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CORALVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Each year in our reading programs we ask you about the books you've read and what you liked. Here are some of those books from the past year!

FICTION

THE MARLOW MURDER CLUB

Robert Thorogood

Three quirky women from Marlow, led by an elderly puzzle expert named Judith, join forces to figure out why men with no apparent connection to each other have been killed. Their adventurous spirit has them chasing clues all through the village in this cozy mystery. A really fun book with great characters. (MYS T516, Ebook, Eaudio)

HELLO BEAUTIFUL

Ann Napolitano

This was a really good book. I enjoyed the whole thing and there were no slow parts. (F N216, Large Print, Ebook, Eaudio)

MARY JANE – Jessica Anya Blau

This book charmed me in such a delightful way. I felt as if the author had a window into the person I was at fourteen years old. The description of thoughts Mary Jane was processing at that time were spot on, hysterical, and heartwarming. This book will make you

love each character for who they are, and you will find yourself smiling as you imagine life in this 1970s Baltimore neighborhood with an eclectic cast of characters. (F B645, Eaudio)

SECRETS OF GRADY – J. L. Hyde

J. L. Hyde is an author from my hometown. She writes catchy mystery books that cannot be put down. This was a one day read. I highly recommend all of her books! (MYS H994)

THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY

Oscar Wilde

I wasn't sure if I would like this book. I am not used to reading such old books since I usually find them boring and the language difficult to read. I really liked this book! (F W672, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IS IN THE LIBRARY

Michiko Aoyama

I loved this book because I love libraries, and not just for checking out books. Aoyama uses vignettes of interwoven stories to show how libraries impact lives.

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Participate online with Beanstack, or complete & return a paper log by July 31st!

Heartfelt stories. One of my favorites! (F A638, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE BEE STING – Paul Murray

This book was heartbreaking, funny, and amazing. It is a must read. (F M983, Ebook)

ROMANTIC COMEDY

Curtis Sittenfeld

I've enjoyed several of Sittenfeld's books, but this was my favorite! I loved the behind-the-scenes story of a Saturday Night Live-esque production. The character development was excellent, as was the dialogue. By the end, the characters felt like my best friends. Reads very quickly! (F S623, Large Print, Ebook, Eaudio)

PENELOPE IN RETROGRADE

Brooke Abrams

Great book about family drama. It was funny and I couldn't put it down! (F A161)

THE THINGS THEY CARRIED

Tim O'Brien

The Vietnam war is the theme of the book, but it could be any war. The emotional roller coaster from one second to the next left me encased in another world needing to pause to breathe before I visited it again. Harrowing, brilliant

writing. 5 out of 5. (F O13, CD, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE LOVE HYPOTHESIS

Ali Hazelwood

I completely devoured this book and it made me happy just to read it. The characters felt real—the sentiments of the main female character hit home for me probably because I feel that way so often. I absolutely loved the chemistry between the leads and when their penultimate scene finally happened (this one takes awhile, friends, so if you don't like to wait you may not like it), which felt incredibly real. I'm excited to read more of her books! (F H429, Ebook, Eaudio)

ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS

COMPLETELY FINE

Gail Honeyman

I picked out this book from the last reading challenge and finally got around to reading it. It certainly did not disappoint! Leaves you questioning what happened and when I finally found out I did not see it coming. Hints of funny with some very serious parts. A great read! (F H772, CD, Ebook, Eaudio)

CITY OF LAUGHTER

Temim Fruchter

An ambitious debut novel with layers of Jewish folklore, history, family secrets,

mother/daughter relationships, and queerness. The protagonist, searching for answers that her mother can't seem to answer in the wake of her father's death, enrolls in a program to visit Warsaw and try to unearth the answer to...something. (F F944)

THE DEAD ROMANTICS

Ashley Poston

I absolutely loved this book! It was pretty easy to see one of the twists but no less satisfying. I enjoyed that there wasn't a ton of over-the-top sexual scenes with more focus put on the character and relationship development. (F P858, Ebook, Eaudio)

