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Week of 10/3-10/8/2022



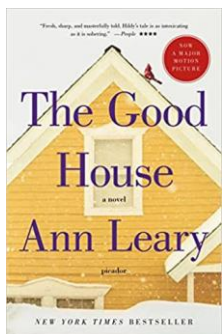
Bri

Title: **Hooky**

Author: **Miriam Bonastre Tur**

Juvenile Fantasy/Graphic Novel

It was a fun kid's graphic novel... (it) reminds me of the studio ghibli movies me and my sister would watch as kids. It's a cozy fall read without being spooky :)



Jen

Title: **The Good House**

Author: **Ann Leary**

Fiction

Deals with themes of adult family & intimate relationships, alcoholism & sobriety while interweaving small town intrigues (town on Boston's North Shore), feuding mothers, a missing child & psychic powers tracing back to the Salem witch trials in the storyline.



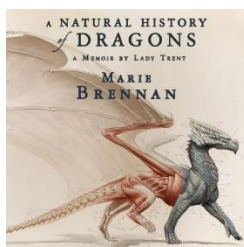
Marcia

Title: **LORE OLYMPUS (Volumes 1 & 2)**

Author: **Rachel Smythe**

Young Adult Graphic Novel

I liked this series as a new, fresh reimagining of the classic Greek Mythology involving Hades and Persephone as teens finding themselves and their place in a modern day Olympus.



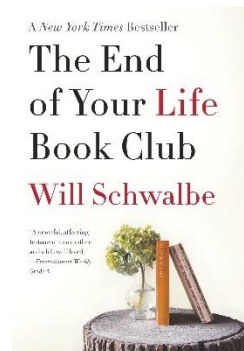
Melissa

Title: **A Natural History of Dragons – A Memoir by Lady Trent**

Author: **Marie Brennan**

Science Fiction/Fantasy

This was AMAZING - I'm so pleased that there are 4 more books in the series., Following the adventures of the eccentric and indomitable Lady Trent (Isabella) as she follows her heart (and head) in search of dragons is an experience you will never forget. An incredibly well-imagined world set in an historical setting, with realistic/evolving characters, an intricate storyline/themes, and written in a captivating style that will have you considering becoming a natural scientist & explorer yourself.



Patrick

Title: **The End of Your Life Book Club**

Author: **Will Schwalbe**

Non-Fiction/Biography/Memoir

This true mother/son story depicts and explores the author's relationship with his mother during her terminal cancer treatments & how their shared love of books, the sharing of the books, & sharing their thoughts on the books gave comfort & joy at such a difficult time. The books read throughout added considerably to my TBR list.



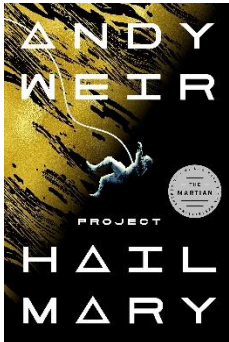
Bri

Title: **SPY x FAMILY (series)**

Author: **Tatsuya Endo**

Juvenile Fantasy/Graphic Novel

It's a fun graphic novel series following a spy who needs a fake family for his mission - unknowingly marrying a rival assassin and adopting a telepathic daughter. None of them know each other's true identities and they have to pretend to be a perfect loving family - chaos ensues. It's super cute and wholesome! I've been trying to catch up with the series before finishing season 1 of the show.



Kathy

Title: **Project Hail Mary**

Author: **Andy Weir**

Science Fiction

By the author of *The Martian*, Ryland Grace awakens from an induced coma and finds himself in a space capsule, with amnesia. He finds his memory through flashbacks. A gripping story of survival and friendship.



Marcia

Title: **Witchlings**

Author: **Claribel Ortega**

Juvenile Fantasy

This week I'm reading and recommending this book because it's a fun-filled, action-packed coming of age questperfect for younger HARRY POTTER fans! The book celebrates the power of friendship, family and love while the three protagonists persevere against stacked odds to follow their dreams.



