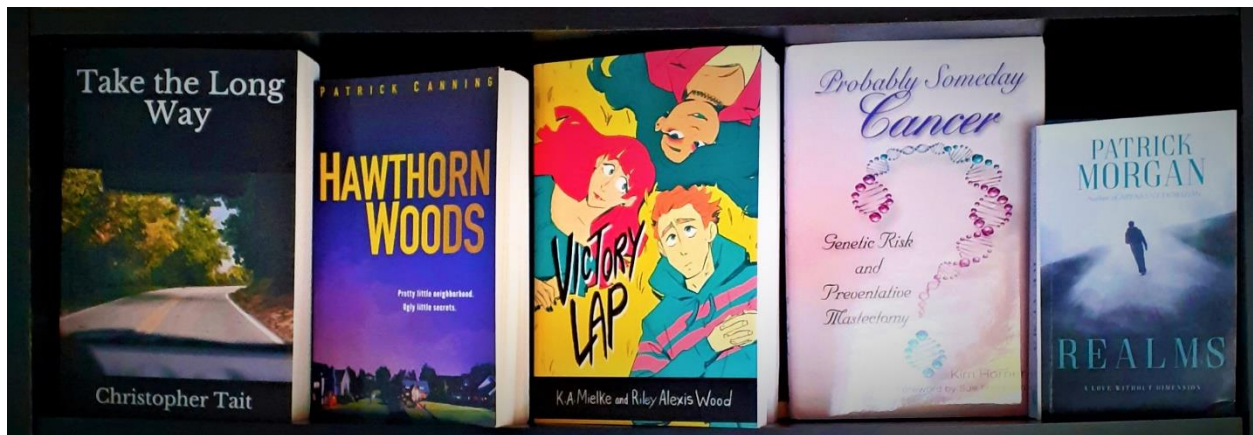


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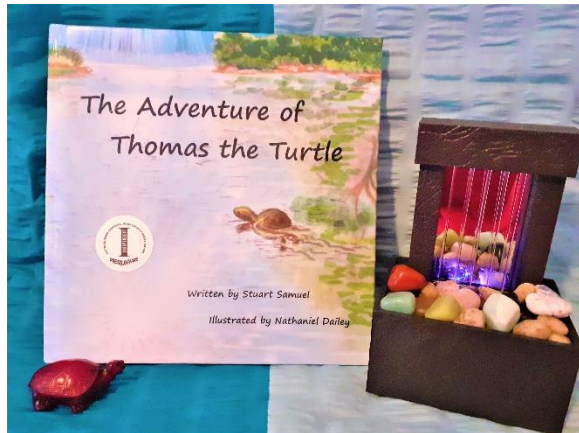
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CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

The Adventure of Thomas the Turtle

By: Stuart Samuel



Genre

Picture book, animals, adventure

Book Summary

Thomas is a young turtle who lives in a pond with his mom and sister, Sally. Thomas' father wandered off to a particular spot in the pond one day and never returned. So, Thomas' mother warns him to stay away from the spot where he vanished. She believes that an evil force was responsible for his disappearance. But one day, curious Thomas decides to explore the area, and the current pulls him away. Will Thomas ever make it home?

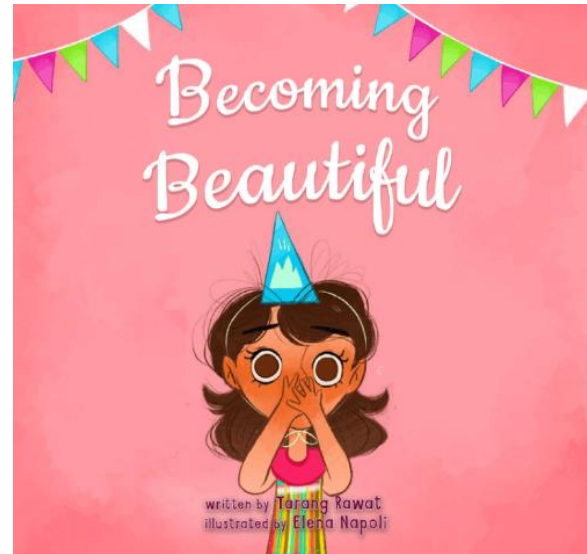
Book Recommendation

I recommend *The Adventure of Thomas the Turtle* to pre-school aged animal lovers who can pay attention to books with a lot of words on the page and can grasp gentle stories with a strong moral.

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Becoming Beautiful

By: Tarang Rawat



Genres

Girls, birthday, body image

Book Summary

Alena is celebrating her eighth birthday, and all of her friends come over to celebrate. Each girl at the party remarks on a physical trait that they don't like about themselves.

Overhearing their familiar conversation, Alena's mother presents the girls with a magical gift that helps them to see their future. In each future, the traits that they worried about as kids are outgrown or embraced as more important personality traits contribute to their success and happiness. As a result, they are able to put aside what they consider their flaws. Then, they learn to love themselves the way they are.