BRITT-MARIE WAS HERE

Fredrik Backman

I loved this book and the characters. It had me laughing out loud. I also appreciated the way Backman crafts and ultimately ends the story, demonstrating how "gray" relationships and life can be, as well as the power to choose one's future. (F B126, CD, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE BRIDGES OF MADISON

COUNTY – Robert James Waller

I remembered hearing about this book a long time ago...I think it was on a "Books to Read Before You Die" list. I saw it as I was perusing a shelf and decided to check it out. It's short, but packs a lot of

romance and emotion. I love that it's a true story, and that it has Iowa ties! (F W198, Ebook, Eaudio)

YOU, WITH A VIEW – Jessica Joyce

This was a random book I put on hold and I am so glad I did! It was wonderful to get to know Paul, Noelle, and Theo through their travels and see how some loves aren't meant to be but others are. (F J89, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE OVERNIGHT GUEST

Heather Gudenkauf

This was so detailed. Eerie, suspenseful, gruesome, and hard to set down! (F G922, Ebook, Eaudio)

ONE ITALIAN SUMMER

Rebecca Serle

This was my first Rebecca Serle book and it will not be my last! I felt transported by this book and loved the characters. Cool concept, too. (F S485, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE LIGHTHOUSE WITCHES

C. J. Cooke

Wow, this book was not what I expected! It was super scary, and really exciting. It took so many unexpected turns. I could not put it down! (F J58)

AMERICAN ASSASSIN – Vince Flynn

This book is right in my wheelhouse as far

as what I enjoy to read when I just want something entertaining along with a well thought out storyline. (F F648, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE COLD DISH – Craig Johnson

Craig Johnson is a top-notch author. His books are well crafted: character development, intricate plot, beautiful prose, and humor. Wyoming sheriff Walt Longmire is searching for a killer of two men whose sentences were suspended after raping a young woman. The state of Wyoming plays an important role. (MYS J66, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

FIELD OF PREY – John Sandford

This is a top pick of the incredible Prey series author. Several bodies are found in a farm field, leading Lucas Davenport to investigate the murders of a serial killer. Sandford at his best! (MYS S217, Large Print, CD, Ebook)

CHENNEVILLE – Paulette Jiles

Beautifully written book about a soldier after the Civil War. When he learns that his sister, brother-in-law, and their child have been murdered, he sets out to find the murderer. John Chenneville is set on revenge. (F J61, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE LORD OF THE RINGS (trilogy)

J. R. R. Tolkien

Every few years I reread *The Lord of the*

Rings trilogy, which are among the greatest books of the 20th century bar none. A great read for adults and teens! (F T649, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, YA T649, YA Playaway)

CLYTEMNESTRA – Costanza Casati

A well-paced book that made me want to keep reading. I am so happy I got back into reading because I got to read about a woman who takes charge and allows herself to feel pain. (F C336, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE SONG OF ACHILLES

Madeline Miller

Amazing book; loved how Miller describes emotions and feelings. I sobbed after reading, so that was fun. (F M649, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE WOMEN – Kristen Hannah

I “came of age” during the Vietnam War. This book took me back to that time period—from the expectations of womanly behavior, to the protests, to the music. I loved this book! (F H243, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

VIRGIN RIVER – Robyn Carr

I really liked this book and was happy to learn it was part of a series. I’m picking up the next book today! (F C312, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE NIGHT WATCHMAN

Louise Erdrich

Incredible story of members of the Chippewa tribe living on a North Dakota reservation during the 1950s and of the resilience they show in their daily lives and as they challenge a U.S. bill that would terminate their tribe. (F E66, Large Print, CD, Ebook, Eaudio)

REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES

Shelby Van Pelt

Beautiful book about friendships! (F V273, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

THE SEVEN HUSBANDS OF EVELYN

HUGO – Taylor Jenkins Reid

I resisted reading this book because the title seemed silly. I am so happy I did read it because I enjoyed it very much. (F R358, Ebook, Eaudio)

WISH YOU WERE HERE

Jodi Picoult

Kind of a sad account of Covid in New York City, where the main character leads two lives during illness. I enjoyed the in-depth insight provided and the emphasis on finding peace and happiness. (F P599, Large Print, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