Melissa

Title: **The Thief (series)**

Author: **Meghan Whalen Turner**

YA Fantasy

Excerpt from author's home page (https://meganwhalenturner.org/books/bk_thief.html):
"The most powerful advisor to the King of Sounis is the magus. He's not a wizard, he's a scholar, an aging soldier, not a thief. When he needs something stolen, he pulls a young thief from the King's prison to do the job for him.

Gen is a thief and proud of it. When his bragging lands him behind bars, he has one chance to win his freedom, journey to a neighboring kingdom with the magus, find a legendary stone called Hamiathes's Gift and steal it. The magus has plans for his King and his country. Gen has plans of his own."

With a synopsis like that, you can see why I enjoyed this book. Twisty plots, well-developed, intricate characters and lots of action & adventure. Turner is an excellent writer with a firm grasp of her word and world craft. Not only a fun read, but one that will grip you and not let go. Good thing it's followed by 6 others expanding upon the themes & characters!

Week of 10/17-10/22/2022



Bri

Title: **A Spoonful of Frogs**

Author: **Casey Lyall** Illustrator: **Vera Brosgol**

Children's Picture Book

A NEW book about a witch making her favorite soup! It's a cute fall read, and a funny story about making substitutions when certain ingredients just don't work out. I really loved the illustrations in it!



Christina

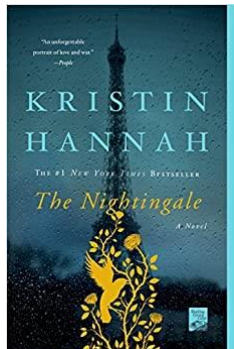
Title: **An Unwanted Guest**

Author: **Shari Lapena**

Mystery

A page turner reminiscent of Agatha Christie's works. A group of people are staying at an inn during a snowstorm, when a guest turns up dead. The group comes together to begin the process of trying to solve the crime, but they lose focus as a second guest is murdered and panic ensues. As guest no longer trusts guest, the story unfolds. An

excellent "whodunit?"!



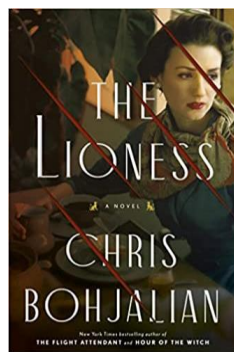
Jen

Title: **The Nightingale**

Author: **Kristin Hannah**

Fiction

This book tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France.



Kathy

Title: **The Lioness**

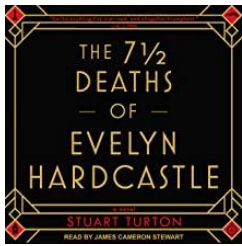
Author: **Chris Bohjalian**

Fiction

Want to go on a safari? You may reconsider after reading this!

It's 1964 and the A-list actress, Katie Barstow, and her new husband are planning a Safari honeymoon. They have invited other Hollywood friends to join them on a luxury safari in Tanzania. Tanzania is experiencing a wave of political unrest - is it a good time to travel there? Through flashbacks, we see what brought the members of the group on

this fateful outing, who will survive? Glitzy Hollywood meets real life, an exciting read authored by a master. [When I read a great story, I like to cast the movie in my head and I really picture Olivia Munn as Carmen Todesco!]



Kaya

Title: **The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle**

Author: **Stuart Turton**

Thriller/Murder Mystery

This is a perfect read for Halloween time. I don't usually enjoy "who dunnit" stories, but there was so much more to this book, it really blew my mind and has been in my thoughts for months now. It has elements reminiscent of *The Most Dangerous Game*, *The Great Gatsby*, *Groundhog Day*, *The Butterfly Effect*, and *Sherlock Holmes*. The plot is cleverly complex—layered in a way that keeps you guessing, but not struggling to follow what's going on. It has dynamic and interesting characters, shocking twists, and is incredibly thought-provoking.



