Calista’s #staffpick

*Home Alone*

A spirited young boy takes on two foolish criminals in these silly Christmas classics.

Eileen’s #staffpick

*Faro’s Daughter* by Georgette Heyer

Georgette Heyer has been my favorite author since high school. Her writing career spanned most of the 20th century, and she was the originator of the Regency romance—though you really should think of her books as comedies of manners. Delightful wordplay, deft scene-setting, and a couple quite suited to each other—despite what they may think!

Emily’s #staffpick

*Blankets* by Craig Thompson

When I brought this book home, I couldn’t help but get cozy in bed under my warm blankets and stay there until I finished this haunting and vulnerable treasure by Craig Thompson. Blankets is an important work because it shows what a graphic novel is capable of being at its best, and why graphic novels are a unique and beautiful form of literature. The images and words work together seamlessly to evoke feelings and nostalgia in a way that would be difficult to mimic with words alone. Follow the young protagonist as he grapples with the meaning of faith, love, obsession, and permanence, and how it all ties back to one pivotal trip to see a girl during his senior year of high school.

Kelly’s #staffpick

*An Old-Fashioned Christmas: Sweet Traditions for Hearth and Home* by Ellen Stimson

The cover says it all – and the story, photographs and recipes inside this book are just as wonderful.  This book is a funny and touching continuation of Ellen Stimson’s family story of being transplants from the big city to the Vermont countryside.  As for the recipes – she cooks with real butter and loves shopping at the local farmer’s market.  A great read to snuggle in a comfy chair and enjoy.

Linda’s #staffpick

*Somerset Studio: An Interactive Mixed-Media Journal*

As the year draws to a close, life seems to accelerate due to plans for upcoming holiday festivities. A desire to slow down is a natural reaction to the increased demands on one’s time and energy. Why not do something different in regard to gift giving? Instead of buying gifts, consider making something. I am not a “Crafty” person but *Somerset Studio* has handicrafts for all skill levels. This journal is inspiring and a joy to page through. I have a date with a friend (who is very crafty) and we will do a craft together. The result will be a handmade gift for friends and family. Happy Holidays!