THE BOOK SPY – Alan Hlad

Excellent historical novel. It kept me

interested and on the edge of my chair with suspense. (F H677, Ebook)

TOM LAKE – Ann Patchett

Having grown up on a dairy farm, my reading caused wonderful reflections. (F P294, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

THE FOUR WINDS – Kristin Hannah

Her description of the dust storms and difficulties of the depression years were vivid. (F H243, Large Print, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

THE WOMAN IN THE LIBRARY

Sulari Gentill

A book in a book, with twist and a mystery. A writer's delight. (MYS G338, Ebook, Eaudio)

HORSE – Geraldine Brooks

Read this for my book club. It had several plot lines going. It was so good in sharing about the horse Lexington and the young man who loved her. (F B873, Large Print, Ebook, Eaudio)

COLD LIGHT OF DAY

Elizabeth Goddard

Book #1 in Missing in Alaska series. Great Wholesome read. I enjoyed the characters and the mystery was difficult to figure out till the last page! (F G578, Large Print, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE HALF MOON

Mary Beth Keane

Malcolm and Jess live in a small town outside NYC, Malcolm is struggling making payments on his beloved bar and may lose it. In the meantime, his wife continues to struggle with infertility and marriage troubles. An interesting cast of characters including Malcolm's mother, who has memory problems but holds a secret key to saving Malcolm's livelihood. (F K24, Ebook, Eaudio)

A FEW OF THE GIRLS

Maeve Binchy

Short stories all about women's lives. (F B612, Large Print, Ebook, Eaudio)

GONE TONIGHT – Sarah Pekkanen

A real page turner! At first, I thought it might be a depressing read with the deterioration mentally of the main character. But... the story turned completely leaving the reader not knowing what was true and what was a lie. Cleverly written, alternating voices between two main characters: Ruth and her daughter Catherine. In the end: what level do we go to trying to protect those we love! A great fun read!! (F P379, Large Print, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE OLD MAN – Thomas Perry

Basis for the TV series. Great read with

many plot twists. (F P465, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE HOUSEMAID

Freida McFadden

The ending was a complete surprise to me. A fun read. (F M478 McFa)

THE HEAVEN & EARTH GROCERY

STORE – James McBride

Takes place in 1972 in Pennsylvania, in a very multicultural neighborhood and of the interactions between the neighbors in a poor area of the city. (F M478 McBr, Large Print, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

THE GIRL FROM SUMMER HILL

Jude Deveraux

This novel, the first in a series set in Summer Hill, Virginia, was compelling and irresistible from the beginning and continued to be so to the very end. The well-written plot pays homage to *Pride and Prejudice* using a charity stage production that involves many characters and had clever and funny twists. There is always someone and/or something to hold one's interest; the characters are well-developed, complex, believable, and engaging. The dialogue is witty and humorous. And, of course, as in *Pride and Prejudice*, there is romance involved. A great read! (F D491, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE RIVER WE REMEMBER

William Kent Krueger

Once again, Mr. Krueger presents a “can’t put down” novel. His characters become so real to you. (F K94, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

HARLEM SHUFFLE

Colson Whitehead

I discovered this on your Black History Month display. He could become my new favorite author. Covers the scene in Harlem from 1959 to 1964. Such a great rhythm to the language. (F W592, Large Print, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

LIGHT YEARS FROM HOME

Mike Chen

A family unravels when a son and his father disappear from a family outing. The father reappears a few days later, but there is no sign of the son. Fifteen years later Jakob reappears. A great story. (F C518, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE BERRY PICKERS

Amanda Peters

I’m not sure I can write a review worthy of this book. The family is rocked by the disappearance of the youngest child while eating her lunch. In Maine, a little girl grows up as an only child of an affluent family, haunted by the dreams of a brother. The book brims with hope, love,

forgiveness, and family. (F P481, Large Print, Ebook, Eaudio)

COME AND GET IT – Kiley Reid

I really liked Kiley Reid’s first novel so I was excited when I saw this on the new book shelf. Reid is once again exploring money, power, and the effect it has on our relationships. Millie is the center of the story and the connecting thread for every other character. Her desire to save enough money for a down payment on a home affect everything in her life with some unforeseen consequences. I liked Reid’s book very much and will continue to read anything she writes. (F R356, Large Print, CD, Ebook, Eaudio)