Marcia

Title: **The Last Beekeeper**

Author: **Pablo Cartaya**

Juvenile Science Fiction/Dystopian World/Adventure

Climate disasters have destroyed Yoly's way of life. She discovers a hidden beehive her scientist grandmother has hidden and works with her remaining family to save the last hive and hopefully save her future. Fast paced and hopeful, and it will remind kids to take care of our surroundings if they want a good future.



Melissa

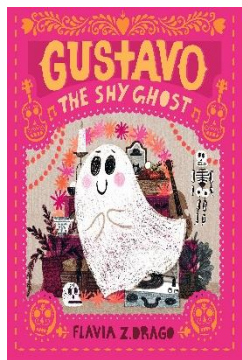
Title: **The Throne of Glass (1st in series!)**

Author: **Sarah J. Maas**

YA Fantasy/Adventure

Celaena, a wickedly COOL assassin, has the opportunity of a lifetime - win her freedom! This series begins the tale of her exploits as she sets out to become the King's Champion. With wonderfully drawn characters - crown prince, captain of the guard, princess, murderers, thieves and more - we are thrilled to see Calaena's fierce fight for survival, respect and honor in a world of politics, intrigue, evil and espionage.

Week of 10/24-10/29/2022



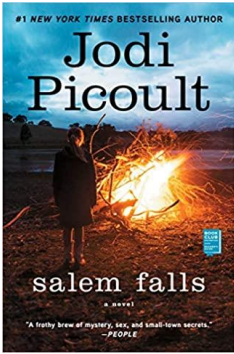
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Title: **Gustavo the Shy Ghost**

Author/Illustrator: **Flavia Z. Drago**

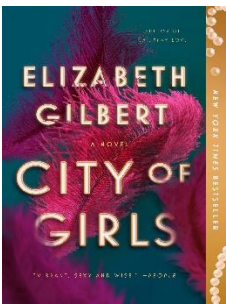
Children's Picture Book

Gustavo is a ghost who's looking to make new friends, but "making friends is terrifying" and he is too shy to speak to any of the other monsters. Even when he tries to reach out, all the other monsters see right through him! Eventually, Gustavo figures out that doing what you love can be a great way to make new friends. Flavia has a very distinct art style that I really like, and Gustavo is a very charismatic little ghost!



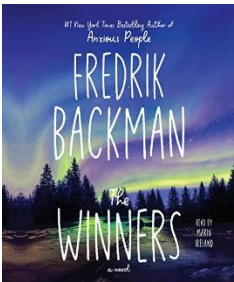
Christina
 Title: **Salem Falls**
 Author: **Jodi Picoult**
 Fiction/Thriller

After being accused of a crime he swears he didn't commit, Jack St. Bride relocates to Salem Falls to start a new chapter of his life. He finds a job at the local diner and gets to know Addie, whose family owns the diner. But just when it seems as though his life is getting back to normal, he's accused of the same crime that ruined his life just months earlier. Most of the townspeople assume that Jack is guilty, but none of them know that something sinister is being hidden right in their own backyard. With Addie's help, Jack fights to reveal the truth and prove his innocence.



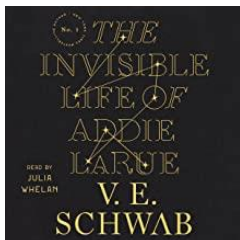
Jen
 Title: **City of Girls**
 Author: **Elizabeth Gilbert**
 Fiction

This is the story of 19 year old Vivian in the year 1940. A wealthy, sheltered girl who, upon dropping out of Vassar College, comes to New York City to live with her aunt. It tells the story of Vivian's move and how the world opens up before her - a journey of life lived with gusto and love.



