooney-type curmudgeon who just wants to be left alone. He doesn't like the new world where people have no values and

can't fix things themselves. He patrols his neighborhood, cleans up, and shouts at offenders. This life is not what he bargained for. The story is best enjoyed reading a few short chapters at a time as it goes back and forth in time as he remembers things. If you're old enough, you'll recognize yourself in him, and you'll be smiling. It's a good summer read. We have the movie, too, in foreign films. The book is shelved in Fic Backman and LT Fic Backman. Reviewed by Grace D.

Rating: 9 out of 10



#### THE GROUND BENEATH US

Author: Paul Bogard

Genre: Nonfiction

Paul Bogard is a dirt hugger. He is like a tree hugger who sticks up for the environment of soil (dirt). Paul is a teacher of creative nonfiction at James Madison

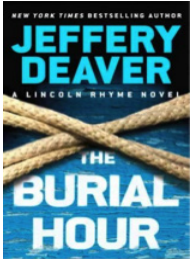
University and brings the art of writing, storytelling and clear thinking to a subject we all think we know. Well, guess again. He goes into everything about buried soil under the great cities and discusses the loss of land to concrete and asphalt (aka urban sprawl). Paul interviews farmers, geologists, ecologists, cartographers and many others to help us understand how we need to value the land we are so dependent upon for food and that animals need to thrive. I recommend this book for young people that like to read about earth science, to adults who like to hike in nature and decision makers that are concerned about sprawling suburbs. This title is on order and will be on the shelf at 631.4 B.

Reviewed by Ed E.

Rating: 10 out of 10



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## BURIAL HOUR

Author: Jeffrey Deaver

Genre: Thriller

This is about a serial killer who started attempting to murder a person in New York City and then fled to Italy. Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs go to Italy to capture him. The book has lots of twists and turns. This installment of the Lincoln Rhyme series was a good, quick read. We have the book in New Fic Deaver, LT Fic Deaver, and CD/BK Fic Deaver.

Reviewed by Suzanne W.

Rating: 9 out of 10



## THE KEEPER OF LOST THINGS

Author: Ruth Hogan

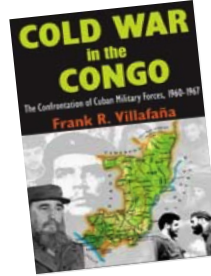
Genre: Fiction

What a wonderful book! I found it charming and touching, became caught up in the mystery, and enjoyed meeting the quirky characters. I absolutely loved the mini stories and the two storylines that converged. I was surprised to learn that this is the author's first novel. If you've ever lost anything dear to you and searched without finding it, this book will appeal to you. The theme goes beyond belongings to the loved ones we all "lose" eventually.

Anthony Peardew, an author who lost his fiancée tragically, leaves his home and a collection of "found" items to Laura, a young woman with her own sad past. The only proviso to her inheritance is to locate the owners of the missing items and reunite them. She also needs to find Anthony's own special treasure which is the reason he began collecting lost items. We have this book in New Fic Hogan and LT Fic Hogan.

Reviewed by Debbie D.

Rating: 10 out of 10



## CUBA IN AFRICA

Genre: History

While the media used to drone on endlessly about the glories of Communist Cuba (Socialized medicine

etc). What was oddly under reported, if even mentioned at all, is that island dictatorship's habit of invading African countries at the behest of its master Communist Russia.

In *Cold War in the Congo: The Confrontation of Cuban Military Forces 1960-1967* by Frank Villafana (967. 51 V) tells of Fidel Castro's decision to send an expeditionary force (under the command of the murderous but incompetent Che Guevara) to the Congo in the 1960s. A move that the CIA with atypical intelligence nimbly checkmated by sending Cuban exiles from Miami to fight their Commie countrymen.

Meanwhile in the late 1970s, Castro was at it again sending soldiers to Angola. In *Battle for Cassinga: South Africa's Controversial Cross-Border Raid, Angola 1978*, (967. 35 M) author Mike McWilliams tells, in wonderful detail, of the paratrooper assault that gave a red nose to Red Forces in Africa.

Both books are excellent and musts for Cold War, African and South American history buffs. These books are in the New section.

Reviewed by James J.

Rating: 10 out of 10 Highly recommended.



## MAY IS MYSTERY MONTH

Check out the books on our mystery display!

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