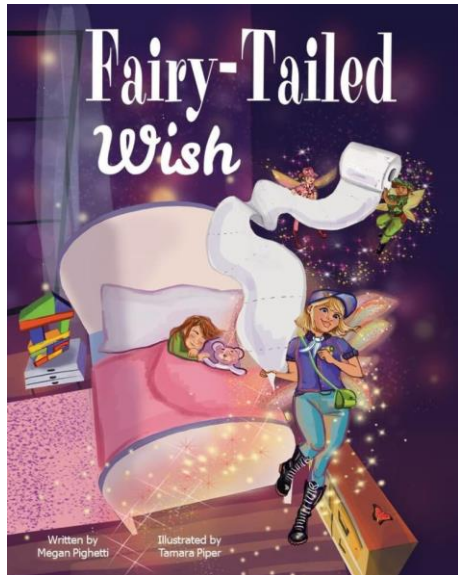
Book Recommendation

I recommend *Becoming Beautiful* to all school-aged picture book readers, whether they have voiced insecurities of their physical appearance or not.

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Fairy-Tailed Wish

By: Megan Pighetti



Genres

picture book, fantasy, birthday, fairies

Book Summary

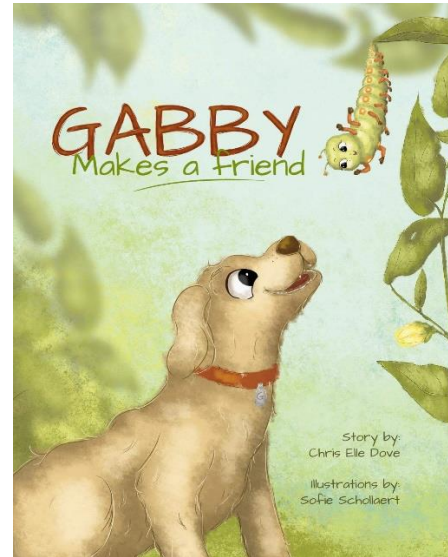
Fairies Dax and Lily join Suzie in their first mission to surprise a little girl named Bri on her birthday by decorating her room with toilet paper. Using magic, resourcefulness, and a ton of training, the three fairies sneak into the little girl's room to complete their fairy-tailed mission. But a rookie mistake may blow their cover before they can complete their mission.

Book Recommendation

I recommend *Fairy-Tailed Wish* to little girls who love fairy stories. It also makes a great birthday present.

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Gabby Makes a Friend



By: Chris Elle Dove

Genres

Picture book, animals, friendship

Book Summary

Gabby is a young Golden Retriever who is playing in her yard one day when she meets a caterpillar named Katie. Katie loves to eat, and Gabby loves to find things. So, Gabby finds food for Katie to eat. They play together day after day. Then one day, it rains, and Gabby can't go outside to play. The next day, she goes outside to find Katie, but she's nowhere to be found. Will Gabby ever see her friend again?

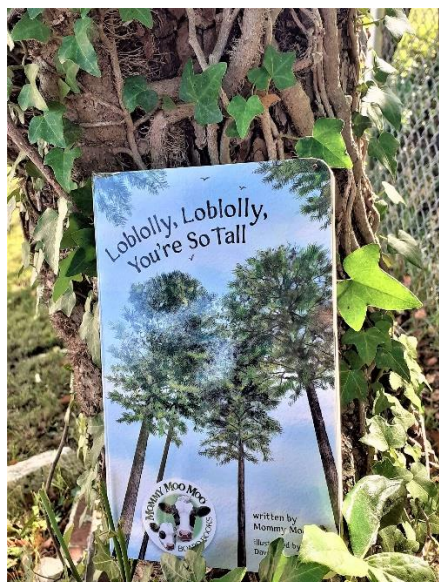
Book Recommendation

I recommend *Gabby Makes a Friend* to all toddler and preschool-aged readers who love stories about animals.

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Loblolly, Loblolly You're So Tall

By: Mommy Moo Moo



Genres

Picture books, nature, trees

Book Summary

Loblolly, Loblolly, You're So Tall is a board book which describes loblolly pine trees. The book imaginatively compares them to smaller objects, noting the wildlife that live in and around them and the changes that they go through throughout the seasons.

This story features several loblollies grouped together in a country yard. The author encourages this congregation, noting “the more the merrier.” They are seen shedding needles, swaying in the wind, and eventually growing pinecones to signal the changing seasons. The author speaks directly to them throughout, asking questions, making comparisons, and noting the details that make up these giant living structures.

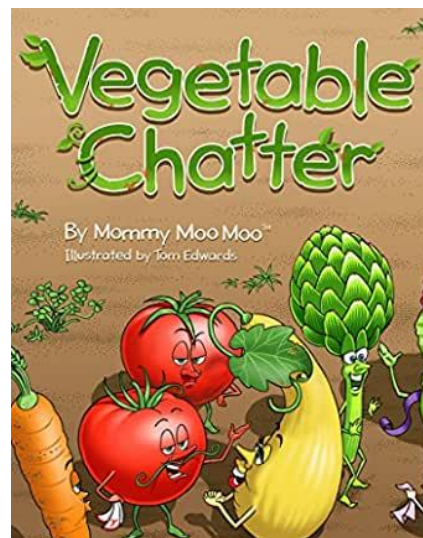
Book Recommendation

I recommend this book to very young readers with short attention spans and a love of nature.

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Vegetable Chatter

By: Mommy Moo Moo



Genres

Picture book, food, vegetable garden

Book Summary

Vegetable Chatter introduces young readers to various vegetables by giving them individual personalities and interactions in a vegetable garden. The peas are sweet, the squash are posh, and the carrots are clever. By the end, readers will begin to recognize the names of the vegetables that end up on their dinner plates.