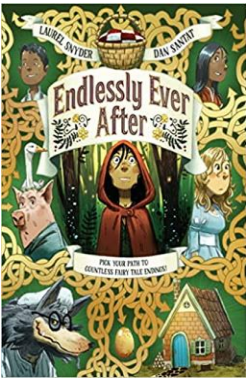
Kathy
 Title: **The Winners**
 Author: **Fredrik Backman**
 Fiction

The final book in the Beartown Trilogy. Two years have passed since the events that no one wants to think about. Everyone has tried to move on, but there's something about this place that prevents it. The residents continue to grapple with life's big questions: What is a family? What is a community? And what, if anything, are we willing to sacrifice in order to protect them? A fitting end to the trilogy, overlong, but the last chapter will destroy you.



Kaya
 Title: **The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue**
 Author: **Victoria Schwab**
 Science Fiction

A fictional story about a young woman who makes a Faustian bargain that changes everything. The story is full of magic, beauty, pain, and hope. It follows the woman's life as she learns what it means to leave a mark on the world as she travels through various countries and through centuries of war, peace, music and art. The book was compelling and thought-provoking, challenging me to think about what makes a life worth living, how we impact those around us, and what we leave behind in the world and in the lives of the people we interact with. It was so incredibly beautiful that I think that this book will haunt me for the rest of my life. I would absolutely recommend it for adults, but make sure that you're in a good emotional place when you pick it up, as this book had me sobbing.



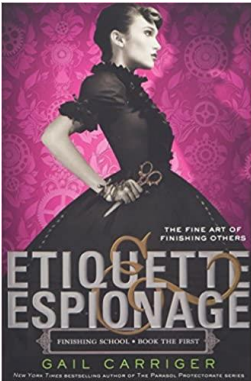
Marcia

Title: **Endlessly Ever After**

Author: **Laurel Snyder** Illustrator: **Dan Santat**

Juvenile - Picture Book/Fairy Tales/Choose your own endings

This book starts off as a typical rendering of Little Red Riding Hood, but quickly shifts as the reader chooses either a "faux fur coat" and goes to page 20 or "your favorite red cape" and goes to page 6. The bolder the reader is...the crazier the story evolves! So much fun! Older children who are familiar with fairy tales will love encountering Hansel and Gretel, Sleeping Beauty, a wolf and three pigs, and ENDLESS PATHS to adventure.



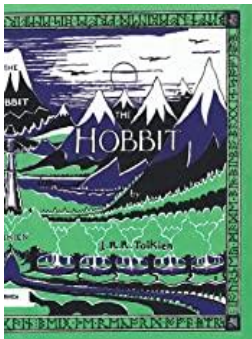
Melissa

Title: **Etiquette & Espionage (Book the One)**

Author: **Gail Carriger**

YA Science Fiction/Adventure

Sophronia (a tomboy & aspiring mechanical engineer) is being packed off to Mademoiselle Geraldine's Finishing Academy for Young Ladies of Quality as a last resort. What her mother doesn't know is that in addition to gaining the polish 1851 English society demands, Sophronia will be learning "polite" methods of dealing death, utilizing diversionary tactics, and the "art" of chatter to elicit secrets and spread misinformation. A humorous and titillating twist on a female's place in the world showing that by using the systems in place, she can subvert them from the inside to her advantage. A truly engaging romp for "girls" of all ages!



Patrick

Title: **The Hobbit**

Author: **J.R.R. Tolkien**

Fantasy Fiction

"In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit. Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole, filled with the ends of worms and an oozy smell, nor yet a dry, bare, sandy hole with nothing in it to sit down on or to eat: it was a hobbit-hole, and that means comfort." Written for J.R.R. Tolkien's own children, *The Hobbit* met with instant critical acclaim when it was first published in 1937. Now recognized as a timeless classic, this introduction to the hobbit Bilbo Baggins, the wizard Gandalf, Gollum, and the spectacular world of Middle-earth recounts of the adventures of a reluctant hero, a powerful and dangerous ring, and the cruel dragon Smaug the Magnificent.