

Eileen

Before she disappeared by Lisa Gardner

NH author Lisa Gardner has had a long and successful thriller writing career. This series opener features Frankie Elkin, recovering alcoholic and devoted amateur finder of missing persons. She is searching for a missing Boston teenager, and soon learns that she's asking questions someone doesn't want answered. Waiting eagerly for book 3, out at the beginning of March!

Platforms: book, Libby ebook

Erica

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The Current War (DVD)

“Thomas Edison and George Westinghouse engage in a battle of technology and ideas that will determine whose electrical system will power the new century.”

This film has talented actors that bring history to life. An engrossing, educational story! I love history but most of my reading time is spent on fiction. Watching quality movies on historical events is a great choice.

Platforms: DVD

Kelly

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver

Imagine deciding to get away from the industrial food pipeline by moving your entire family to a rural area (old family homestead in author's case) and vowing to buy only food raised in your own neighborhood, grow it yourselves, or learn to live without it? Well, Kingsolver and her family did just that, chronicling their journey in this book. There are lessons in animal reproduction and raising and gardening, harvesting and preserving food along with networking with neighbors for other items, all done with a realistic and often humorous outlook. Putting the kitchen and just plain good real food back at the center of life is accomplished in this wonderful book.

I have read this book twice over the years and will probably reread it again, enjoying Kingsolver's style of writing and rereading of her tips and tricks. To take a 21st century family back 100 years into the "real food" era and succeed is amazing in itself, but to chronicle it all so well is a great accomplishment.

Platforms: book, audio, Libby ebook, hoopla audio

Linda

How to Find Love in a Bookshop by Veronica Henry

Nightingale Books is a beloved haven for lovers of books. Julius, the owner, is part of the community and treats his customers as friends. If someone cannot pay for a book, he may very well give the book to the customer with an IOU that may or may not be paid. His relationship with his customers mean more to him than the bottom line of the store. After a brief illness, Julius passes and his daughter Emilia inherits the bookstore and the financial problems that her father never discussed with her.

The focus of the novel is on the people and their relationships with others. The characters experience relationships that encompass fear, deception, hope, bravery, connivery, redemption and, of course, Love. The resolution is especially satisfying. Henry was a scriptwriter before she became a novelist. Her characters are living, breathing people that readers can identify with.

Platforms: book, Libby ebook

Rebecca

Black Sun by Rebecca Roanhorse

Summary:

"Yesterday had started out with so much promise, but between then and now, she had taken a beating."

A fantastical world where magic is not fictional - A world where groups are fighting for power and you're not sure if the person beside you at the table is your ally or your enemy - A delightful world infused with political intrigue. As my first ever title from author Rebecca Roanhorse, I am in love with her style. The diverse array of characters - even though they are all from the same part of the "world", the characters are still representing a diverse population of individuality.

"I am the only storm that matters now, and there is no shelter from what I bring."

Rating: 4.5/5 stars.

Platforms: book

Samantha

The Hobbit

“In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit.” - J.R.R. Tolkien

I would definitely recommend *The Hobbit* for its classic themes of adventure, the lure of the unknown, and companionship. A timeless fantasy classic, *The Hobbit* follows Bilbo Baggins as he decides to leave his comfortable life on a journey, accompanied by dwarves he’s never met to places he’s never dreamed of seeing before. Readers will find themselves whisked away on this journey along with Bilbo, and perhaps even find themselves thinking along with him: “I wish I was at home in my nice hole by the fire, with the kettle just beginning to sing!”

Platforms: book, Libby ebook/audio, hoopla audio