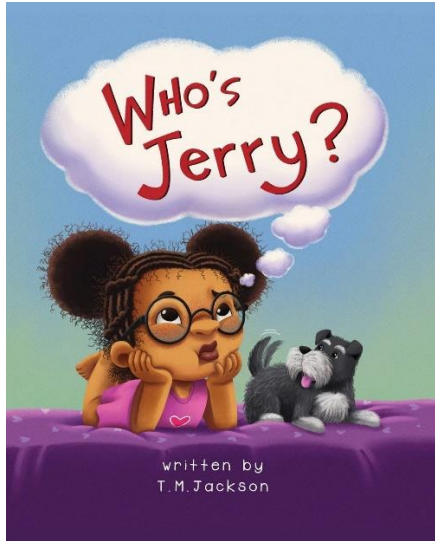
Book Recommendation

I recommend *Vegetable Chatter* to very young readers with short attention spans to get them familiar with what healthy vegetables look like.

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Who's Jerry?

By: T.M. Jackson



Book Summary

Imani comes home from school one day excited to see her mommy, but her mommy doesn't want to see her. She tells Imani that a man named Jerry told her that Imani is trying to hurt her.

Imani is upset and avoids her mommy. A teacher notices that Imani is sad and not doing well in school. He calls Imani's daddy who has been away on a work trip, and he picks her up from school and then takes Imani's mother to the doctor.

Imani learns that her mommy has schizophrenia. Her mommy returns home happy to see Imani and with medicine that will keep her from acting strange and talking to Jerry.

My Recommendation

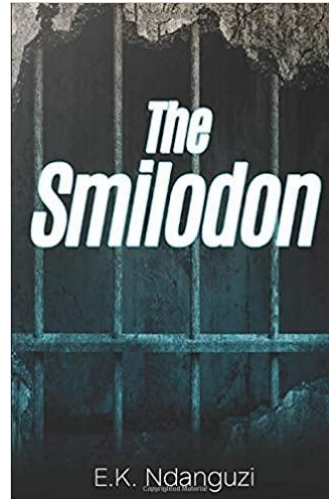
I recommend *Who's Jerry?* to all school-aged readers in order to educate them about severe mental illness and learn to empathize with those who are suffering with it or who live with someone who suffers with it.

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DRAMA

The Smilodon

By: E.K. Ndanguzi



Genres

Workplace drama, family drama, romance, coming of age

Book Summary

As young boys, Jonathan and Richie Matiku's lives are turned upside down when their father is killed in a plane crash, their mother turns to alcohol to cope, and their comfortable lifestyle in Dar es Salaam is reduced to a poor, unstable home life. Taking advantage of his one opportunity for a better life, schooling paid for by his uncle, Jonathan earns a degree and begins his career as a struggling journalist. He then falls in love with Emilie but breaks up with her when he feels that he's not good enough for her. Against staggering odds, Jonathan is determined to win the accounts needed in order to secure his job and deem himself worthy of his late father's pride and Emilie's love.

My Recommendation

The Smilodon is a great, quick read for someone looking for a real and relatable

story. It encompasses a variety of human emotions including grief, love, humor, anger, and depression, giving it a forward-moving energy that ebbs and flows with the plot.

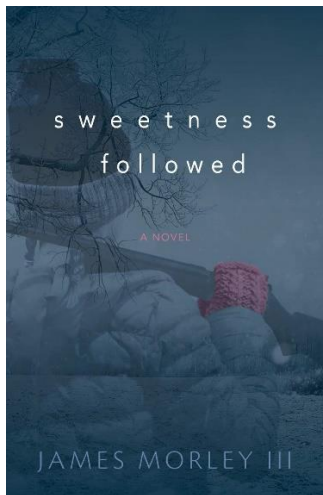
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I recommend *Sweetness Followed* to those who love moody, controversial layered stories that challenge the reader, similar to *The Catcher in the Rye* or *The Bell Jar*.

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Sweetness Followed

By: James Morley



Genres

Family drama, religion, 80's

Book Summary

Erin Cook is an 11-year-old girl living with her family in upstate New York in the winter of 1984. She's the youngest of four children who have grown up in a devoutly religious household. But like her older siblings, she is beginning to question those beliefs.

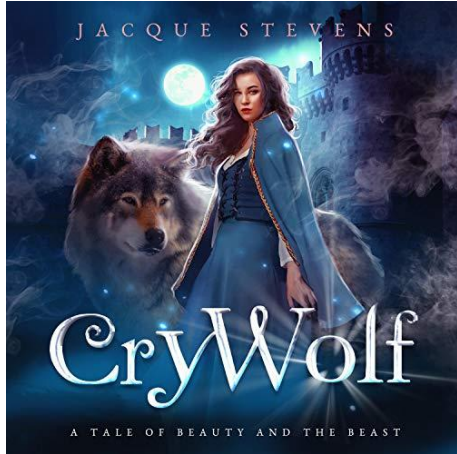
Only her Sunday school teacher, Heather, takes a genuine interest in helping Erin to maintain her faith. But a number of events that take place over the course of the next several months puts everyone's faith, morals, and decisions to the test.