MIDNIGHT AT THE BRIGHT IDEAS

BOOKSTORE – Matthew Sullivan

I liked how the ending of this book made so much sense. I could see how everything was carefully laid out to get there (though I admit, I didn’t guess correctly). (F S951, CD, Ebook, Eaudiobook)

THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

Jeneva Rose

WOW, was this a page turner! This book was so good, I was really left speechless. This had all the drama, twists and turns, and craziness I could ever need! I had no idea how it was going to end! (F R796, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS

M. L. Stedman

A lighthouse keeper and his wife and the moral dilemma of finding and keeping a baby, and the consequences of when it is finally discovered. (F S812, Ebook, Eaudio)

GO TELL THE BEES THAT I AM

GONE – Diana Gabaldon

I love the Outlander series! The characters are like family! (F G112, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

THE OTHER MRS. – Mary Kubica

So good I passed it along to a friend! So well written! It has several twists. The outcome was a complete surprise and had me rethinking everything about the book. (F K95, CD, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE FOURTH RULE – Jeff Lindsay

Lindsay also wrote the “Dexter” series. This is another entry in the “perfect crime” genre. Lots of fun and is not taken too seriously. (F L748)

FOSTER – Claire Keegan

I read this book because it was in the staff book picks. (Thank you for creating that for WARM and Summer Reading! I love hearing what people are reading!) This book was short, but packed with thoughtfulness. It was heart breaking and

yet hopeful. I enjoyed the setting of Ireland. (F K26, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

THE LOVE OF MY LIFE

Rosie Walsh

This was the first time for me reading this author’s work. Smart, thrilling, psychological, and reads very quickly. Secrets are a big theme in this book and it had me guessing. I will definitely read her debut *Ghosted*. (F W226, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

THE CAT WHO LIVED HIGH

Lilian Jackson Braun

Another “cozy mystery.” I’m hooked on this series! (MYS B825)

WHAT MOVES THE DEAD

T. Kingfisher

Good horror story! (F K54, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

THE DECAGON HOUSE MURDERS

Yukito Ayatsuji

An ode to Agatha Christie’s *And Then There Were None*, with a Japanese sensibility. Engaging story and characters. Architecture helps set the spooky vibe. (MYS A973, Ebook, Eaudio)

STARLING HOUSE – Alix E. Harrow

I’m not a fantasy girl, but I enjoyed this

story with some fantasy thrown in. Opal, the protagonist, is all that I love in a leading lady: drive, stubborn, snarky, and yet emotional and passionate. (F H323, Ebook, Eaudio)

ANXIOUS PEOPLE

Fredrik Backman

Unique characters. Fun & heartwarming ending. Mysterious but fun. (F B126, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

THE IT GIRL – Ruth Ware

Good mystery/thriller that alternates between a murder at Oxford in the past and the surviving college roommates in the future. Who really did it? (F W271, Large Print, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

THE COVENANT OF WATER

Abraham Verghese

A lovely (although quite long) book following three generations of a family in India. The relationship between a young bride and her mother-in-law is especially lovely. (F V496, Large Print, CD, Ebook, Eaudio)

SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE

Claire Keegan

Short but very beautifully written. Can't wait to see Cillian Murphy in the

upcoming movie. (F K26, Ebook, Eaudio)

IF THE SHOE FITS – Julie Murphy

Modern Cinderella retelling that takes place on The Bachelor! A very fun read. I loved that the main character was plus-sized and got a fairytale romance. (F M978, Ebook, Eaudio)

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE

Jeneva Rose

Grace Evans, a successful although very busy New Yorker, books on Airbnb in a remote area of Wyoming for some R&R. She finds it to be a peaceful ranch owned by Calvin Wells, who is handsome and amiable. But all isn't as it seems... (F R796, Ebook, Eaudio)

