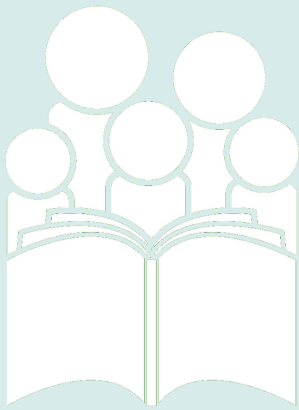


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EVERYBODY LOVES READING



Log Books, Win Prizes

Designate some hours each week for "me time." Grab a hot beverage, settle in a comfy spot, and escape into a good book.

Then sign up for Winter Reading and log your books by February 28th.

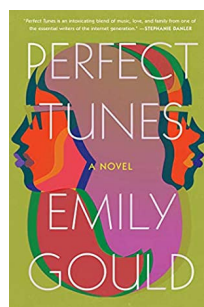
Twice a year, summer and winter, we encourage you to take time for yourself by doing some leisure reading.

This Winter, the theme is "What Unites Us." We are thinking about how libraries and books can unite us. Read any books you want, for fun. Make it your mission to find books you love! We can help with that! Don't forget our large collection of ebooks/audiobooks that are available with your library account. Log your books on the beanstack app or at <https://sfvpld.beanstack.org>.

Everybody Loves Book Talks



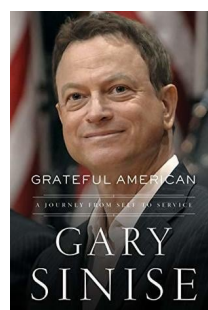
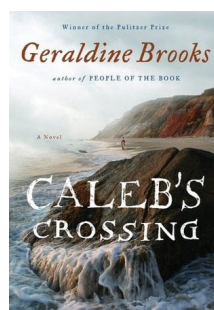
Working Moms



The American Experience

These are the books featured on Sonia's Book Talks for October, November and December.

Watch the library's BookTube videos at bit.ly/SoniasBookTalks

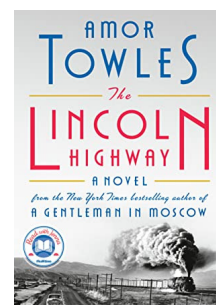
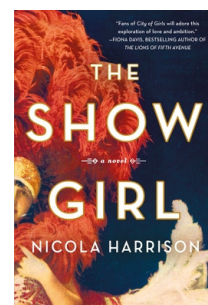
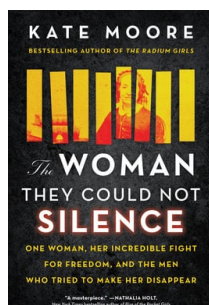


Take the survey

What do you like to read? Let me know of a good book you've read lately. Take the quick survey!

bit.ly/Book4MeSFV

My Favorites of 2021



Spotlight on Novelist



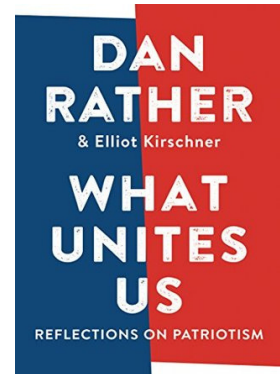
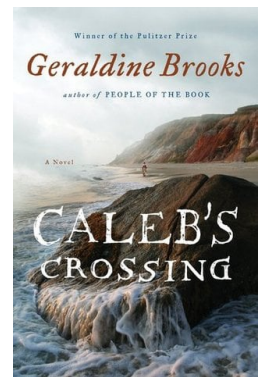
Books, books, books! Log in to [Novelist](https://www.novelistplus.com) (through our website) and answer their prompt: *I'm in the mood for...* Browse categories like *Moody & Atmospheric*, *Bittersweet*, *Heartwarming*, *Menacing & intensifying*, and *Whimsical and Offbeat*. Browse by genre and theme. Specify how you like it! For example: *Mystery: Urban or rural? Cozy or adrenaline-filled? Detective or amateur sleuth?* Find specific fiction themes such as "Bouncing Back," "Band of Survivors," "Love in Wartime," "Vengeance is Mine," "Academies of Magic," "Trapped!" "New in Town," and "Time and Again." This gem of a resource is made for book lovers! Available to use with a library card. Start exploring today.