My Recommendation

FANTASY

The Cry Wolf Series

By: Jacque Stevens



Genres

Fantasy, romance, fairy tale, horror

Book Summary

Isabelle and her father are sheep farmers in a small village in France. After her best friend, Jean, comes home a war hero and finds that she has grown into the most beautiful girl in town, he proposes marriage. Isabelle is reluctant to accept. She knows that becoming his wife will mean working at his family's inn and being his submissive partner. Instead, she prefers her family's farm where she can raise sheep and read for hours.

But Isabelle's life changes drastically when her father is killed by a wolf in the forest. Enraged with revenge, she goes after her father's killer and is saved from attack by a half-human and half-beastly creature who takes her to the ruins of his burned down castle to heal.

While under his watch, Isabelle and the beast, named Howl, grow close. Then,

Howl's true nature is revealed to her. Torn between her feelings for Howl and his wolf pack and her personal longing for independence, Isabelle must decide which life she desires most.

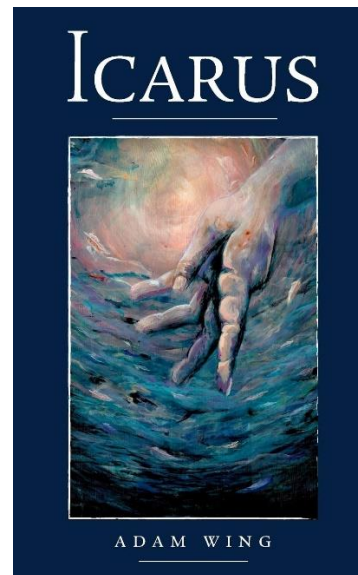
Book Recommendation

I highly recommend *Cry Wolf* not only to Disney princess fans who are looking to relive their favorite childhood stories but to anyone who loves adventure, fantasy, and even horror. Fans of the movie *Ever After* would especially appreciate it.

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Icarus

By: Adam Wing



Genres

Fantasy, Greek myth

Book Summary

Daedalus is a glorified slave to the king, utilized for his inventive intelligence and engineering skills. His son, Icarus, or Ik for short, is regarded as "a moron" by the kingdom, not realizing that he is as clever, if not more clever, than his father. He just doesn't speak. As a result, he is kept safe by

being thrust into servitude for his brains, just like his father.

Instead, Icarus spends his days creating octopus traps using jellyfish. One day, an older boy comes across Icarus's traps, and the two begin a friendship. Icarus reveals his true nature to the boy, Onetas, the son of Lycaidas, the king's Third Chancellor.

When Daedalus discovers the two boys together, he punishes Icarus and gets to work on plans to escape the island in order to protect his boy's future, even if it means Icarus' hatred. But as this classic tale goes, things don't go according to plan.

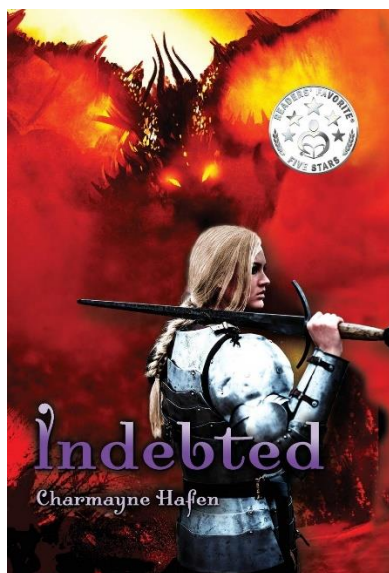
My Recommendation

I recommend *Icarus* to those who love Greek myths or are looking for a short yet intense read.

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Indebted: The Berkshire Dragon

By: Charmayne Hafen



Genres

medieval fantasy, women's fiction, action, romance

Book Summary

Wren is a lonely young princess who is forced to stay within the confines of her father's castle after her mother's sudden disappearance. Her life is dull and boring until the castle's cook, Mrs. Pendelin, introduces Wren to her son, Aleric, who teaches her how to sword fight.

After Aleric is sent to war, Wren decides to escape, determined to enter a sword fighting competition in a rival kingdom. This leads her on a daring adventure that shows her what she is made of and leads her to solve a dark family mystery.

My Recommendation

I highly recommend this book to anyone looking for a good adventure story geared towards young female readers. You don't have to be into castles and dragons in order to have a good time reading this, but it doesn't hurt if you do.

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Matriarch

By: Adam Wing



Genres

Fantasy, myth, fable, romance

Book Summary

Matriarch is a fable told by Cass Merrill's 119-year-old great-grandmother, Ayla, on her deathbed after collapsing during her birthday party surrounded by six generations of relatives. While Cass watches over her, Ayla decides to tell her the story of how she met her husband, Cass's great-grandfather, Ollie.

What follows is a morality tale about love, free will, and the abuse of power.

My Recommendation

I recommend *Matriarch* to anyone looking for a short morality tale that makes its point in original ways while staying true to its genre.

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HISTORICAL FICTION

Blood and Silver

By: Vali Benson



Genres

historical fiction, adventure, old west, women's fiction

Book Summary

Carissa Beaumont is twelve years old in 1880 when she moves with her drug-addicted mother, Lisette, and her mother's madam, Miss Lucille, to Tombstone, AZ to work at a brothel owned by a Rose Red. It's been four years since Carissa lost her father and younger brother to illness while traveling west. So, they are dependent on Miss Lucille for survival.