HOUSE OF FLAME AND SHADOW

Sarah J. Maas

This book gave me a new favorite couple in the series! A few characters made foolish decisions in this one, but I thought they were smarter as a whole by the end. (F M111, Ebook)

GOOD NIGHT, IRENE

Luis Alberto Urrea

Inspired by the real-life heroics of Urrea's mother and other women serving in WWII. This is the moving story of the "Donut Dollies" who would drive a truck

into an encampment and serve donuts and coffee to soldiers. The real story is of the intense power and endurance of female friendship over decades. (F U81, Large Print, Ebook, Eaudio)

NONFICTION & BIOGRAPHY

ASSASSINATION VACATION

Sarah Vowell

I read this book for a book club. The audiobook has guest narrators you might recognize from late night! Overall, a nice, quick read that adds enough jokes and levity to balance out the historical information and slightly heavy topic (assassinations, after all). I also have to add that when I initially heard the title I wondered if it had any ties to the Sondheim musical with a similar topic—it does! (NF 973.099 V974, Eaudio)

RAISING KIDS WITH BIG, BAFFLING BEHAVIORS: BRAIN-BODY SENSORY STRATEGIES THAT REALLY WORK

Robin Gobbel

I've read a few handfuls of books to inspire improvement on parenting, and this book has been the best. Highly recommended!!! (NF 155.4 G574)

CLAPTON: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Eric Clapton

Good autobiography, better than most rock autobiographies. I especially enjoyed reading about his early days. (B C589, Eaudio)

TRIBE: ON HOMECOMING AND BELONGING – Sebastian Junger

Great book for understanding returning veterans and PTSD. (NF 302.3 J95, CD, Ebook, Eaudio)

ZERO: THE BIOGRAPHY OF A DANGEROUS IDEA – Charles Seife

This is a fascinating book. Zero is much more than a "0". It was recommended by an employee at Half Price Books because I was interested in Pythagoras. But, I learned so much more. (NF 513 S459)

THE WORLD RECORD BOOK OF RACIST STORIES

Amber Ruffin & Lacey Lamar

I highly recommend both books by Amber and Lacey. Everyone should read these books!!! (*You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey: Crazy Stories about Racism*) (NF 818.602 R923)

THE WOMAN IN ME

Britney Spears

Growing up in the 80s and 90s, she was a

popular artist in my teenage years. It was interesting to hear her own perspective of her life. (B S741, CD, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE PERFECTION TRAP: EMBRACING THE POWER OF GOOD ENOUGH

Thomas Curran

Striving for perfection can make you miserable and stressed out. Learn new habits to create a "good enough" mindset. (NF 155.232 C976)

SAMURAI RISING: THE EPIC LIFE OF MINAMOTO YOSHITSUNE

Pamela S. Turner

A very well documented account of Japan's most famous samurai. The Author's notes, timelines, glossary, chapter notes, were the most interesting to me. The timeline places his life in relation to Genghis Khan and the Dark Ages. 4 out of 5. (B M663 Minamoto)

WILD: FROM LOST TO FOUND ON THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

Cheryl Strayed

I listened to this as an audiobook, as I now do most of my nonfiction. It was a gripping listen and I never found myself wandering to other things and if I was going to do something else that took any focus, I'd pause the book because I didn't want to miss something on the trail. While I could never do (or even really

want to do) what Cheryl Strayed did, I am glad she did and even more glad she documented her time on the PCT and the journey to get there. (NF 979 S913, CD, Ebook, Eaudio)

SCARCITY BRAIN: FIX YOUR CRAVING MINDSET AND REWIRE YOUR HABITS TO THRIVE WITH ENOUGH – Michael Easter

Addresses craving for more and changing your mindset to be happy with less. (NF 158.1 E13, Ebook, Eaudio)

HOW TRUST WORKS: THE SCIENCE OF HOW RELATIONSHIPS ARE BUILT, BROKEN, AND REPAIRED

Peter H. Kim

The science behind broken relationships and how to repair them. (NF 158.2 K49)

BEOWULF: A NEW VERSE TRANSLATION – ANONYMOUS (trans. by Seamus Heaney)

Always a good classic. Enjoyed this translation! (NF 829.3 B481, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE VIRTUES OF AGING

