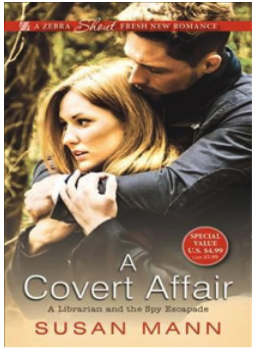




# HICKSVILLE

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

### January 2018 Staff Picks



#### ***A COVERT AFFAIR: A LIBRARIAN AND THE SPY ESCAPE***

**Author:** Susan Mann

**Genre:** Romantic Suspense Series

The second in the Librarian and the Spy Escapade series is even better than the first. Lots of character development, action, and a surprise

ending. When Quinn and James travel to India on a mission to recover a stolen library, they encounter danger and many clues that lead them off the trail but ultimately to the answers, like a good reference query but a bit more physically challenging. As a librarian, I really love the idea of this series and am looking forward to many more of Quinn and James' adventures. We have the book in [Rack] Fic Mann.

*Reviewed by Debbie D.*

**Rating:** 10 out of 10



#### ***STALKING JACK THE RIPPER***

**Author:** Kerri Maniscalco

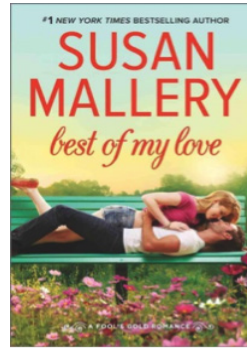
**Genre:** YA Historical Mystery

Audrey Rose Wadsworth, seventeen years old, lives in 1880's London with her father, Lord Wadsworth and her brother, Nathaniel. Audrey has a keen scientific mind and sneaks

out of her house to work as an apprentice to her uncle, Jonathan Wadsworth, a forensic scientist. Her father wants her to become a proper young lady, interested in social teas, fashion, and finding a suitable husband. Her uncle is involved in studying the bodies of Jack the Ripper's victims for Scotland Yard. When her uncle is arrested on suspicion of being Jack the Ripper, Audrey and Thomas Cresswell, the other apprentice, try to find the real killer to save her uncle from the gallows. An engrossing, exciting mystery. We have it in YA Fic Maniscalco.

*Reviewed by Judith M.*

**Rating:** 9 out of 10



#### ***BEST OF MY LOVE***

**Author:** Susan Mallery

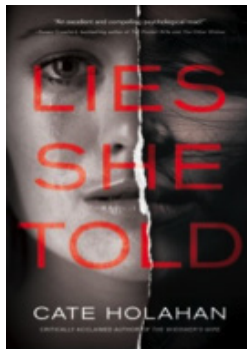
**Genre:** Romance

Both Shelby Gilmore and Aidan Mitchell have things in their lives that they would like to change. Shelby had a very traumatic childhood that left her fearful of any relationships, while Aidan has left a trail of new relationships behind. Both need to make some changes if they want to have a happily ever after future.

When Shelby and Aidan decide to be just friends to work on each of their relationship problems, no one is able to believe that these two could be just friends and not dating. Can having just a girlfriend work for Aidan and having just a boyfriend work for Shelby? Try this book, and I'm sure you will be delighted to find out all the possibilities this story opens up. We have the book in Fic Mallery.

*Reviewed by J.W.*

**Rating:** 9 out of 10



#### ***LIES SHE TOLD***

**Author:** Cate Holahan

**Genre:** Psychological Thriller

This psychological thriller features a novelist, Liza Cole, whose current work-in-progress begins to bear a striking similarity to her current life's situation. Her husband, a lawyer, is suspected of murdering his partner.

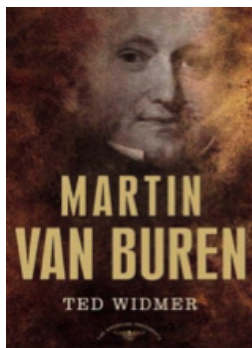
They have been unsuccessfully trying to start a family, and she is taking hormone drugs that seem to be affecting her memory. As each chapter progresses, the reader is caught between Liza's story and that of her characters. The conclusion includes a well-timed twist that proves reality can be stranger than fiction. This book is located at New Fic Holahan.

*Reviewed by Debbie D.*

**Rating:** 9 out of 10



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## MARTIN VAN BUREN

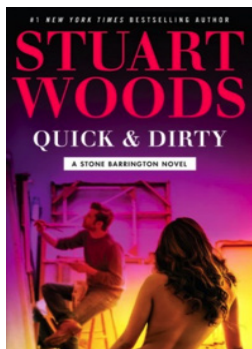
**Author:** Ted Wildmer

**Genre:** Biography

The town of Kinderhook, New York, is about a 150 mile drive from Hicksville through some of the most beautiful areas in our state. Located near Kinderhook is the last home of President Martin Van Buren and it is maintained by the National Park Service. So, why is this home an American treasure? And why make a fuss over one term president who is relatively obscure? The book by Ted Widmer will help you understand the character and accomplishments of Van Buren. For example, you can learn how he is credited as the founder of the Democratic Party, his term was rocked by the financial Panic of 1837 and the nation was divided over the issue of slavery. The best part was how and why this person who rose from a humble background to become the Governor of New York and the 8th President of the United States. The Van Buren house and farm is appreciated by taking a tour by a park ranger (details online [www.nps.gov/mava/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mava/index.htm)). I recommend this book for readers of history and politics. It is located in our collection at B Van Buren W.

*Reviewed by Ed E.*

**Rating:** 8 out of 10



## QUICK & DIRTY: A STONE BARRINGTON NOVEL

**Author:** Stuart Woods

**Genre:** Popular Fiction

This is about a Van Gogh painting. Is it not a forgery? Lots of people want it and can't find the original. The insurance company wants it and will pay a hefty amount of money to Stone Barrington to find it within a short period of time since it must be before they have to pay out. It was very exciting. I loved it. We have the book in New Fic Woods, New LT Fic Woods, CD/BK Fic Woods.

*Reviewed by Suzanne W.*

**Rating:** 10 out of 10



## NOT JUST EVIL: MURDER, HOLLYWOOD, AND CALIFORNIA'S FIRST INSANITY PLEA

**Author:** David Wilson

**Genre:** True Crime

With the daily revelations that modern Hollywood, the Artistic community and the news media is a bubbling cesspool filled to overflow with degenerates and moral imbeciles, it is well to look back to the Los Angeles of 1927 where a man named William Hickman kidnaped and murdered a twelve year old girl, delivering her corpse to her horrified father.

Captured, Hickman's lawyers, realizing that he was hopelessly guilty, opted for an insanity plea blaming his behavior on Hollywood movies. Then going through a series of bad scandals...drugs, rape, unsolved murders.... the usual..., the film community, terrified that its "artistic freedom" aka profits, might be threatened scrambled to control the damage.

They failed resulting in the creation of the Production code which ironically brought about the Golden Age of American film.

A fascinating if unpleasant bit of crime history that should engage the attention of buffs of the genre. New section. 364.1523. W.

*Reviewed by James J.*

**Rating:** 9 out of 10

### HAVE YOU READ THESE TOP BOOKS OF 2017 AS LISTED IN THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF BOOKPAGE?

- Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng  
(New Fic Ng; LT Fic Ng; CD/BK Fic Ng)
- Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders  
(New Fic Saunders; LT Fic Saunders; CD/BK Saunders)
- The Idiot* by Elif Bautman  
(New Fic Bautman; LT Fic Bautman)
- Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid  
(New Fic Hamid; LT Fic Hamid)
- Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee  
(New Fic Lee; LT Fic Lee; CD/BK Fic Lee)