Tombstone is a rough town that's good for Miss Lucille's business. After Rose Red is murdered on their first night in town, Miss Lucille takes over the brothel. And Carissa is even more desperate to escape. So, she visits the town's opium dealer, China Mary, to help wean her mother off the drug so that they can escape.

Though stern and powerful, China Mary takes pity on Carissa. She uses her

connections to help her save her mother and find her a job away from Miss Lucille. Through this, Carissa befriends China Mary's niece, Mai-Lin. While working in the new hotel, Carissa and Mai-Lin discover a hidden tunnel of silver and make a plan to dig it out and use it to escape Miss Lucille once and for all.

My Recommendation

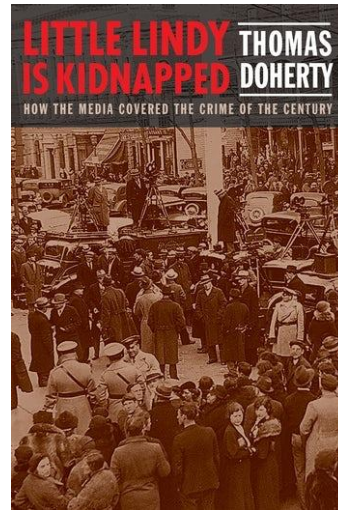
I recommend *Blood and Silver* to history buffs, women who want to read something other than the typical romance genre that is often marketed to us, and those looking for a story that is short but sweet.

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HISTORICAL NONFICTION

Little Lindy is Kidnapped: How The Media Covered the Crime of the Century

By: Thomas Doherty



Genres

historical nonfiction, crime, media, the Lindbergh baby

Book Summary

Little Lindy is Kidnapped takes readers through the technological achievements that allowed Charles Lindbergh to fly a plane across the Atlantic Ocean nonstop in the spring of 1927 as well as cover the event via radio and newsreels.

Five years later, it's the kidnapping of his 20-month-old son, Charles Lindbergh Jr., from their New Jersey home that creates a horrific yet just as sensational news story that sends reporters flocking to the American hero's home to cover the event.

Believing this to be a straightforward ransom case, over the next two months, the nation followed the newspaper headlines, listened to reports on the radio, and flocked to the theaters to catch up on the latest footage of the investigation.

My Recommendation

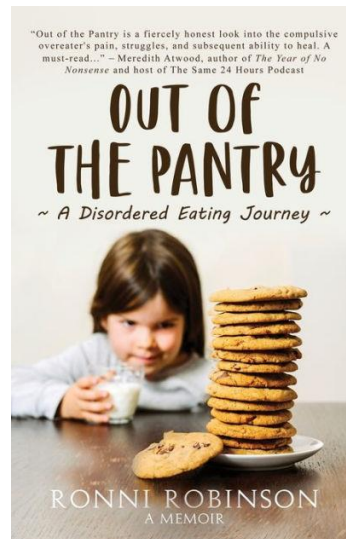
I recommend *Little Lindy is Kidnapped* to history and tech buffs who like to read about famous events from a specific angle.

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MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHIES

Out of the Pantry

By: Ronni Robinson



Genres

Memoir, eating disorders

Book Summary

Ronni Robinson recounts her life story, specifically her relationship to food and how the eating habits she developed as a child led to a lifetime of secretive overeating to deal with her emotions.

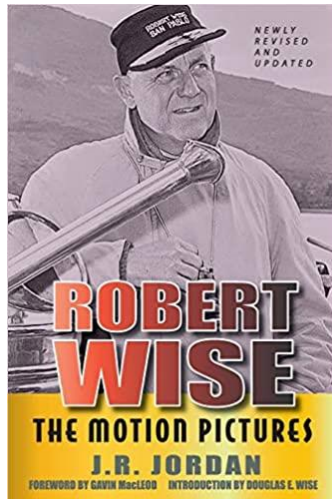
My Recommendation

I recommend *Out of the Pantry* to those who are curious about or have lived through an eating disorder and those who love uplifting memoirs about triumphing over personal obstacles.

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Robert Wise: The Motion Pictures

By: J.R. Jordan



Genres

Biography, filmography, movies

Book Summary

Robert Wise: The Motion Pictures is an encyclopedia of the Hollywood director's work. Each chapter profiles each of the 40 films he directed. It summarizes the film, quotes from interviews with cast and crew providing behind-the-scenes stories and analyzes the film with all of its Easter eggs and overall message that it's trying to convey.

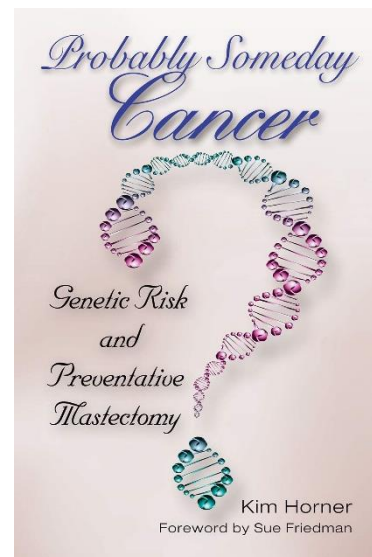
My Recommendation

Robert Wise: The Motion Pictures is a great addition to any classic film buff's bookshelf.

