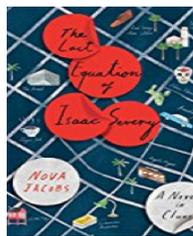


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THE LAST EQUATION OF ISAAC SEVERY

Author: Nova Jacobs

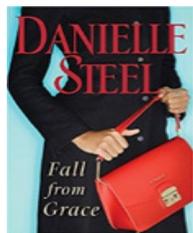
Genre: *Mystery*

Intriguing tale of a family of mathematicians headed by patriarch Isaac Severy.

When Severy is found dead, an apparent suicide, he leaves behind a letter for his adopted granddaughter Hazel, a bookstore owner leading an unexciting life. The letter contains a clue to the whereabouts of his last equation, a formula that can predict the time and locations of murders and suicides. As Hazel searches for this work, she uncovers the hidden secrets and agendas of the Severy clan and is introduced to a family member she's never met. I loved how each character was depicted and the twists and turns in the storyline. This book certainly "adds" up to a good read. We own it in New Fic Jacobs.

Reviewed by *Debbie D.*

Rating: 10 out of 10



FALL FROM GRACE

Author: Danielle Steel

Genre: *Romance*

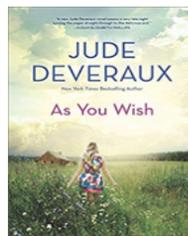
Fall from Grace is the opposite story of Cinderella. Sydney Wells, the good stepmother, finds herself homeless after

her two evil stepdaughters make her leave her home of 16 years after her husband is killed in a motorcycle accident.

When Sydney married her husband, she left her life as a fashion designer to be wife and stepmom to his two daughters. She now has to find a new home and try to find a job that would support her again. What happens to Sydney while trying to start her new life would have crushed another person. I loved how she kept trying to make a new life while taking one blow after another. She was a very courageous person. This was a nice story with a good ending. We have it in New Fic Steel; LT Fic Steel; and CD/BK Fic Steel.

Reviewed by *JW*

Rating: 9 out of 10



AS YOU WISH

Author: Jude Deveraux

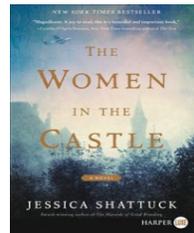
Genre: *Popular Fiction*

Olivia, Kathy, & Elise find themselves all in the summerhouse together. They soon discover that they each have very different lives, but they all have one thing in common. They have regrets and wish that their lives would have been very different.

If you could make one change in your life by going back in time, would you know what to change? Kathy, Olivia, and Elise have to make up their minds and take a chance on changing the course of their lives. Can your every wish come true with just one little change in your past? I hope you give this great story a chance. Wishes do come true in this book. It's at the library in New Fic Deveraux.

Reviewed by *JW*

Rating: 10 out of 10



THE WOMEN IN THE CASTLE

Author: Jessica Shattuck

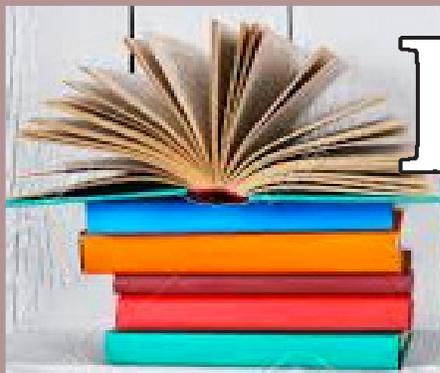
Genre: *Historical Fiction*

This novel takes place in Germany just after the end of World War II. Marianne von Lingenfels is the widow of a resistor

killed during the plot to assassinate Hitler in July 1944. She promised her husband that she would look after the other conspirators' wives should the plot fail. Marianne travels throughout Germany to locate two of the widows and their children and bring them back to her husband's ancestral home where they can recover from the physical and emotional suffering they have endured during the war. Here they will try to heal and learn to trust and love again, but not without conflict and tragedy. The novel flashes back to the years before and during the war when we learn what each woman endured. The author brings the complex and sympathetic characters to life as they adjust to the physical and social climate of post-war Germany in this thought-provoking novel. The book can be found in Fic Shattuck and CD/Bk Fic Shattuck.

Reviewed by *Christine R.*

Rating: 8 out of 10



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ONCE AND FOR ALL

Author: Sarah Dessen

Genre: Young Adult Romance

Louna Barrett, a graduating senior, lives with her single mother, who was abandoned by her husband when Louna was three. Natalie Barrett is a wedding planner with her business partner William, and Louna works with them on weddings. Both Natalie and William are cynical about love and marriage, making guesses as to how long the marriages will last as the happy couples leave. Louna then does not expect a happily-ever-after romance, especially as her one perfect relationship ended tragically. Then along comes Ambrose, whose mother Eve is having her third wedding and whose sister Beatrice is planning a wedding in a few months. Ambrose is good looking, annoying, clumsy, and girl crazy. Eve and Beatrice persuade Natalie Barrett to hire Ambrose as an assistant, mostly to keep him from annoying his soon-to-be-married sister. So Louna and Ambrose are working together. He is annoying, but somehow Louna feels attracted to him. Could she ever have a serious romance again? A sweet, funny read. This novel has been nominated for the 2018 Teens' Top Ten List. We have it in YA Fic Dessen.

Reviewed by Judith M.

Rating: 8 out of 10



RED SPARROW

Author: Jason Matthews

Genre: Spy Thriller

Great summer read if you enjoy high-level espionage, double agents, sex, betrayal, and fast-paced danger. New author who spent 33 years as a CIA Kremlin intelligence officer writes three novels with intimate spycraft knowledge of twenty-first-century spies that will make your blood chill. You will cheer the gutsy Russian female spy and the CIA shadow officers and agents putting it all on the line. You definitely will have a higher appreciation and wonder about the lives of those behind those stars on the CIA wall who died in the shadows, for our country. Really enjoyed it, and learned a lot. Both read it and listed to CD's. Will read the next book. We have the book in Fic Matthews. Red Sparrow is also on order as a book on CD at Hicksville.

Reviewed by Grace D.

Rating: 10 out of 10



May is Mystery Month

Here are a few new mysteries you can find on the library's new bookshelf or reserve at Reference.

Plum Tea Crazy by Laura Childs – MD Fic Childs

A Tale of Two Kitties: A Magical Cats Mystery by Sofie Kelly – MD Fic Kelly

Whispers of Bones: A Jane Lawless Mystery by Ellen Hart – MD Fic Hart

A Gruesome Discovery: A Reverend Mother Mystery by Cora Harrison – MD Harrison

Twenty-One Days by Anne Perry – MD Fic Perry

High White Sun by Todd Scott – MD Fic Scott

The Temptation of Forgiveness: A Commissario Guido Brunetti Mystery by Donna Leon – MD Fic Leon

Plain Confession: An Amish Mystery by Emma Miller – MD Fic Miller

A Tale of Two Kitties: A Magical Cats Mystery by Sofie Kelly – MD Fic Kelly