Everybody Loves Book Club

In October, the 43rd Street Book Club discussed the mystery-thriller *When No One Is Watching* by Alyssa Cole. This slow-burn mystery follows Brooklyn native Sydney. As gentrification causes her neighbors to disappear, she starts to suspect something more sinister is going on.

For November, Native American Heritage Month, the book club pick was *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks, which is set in a Puritan settlement of the 1660s, and is based on true events. A preacher's daughter befriends a Wampanoag boy who becomes the first Native American to graduate from Harvard.

The 43rd Street Book Club meets on Monday nights. Upcoming in January: *What Unites Us: Reflections on Patriotism* by Dan Rather. With a fundamental sense of hope, *What Unites Us* is a book to inspire conversation and listening, and to remind us all how we are united. Due to Covid, this meeting will be on Zoom. Check www.sfvpld.org for updates.



What Is Together We Read?

Feb. 7-21: *The Five Wounds* by Kirstin Valdez Quade



Together We Read is a Digital Book Club from Overdrive.

During this two-week program, there will be no waitlists and no holds for the selected title. Download Libby to borrow the free ebook or eaudiobook with your library account. This is free and similar to Overdrive's Big Library Read.

Everybody Loves Reading Audits

How diversely do you read?

Do you look at your reading trends?

Do you keep track of what books you read? If you don't, you should! At the end of the year, look at those titles. Audit your reading life to learn more about yourself as a reader.

Break it down into genres, and formats: What genres did you read most? How many print/ebook/audio/graphic novels?

How many: Male authors? Female authors?

Person of color authors? Global settings?

Audit your reading life to learn more about yourself as a reader.

On the right is my 2021 year-in-reading **genre pie chart**.

I finished 68 books. 80% is fiction.

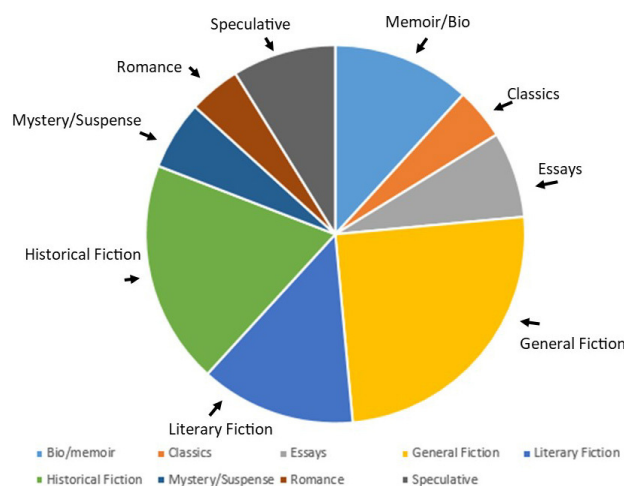
Non-fiction takes up 20%.

Breaking down by **format**, I read:

53 print books

7 audiobooks

8 ebooks



You'll see patterns and those patterns can be helpful. What did you learn about yourself? Were you fulfilled with your reading? Or was it lackluster? Do you gravitate towards certain characters? Were there any trends or books you loved that surprised you?

My surprise: In 2021, two of my books were re-reads, which I enjoyed even more than the first time I read them. I hardly ever re-read. No surprise: My favorites were historical fiction with quirky characters. I know to look for these to find a good read. There are book tracking sites that you can use, such as Litsy, Goodreads or Storygraph. These sites have fun features. Or you can keep track on a spreadsheet. However you do it, I hope it helps to enhance your reading pleasure. Happy reading!