

Calista

*Courageous Creatures: I Survived True Stories* by Lauren Tarshis

Courageous Creatures is a collection of true stories about incredible animals and their brave human counterparts. Learn how smart and resilient these creatures can be and how important it is for us to help keep them safe. Fun, interesting facts scattered throughout the book as well.

Platforms: print book

Eileen

*A Deadly Education* by Naomi Novik

It's a novel take on magical boarding schools— this one is out to kill you! El has survived three years at the Scholomance, dodging monsters and doing fine by herself. Then Orion Lake saves her life for the second time and she decides he's got to go. However, nobody makes it out of the school alive without alliances, and Orion has a particular affinity for killing monsters. . .

This is the first of a series by the author of the Temeraire series (What if the Napoleonic wars were fought with dragons?). I enjoyed El's wicked sarcasm. The magic system and world-building are first rate.

Platforms: print book; Libby (ebook and audio)

Kelly

*After You* by Jojo Moyes

Many of us have read the first book *Me Before You* in this 3 book series and/or seen the movie. I decided to see what book 2 in the "Me Before You" series was all about; curious about what Louisa, the main character, would do next. I enjoyed it JUST as much, possibly even a bit more than the first! Louisa, is of course still grieving for the loss of her former boss and love of her life, Will, but now must also recover from a horrible accident too. Don't worry, letting you all know about a major plot twist won't spoil the meat and bones of this story. Dealing with recovery, sadness, and having to stay once again in her parents' overcrowded and busy home after the accident, we are given a peek further into the characters' lives. There is another twist or two to make this quite a multilayered and well written book that more than equals the first in this series. The characters are quirky, surprising, funny and emotional and the reader does a fantastic job with accents (I do so love a British accent!) While I do enjoy reading a book I can hold in my hands, listening to a book while completing mundane tasks is a great way to multitask as I never seem to have enough time to read all of the books on my list. Yes, I currently have book #3 checked out on Libby and have so enjoyed listening to these; flying through them like I haven't done since, well...I can't remember which series in the past had me quite so captivated. A quick read for some and along with the humor there is some depth and action. I sure wish they would make a sequel to the first movie!

Platforms: print book; Libby (ebook and audio)

Linda

*Spring Rain: A Life Lived in Gardens* by Marc Hamer

Each page is filled with wonder, love, regret, humility and a sense of wonder (and oneness) with nature -Washington Post

For many years the Marc Hamer made his living by working as a mole catcher and as a gardener. Hamer shares his keen powers of observation about his upbringing, marriage, children, employers, and of course gardening among other topics. His writing style is spare and conversational. This is easy reading with depth.

Although it is not essential to read his books in order of publication, readers will be better acquainted with the author's background and that knowledge enhances reading his latest book. Regardless, reading *To Catch a Mole and Seed to Dust* is a delightful experience.

Platforms: print book; hoopla (ebook)

Rebecca

MONTH: [September \(Suicide Awareness Month\)](#)

TITLE: *Me Before You*

AUTHOR: Jojo Moyes

GENRE: Adult - Contemporary Romance

Summary: They had nothing in common until love gave them everything to lose . . .

Louisa Clark is an ordinary girl living an exceedingly ordinary life—steady boyfriend, close family—who has barely been farther afield than their tiny village. She takes a badly needed job working for ex-Master of the Universe Will Traynor, who is wheelchair bound after an accident. Will has always lived a huge life—big deals, extreme sports, worldwide travel—and now he's pretty sure he cannot live the way he is.

Will is acerbic, moody, bossy—but Lou refuses to treat him with kid gloves, and soon his happiness means more to her than she expected. When she learns that Will has shocking plans of his own, she sets out to show him that life is still worth living.

Rating: 4/5 stars. Love story for the ages. Lou is a character that everyone can relate to. Will is amazingly strong throughout a tough time in his life. Together they melt even the iciest of hearts!

Platforms: print book, Libby (ebook & audiobook)

Rebekah

*While You Were Sleeping*

If you like romantic comedies, this movie is for you.

While You Were Sleeping follows the story of Lucy, a lonely woman who saves a man named Peter from an oncoming train. While Peter is in a coma, Lucy is mistaken for his fiancée by his family. As she gets to know Peter's family, Lucy starts falling for his brother, Jack. It is a heart-warming and funny movie that explains the complication of love, family, and second chances.