Jimmy Carter

A book about Carter's take on aging, and what makes a successful old age. Family and something important to do that you

really care about were the big takeaways for me. (NF 305.26 C323)

IF IT SOUNDS LIKE A QUACK...A JOURNEY TO THE FRINGES OF AMERICAN MEDICINE – Matthew Hongoltz-Hetling

A very interesting book about a few characters that believe in some questionable medical cure-alls. Some are total scammers, and some truly believe in the remedies they are offering to the public. (NF 615.856 H772)

ECLOGUES OF VIRGIL: A TRANSLATION – Virgil

This little book is a nice introduction to the poet, Virgil. It's much simpler to read than *The Aeneid* and much more fun. The poems are not long. (NF 871.01 V816)

NEVER GIVE UP: A PRAIRIE FAMILY'S STORY – Tom Brokaw

Tom Brokaw closely examines the lives of his parents growing up in South Dakota and during the depression. His father, Red, is the central character. (B B867 Brokaw, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE INNER VOICE: THE MAKING OF A SINGER – Renee Fleming

Renee Fleming is an opera star who wrote this memoir about how she broke into the business. Becoming an opera star was not

easy. It took great talent, hard work, and perseverance. Ms. Fleming specialized in the work of Mozart, and has sung at the Metropolitan Opera and the Kennedy Center. (B F598 Fleming)

THE BOOK OF WILDING: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO REWILDING, BIG AND SMALL Isabella Tree & Charlie Burrell

Great reference of what's involved in rewilding. Primarily focused on large areas. (NF 599.73 T876)

OF BOYS AND MEN: WHY THE MODERN MALE IS STRUGGLING, WHY IT MATTERS, AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT – Richard V. Reeves

Very interesting and enlightening information, since we don't always think of men having issues. (NF 305.031 R332, Ebook, Eaudio)

IN A SUNBURNED COUNTRY Bill Bryson

Great travelogue—short stories of travel throughout Australia by an Iowa boy. (NF 919.404 B916, Ebook, Eaudio)

A WIDOW'S STORY: A MEMOIR Joyce Carol Oates

This is a novelist's memoir of the year immediately following the loss of her

husband of 47 years. Highly recommended for anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one. (B O11 Oates, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE PIANO LESSON

August Wilson

I was really into theatre in my younger days, and I still enjoy reading plays every now and then. But I had never read any August Wilson. This is a very good story, and I'll be back for more. (NF 812.54 W746)

THE LEGO ENGINEER – Jeff Friesen

A very exciting book about LEGO engineering. Fun for kids and adults. (NF 688.725 F912)

WILDFLOWER – Drew Barrymore

What a fun read! Drew has had quite the life. (B B281 Barrymore, CD, Eaudio)

COUNTING THE COST – Jill Duggar

Interesting perspective of her upbringing. I always found their family to be intriguing. However, the heartbreak their family endured is hard to fathom. (B D866 Duggar, Ebook, Eaudio)

100 PLACES TO SEE AFTER YOU DIE: A TRAVEL GUIDE TO THE AFTERLIFE – Ken Jennings

Ken Jennings uses his smarts to walk the

reader through the afterlife as though it were a travel guidebook. He covers world religions and traditions, as well as the afterlife as seen on TV and in songs. Question: what is a great book to get you ready for your next trivia night? Answer: this book! (NF 202.3 J543, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE FIRST SURVIVORS OF ALZHEIMER'S: HOW PATIENTS RECOVERED LIFE AND HOPE IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Dale Bredezen

Great first-hand accounts of people's recoveries. (NF 616.8311 B831)

BORN A CRIME – Trevor Noah

So good! I learned a lot. Trevor Noah is such a good writer. Highly recommended! (B N739 Noah, CD, Ebook, Playaway)

MASTERS OF THE AIR: AMERICA'S BOMBER BOYS WHO FOUGHT THE AIR WAR AGAINST NAZI GERMANY **Donald L. Miller**

Excellent account of the air war in WWII! (NF 940.54 M647, Eaudio)