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Probably Someday Cancer: Genetic Risk and Preventative Mastectomy

By: Kim Horner



Genres

Memoir, women's health, cancer, genetics, preventative surgery

Book Summary

At age 41, Kim Horner, a journalist and mother to a one-year-old son, tests positive for a rare, genetic BRCA2 mutation which makes her highly susceptible to contracting cancer. Armed with this knowledge, she begins to seek out treatment options which range from frequent, aggressive screenings to a complete double mastectomy, hysterectomy, and bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy (ovary removal).

Despite her research and preparation, the experience still comes with unexpected mental, physical, and financial struggles. Part manual, part memoir, *Probably Someday Cancer* covers all of the

emotional, statistical, and financial expectations with a knowledgeable yet empathetic narrator who weighs all of the pros and cons of the generational advantage that we have over our past relatives against this terrible illness.

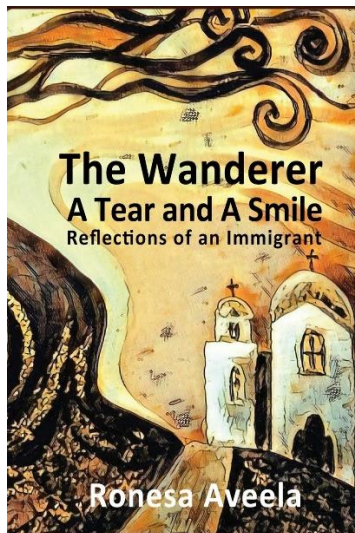
My Recommendation

I recommend this book to any woman with a family history of cancer, those who are interested in genetic testing, and those looking for more information in their preventative surgery journey.

[Link to Buy](#)

The Wanderer – A Tear and a Smile: Reflections of an Immigrant

By: Ronesa Aveela



Genres

memoir, immigrant life, Bulgarian culture, women's experiences

Book Summary

The Wanderer was written by two authors who together call themselves Ronesa Aveela. Based on the life of one of these authors, the book provides an overview of Bulgarian culture from her personal experiences. From political restrictions to religious holidays and ancient legends and daily customs, Aveela straddles this world with the new one that she made for herself and her family after moving to the United States in 1998.

My Recommendation

I recommend this book to anyone who loves to learn about other cultures. It would also appeal to those who like to research genealogy. And it also serves as a reminder of the basic beliefs and goals that unite as the human race.

[Links to Buy](#)

Scotland with a Stranger

By: Ninya



Genres

Memoir, travel, self-discovery

Book Summary

After a rough couple of years, freelance photographer and divorced mother of two, Ninya, finds herself depressed, overwhelmed, and worn out by her daily life. Seeking an escape, she comes across a woman on a Facebook group who offers to take her on a two-week hiking trip through Scotland. Despite her obvious reservations, Ninya takes her up on the offer. What follows is a rollercoaster of a trip that not only recharges her batteries but also helps her come into her own by learning how to assert herself, become more independent, and gives her great inspiration to write a book.

My Recommendation

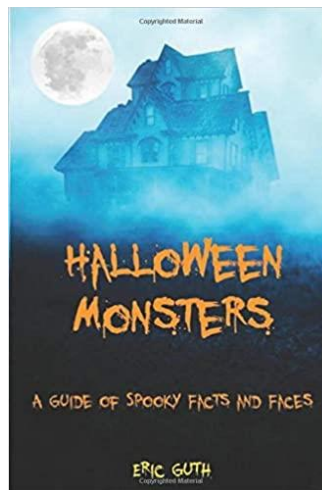
I recommend *Scotland with a Stranger* to anyone who needs to feel inspired to take a leap of faith, to be willing to accept the good with the bad, who love the train wreck of watching different personalities clash or to anyone who has ever wanted to travel to Europe and hasn't yet gotten there.

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MIDDLE GRADE

Halloween Monsters

By: Eric Guth



Genres

Paranormal, monsters, encyclopedia

Book Summary

Halloween Monsters is a 24-page encyclopedia introducing young fans to these classic horror monsters. Each spread features a different monster including: mummies, vampires, witches, werewolves, ghosts, zombies, and more.

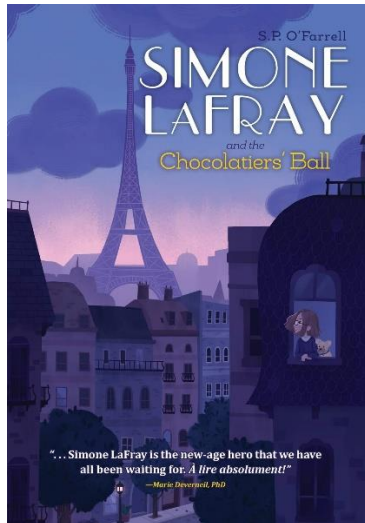
My Recommendation

I recommend *Halloween Monsters* to new horror fans who want to learn more about their favorite creatures.

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Simone LaFray and the Chocolatiers' Ball

By: S.P. O'Farrell



Genres

middle grade, girl heroes, spy, mystery

Book Summary

Simone LaFray is a 12-year-old girl who lives in Paris, France with her mother, father, younger sister, and dog. But she's not your average 12-year-old. Simone is actually a spy. She has followed in her mother's footsteps as a member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

So, when the notorious thief, The Red Fox, threatens to steal a painting at the Musee d'Orsay, Simone is put on the case to observe and report in order to catch the crook once and for all. However, an incident at her father's famous pastry shop diverts her attention. Instead, she finds herself buying a dress and helping her father to prepare to attend the Chocolatiers' Ball and restore his reputation as a great chocolatier.

