

## Eileen

*Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova

Neuroscientist Lisa Genova creates detailed, heart wrenching portraits of people dealing with life-altering diagnoses. Richard is a concert pianist who now has ALS. Karina is his ex wife, a musician with dreams of her own, now a reluctant caregiver. A powerful exploration of regret, forgiveness, freedom, and what it means to be alive.

Platforms: book

## Erica

*My Life in France* by Julia Child

“The bestselling story of Julia's years in France in her own words.” -Goodreads

You don't need to be interested in cooking to find Julia's life interesting. This book is full of beautiful photographs and stories of her time in France with her husband Paul. Julia is a national treasure with a fascinating story to tell.

Platforms: book, Libby (ebook/audio)

## Kelly

*Reminiscences of a New Hampshire Town* by Wallace Rhodes

Did you know that Belmont was once part of Gilmanton (Belmont and Gilmanton were once known as Upper Gilmanton and Lower Gilmanton)? How about why many years later in 1869 the name Belmont was chosen for the former Upper Gilmanton? This little book, which is one of the few books about Belmont, NH that exists, is packed with information about our little town. The author, Wallace Rhodes, grew up and lived his life in Belmont and loved history. In particular, he loved Belmont, NH history. He was the town historian for years and the keeper of the many photographs we see displayed at Belmont Old Home Day each summer. In 1968, the year prior to the Belmont centennial, he wrote this book, sharing his knowledge and photographs of Belmont. I am also a history buff and knew Wallace years ago, occasionally visiting him to pour over his photograph collection and listen to his many stories. Wallace was also known for visiting Belmont elementary school to talk to classes about town history.

This book is a great way to get to know Belmont and its history through Wallace's words and collected photographs. I could go into detail about the contents, but I encourage anyone curious about Belmont's history to check out this book to learn a bit more.

Linda

*What's Inside A Bird's Nest? And Other Questions About Nature & Life Cycles* by Rachel Ignatofsky

This nonfiction book is full of colorful images of birds, nests, flowers, insects, and information! Readers will learn about the life cycle of birds including migration and challenges faced by birds. Practical and fun educational activities are listed on the last page including coloring pages and vocabulary worksheets available on the author's website.

Rachel Ignatofsky is the author and illustrator of many nonfiction books including the New York Times bestseller *Women in Science* and *The Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth*.

Rebekah

*Such A Quiet Place* by Megan Miranda

"It was so easy to pretend that everything was normal. We've always been great pretenders here."

How would you react if your roommate returned to your home after being in prison for the last year and a half? For Harper Nach that is exactly how the Independence Day vacation begins. Now all the neighbors in her picturesque neighborhood are afraid to come outside. When alone, Harper sees how easy it is to slip back into old habits with the roommate, Ruby Fletcher, - but one thing keeps weighing on her mind. Did Ruby kill their neighbors almost 2 years ago? Or did the neighborhood frame her for something else?

Rating: 4/5 stars.

Platforms: book

Samantha

*Spirited Away*

“Spirited Away”, directed by Hayao Miyazaki, is a breathtaking fantasy masterpiece, in which 10-year-old Chihiro and her parents discover a seemingly abandoned amusement park. Upon further discovery, it is revealed that the park is actually a resort for weary spirits. Chihiro must work there - all while keeping her wits about her - if she wants to save her parents and herself. An intriguing fantasy adventure, “Spirited Away” is sure to captivate audiences.

Platforms: DVD