BFF: A MEMOIR OF FRIENDSHIP LOST AND FOUND – Christie Tate

Very relatable; would re-read. Growing

older makes it hard to keep friends. (NF 302.34082 T216)

I'M GLAD MY MOM DIED

Janette McCurdy

Tragic and funny. A look inside her life from inside out. (B M478 McCurdy, Ebook, Eaudio)

PILLOW THOUGHTS

Courtney Peppernell

This was a heartwarming book of poetry about heartbreaks, which is important because life isn't perfect. (NF 821.92 P424, Ebook)

SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER: A MEMOIR – Ashley C. Ford

Courageous memoir. Beautifully written, while also very sad. (NF 305.4889 F699, Ebook, Eaudio)

THE WORLD OF LAURA INGALLS WILDER: THE FRONTIER LANDSCAPES THAT INSPIRED THE LITTLE HOUSE BOOKS

Marta McDowell

If you are a *Little House on the Prairie* fan, you will enjoy this book! It describes in detail what life on the prairie was like for Laura and how those pieces were incorporated into the books. It covers everything from gardening, to landscapes,

to animals over the various places she lived. You'll cultivate appreciation for her life and work. (NF 813.52 M478 McDo, Ebook)

YOUNG ADULT

SKYWARD – Brandon Sanderson

Excellent written Sci-Fi YA novel! (YA S216, Ebook)

DRAGONSINGER – Anne McCaffrey

I started reading this trilogy based off the recommendation of a friend. I really enjoyed this book and look forward to finishing the series. (YA M478 McCa)

THIS TOWN IS ON FIRE

Pamela N. Harris

This book was amazing. It really highlighted the inner struggle between friends and morals and of holding those friends accountable. I loved the growth and how she can still leave on relatively neutral terms instead of being mad forever (I would be if I was her). (YA H315)

WE WERE LIARS – E. Lockhart

A summer on an island and everyone lies. Suspense on what is the truth... (YA L816, CD, Ebook, Eaudio)

THRONE OF GLASS – Sarah J. Maas

This was amazing! I stayed up until 4am reading the last 300 pages. (YA M111, Ebook, Eaudio)

DEAR MARTIN – Nic Stone

Extremely powerful. Tragic. Very fast read. I highly recommend! (YA S879, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN

Sherman Alexie

Told from the point of Junior, who lives on the Spokane Indian Reservation. The book is at times hilarious and other times very sobering. (YA A389, CD, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

CROWN OF MIDNIGHT

Sarah J. Maas

OMG! Love! Love! Love! This had me on my toes till the end. The few lulls felt like nothing while reading the last third. (YA M111, Ebook, Eaudio)

CHECK & MATE – Ali Hazelwood

This was a fun book about a topic I know nothing about: chess! It was fun to get to know Mel and Nolan through the world of chess. (YA H429, Ebook, Eaudio, Playaway)

ACROSS THE DESERT

Dusti Bowling

I work in a Junior High library and read lots of YA books. This book features, survival in the Arizona desert, saving a friend, opioid addiction, and finding a new friend. (YA B787, Eaudio, Playaway)

THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES – Suzanne Collins

I loved all the Hunger games books and movies so I of course had to read this one, too. It did not disappoint; I loved it! (YA C713, CD, Eaudio, Playaway)

CHILDREN

WINTERHOUSE – Ben Guterson

Loved it!! I started reading the series to preview them for my kids, but got hooked myself! (JF G983, CD, Eaudio)

THE LITTLEST MATRYOSHKA

Corinne Bliss & Kathryn Brown

The Littlest Matryoshka is a sweet book which tells the story of 6 nesting doll sisters and their journey from Russia to their new home in America. The illustrations are beautifully done! (E B649 B1)

MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

Jean Craighead George

Great middle grade novel. I wish I had known about it as a kid. Sam does what I, and I bet many kids, would have liked to do as a child: live in a tree in the forest, and befriend the forest creatures. (JF G348, Eaudio)

GET ON THE ICE, MO!

David Adler

Reading kid's literature and appreciating new books for young readers. Fun reading. Great for kids and ELL adult learners. (Reader A237 ADL)

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