My Recommendation

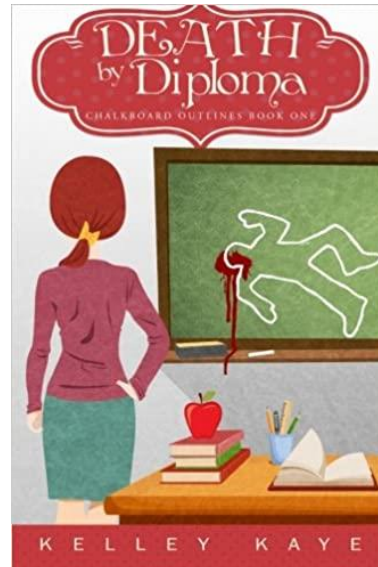
I recommend this book to boys and girls who love mysteries and action books with kid heroes.

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MYSTERY

Death by Diploma

By: Kelley Kaye



Genres

murder mystery, women's fiction, romance

Book Summary

Emma Lovett is the new English teacher at a high school in Pinewood, Colorado, having moved from Holly Hills, SC after a bitter divorce. One morning, she arrives at work early to find that the kindly school janitor has been murdered. So, she and fellow English teacher, Leslie Parker, decide to investigate and crack the case.

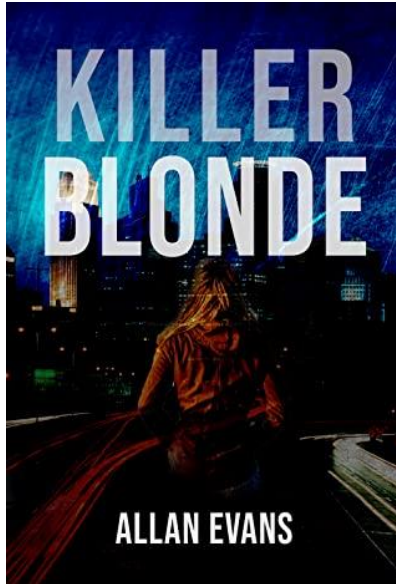
My Recommendation

Death by Diploma is a lighthearted murder mystery that injects humor and romance into an otherwise dark genre. It's simple and entertaining and goes down smooth.

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Killer Blonde

By: Allan Evans



Genres

Murder mystery, crime, detective

Book Summary

Investigator Cade Dawkins arrives on the scene of a deadly car accident on a Minnesota highway and discovers suspicious evidence which indicates the crash was no accident. The victim is a young, blonde, beautiful, successful woman. And she's not the only one. A serial killer is on the loose, stalking, assaulting, and killing women who all fit the same physical and professional profile.

As the popularity of the case grows, Dawkins must maneuver through the egos, politics, and the meticulous way in which these crimes are carried out. Luckily, he has a team of allies to help him, including TV newswoman Reynolds Devries, who fits the profile of the killer's victims and has captured Cade's romantic interest as well. But the killer not only wants to kill; he wants to outsmart Dawkins, proving his superior intellect before making Dawkins his next victim.

My Recommendation

I recommend *Killer Blonde* to those who love classic detective novels with a likable protagonist and straightforward plot.

[Link to Buy](#)

PARANORMAL

Pandora Reborn

By: John Coon



Genres

Paranormal, YA, witches, teen boy

Book Summary

Ron Olson is having trouble adjusting to his new high school after his parents divorce and his mom moves he and his little brother, Eric, to Deer Falls. Deer Falls is an eerie town full of urban legends and with an overall creepy vibe. Ron's anger lands him in detention as he spars with the football star and ends up meeting a group of misfits who feel just as ostracized as he does. There's Casey, the loaner conspiracy theorist, Christina, the town's witch, Nick, the mouthy punk, and Cassandra, the mysterious new girl.

When Nick and his family go missing, the gang checks out his abandoned house. They are shocked to discover that his home is now the domain of an ancient witch who has been freed after 50 years. When Ron's classmates start to disappear or turn up dead, he and his friends carry out a plan to stop this ancient witch, put her back in her

chest, and save the town from her dark magic.

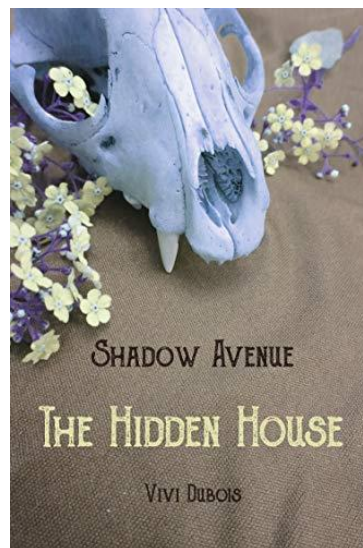
My Recommendation

Pandora Reborn reminded me of gritty 90's teen movies like *The Faculty*. I recommend it to teen paranormal fans who like magic, gore, and misfit heroes.

[Link to Buy](#)

Shadow Avenue: The Hidden House

By: Vivi DuBois



Genres

paranormal, YA, monsters, teen boy

Book Summary

Lionel Hartley is a loner teen who has been living on his own for the past few years. After his father died of cancer, his mother bought a house on Shadow Avenue and then took off, using work as an excuse to stay away. One night, Lionel is working in the garden when he uncovers a supernatural object which opens his eyes to the collection of paranormal characters who reside there. Despite being caught up in strange, and sometimes dangerous,

circumstances, Lionel acquires the family that he has desired for a long time.

My Recommendation

One of my favorite reads of 2019, *The Hidden House* is a great read for any fan of classic monsters and found family stories.

[Link to Buy](#)

ROMANCE

A Good Demon is Hard to Find

By: Kate Moseman



Genres

Romance, paranormal, comedy

Book Summary

School teacher Erin finds herself single again after her ex-husband, Mark, cheats on her with her best friend, Genevieve. In one of their many post-marriage arguments, she inadvertently lays a demonic curse on Mark and ends up with a demon in her kitchen named Andromalius, or Andy, for short.

Andy is an Earth-bound demon who has been waiting around for a mortal to help. Upon hearing Erin's curse, he shows up determined to help her get her revenge on her cheating ex with a multitude of pranks meant to ruin his life. While brainstorming, he hangs around Erin's house, cooking her

meals, caring for her dog, and helping her at work.

Over the course of their time together, the two secretly begin to fall for each other. Andy provides Erin with a safe and comforting distraction from Mark until a good-intentioned witch discovers him and attempts to save Erin from her friendly demon.

My Recommendation

I recommend *A Good Demon is Hard to Find* to anyone looking for a breezy, lighthearted romance novel with some paranormal elements and a good-natured tone. It's an especially good bridge for those readers graduating from YA to adult fiction or those who shy away from trashy romance novels.

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Catch the Moon, Mary

By: Wendy Waters



Genres

Women's fiction, romance, fantasy, music

Book Summary

Mary Granger is a young girl with an extraordinary musical talent. It has a supernatural effect on all who hear her play. The power is so strong that it catches the attention of Gabriel, an earthbound angel looking for a way to re-enter heaven. Gabriel visits Mary one night and offers to protect her from her pedophilic father and make her famous. In return, he asks for the use of her music to recreate heaven on Earth. His intention is to rule over a new existence stripped of the flawed humanity that current inhabits the world. Torn between her love for Gabriel, her music, and the family she attains as she pursues her musical aspirations, Mary weaves through a life that is part human and part divine.

My Recommendation

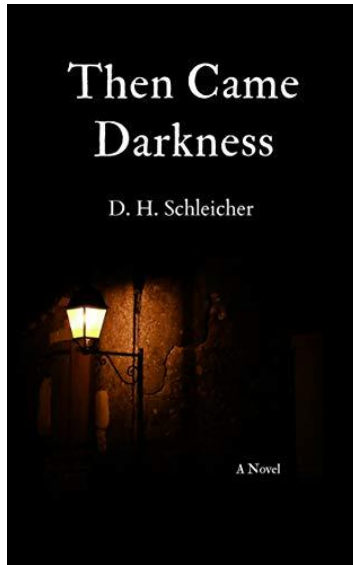
I recommend *Catch The Moon, Mary* to romance and fantasy readers and to those interested in music, particularly those with a background in classical music.

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THRILLER

Then Came Darkness

By: D.H. Schleicher



Genres

historical fiction, thriller, suspense

Book Summary

Samuel Kydd is a traveling salesman and father of three to the beautiful but fragile Evelyn in the mid 1930's. It's then that he encounters his old friend, Joshua Bloomfield, intent on learning the location of the buried Kydd family fortune. Bloomfield is a strong man, despite missing one hand. And he's determined to take this money as payback for Kydd stealing Evelyn away from him years prior.

My Recommendation

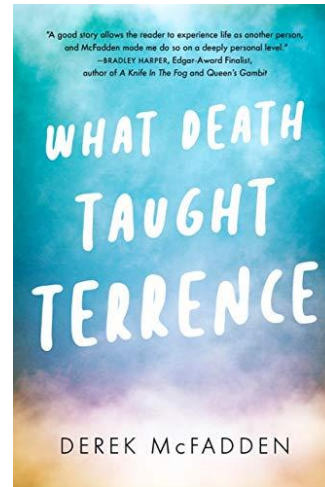
Then Came Darkness is a brilliant historical thriller that compares to stories like *East of Eden* and *The Night of the Hunter* in its epic journey and menacing villain.

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URBAN FICTION

What Death Taught Terrence

By: Derek McFadden



Genres

Urban fiction, life

Book Summary

Middle-aged Terrence dies in his sleep one afternoon and is greeted by his mother's voice. In the afterlife, he meets up with the friends and loved ones who died before him. Each helps him to prepare for a review of his life by reliving his most impactful moments from childhood to the end of his life.

At this review, Terrence is required to summarize what his life meant and what he learned as the result of his hardships, relationships, and choices. The right answer will earn him entry into heaven. The wrong answer will cause him to cease to exist.

Told out of order and by multiple narrators offering multiple viewpoints, *What Death Taught Terrence* is a personal reflection of one man's life and his quest to wrap up his

unfinished business so that he can move on peacefully, one way or another.

My Recommendation

I recommend *What Death Taught Terrence* for those who love explorations of the afterlife, family, health, and identity.

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