

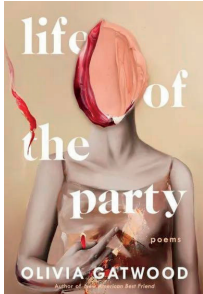


Days of Sand

Aimée de Jongh

Just about everyone has heard about the Dust Bowl, but this book gives a personal look at how it affected the people struggling to survive – and in some instances, didn't.

– Jason, Cascades Library

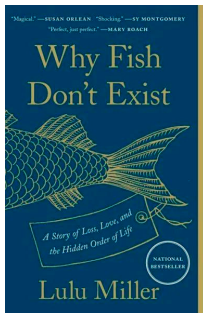


Life of the Party: Poems

Olivia Gatwood

A bold collection of poetry that critiques our culture's reaction to violence against women, and explores the raw and often unspoken experiences of girlhood.

– Sarah, Rust Library

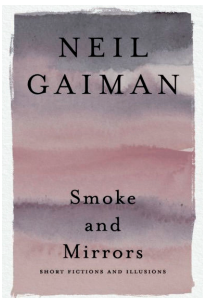


Why Fish Don't Exist

Lulu Miller

This slim bio of taxonomist and naturalist David Starr Jordan weaves together questions of chaos and order in both nature and everyday life. For fans of *This American Life* and *Radio Lab*.

– Sarah, Rust Library

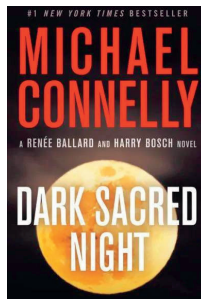


Smoke and Mirrors

Neil Gaiman

A collection of short stories perfect for Gaiman fans. Check out *We Can Get Them for You Wholesale*, which has the Gaiman SLOW CREEP and feels like the precursor to his *Every Man Jack* in *The Graveyard Book*.

– Aaron, Purcellville Library

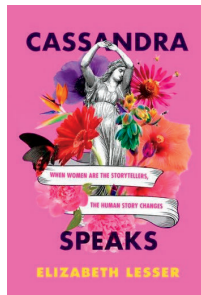


Bosch and Ballard Series

Michael Connelly

Strong characters who are not perfect, but are smart and determined (or stubborn, depending on your viewpoint).

– Kate, Cascades Library

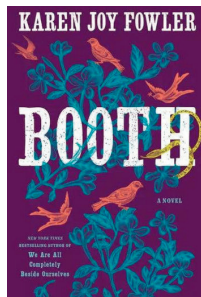


Cassandra Speaks

Elizabeth Lesser

Lesser offers her perspective of what our stories, our myths and our history would look like if we listened to women. Although very Western-centric, the book is thought-provoking.

– Regan, Purcellville Library



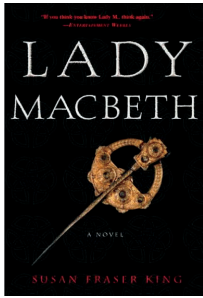
Booth: A Novel

Karen Joy Fowler

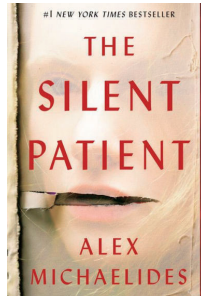
A masterful work of historical fiction, the book chronicles John Wilkes' descent into radicalization and madness, followed by the lifelong effects of his horrible deed on those who knew and loved him best.

– Phoebe, Rust Library

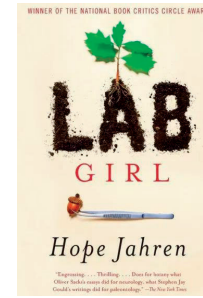




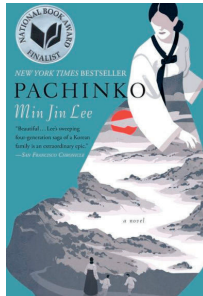
Lady MacBeth
Susan Fraser King
A unique take on the classic story.
- Kate, Cascades Library



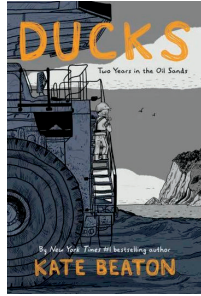
The Silent Patient
Alex Michaelides
A thriller that keeps you guessing.
- Josh, Rust Library



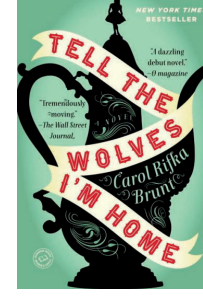
Lab Girl
Hope Jahren
A science memoir, but also a story of friendship, overcoming obstacles, and the advantages of neurodivergence (although Jahren might not put it that way).
- Julie, Library Administration



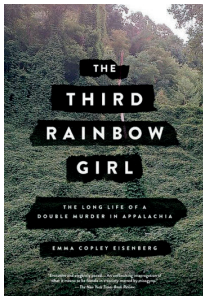
Pachinko
Min Jin Lee
Richly told, *Pachinko* is an epic historical family saga. I was completely engrossed in the storytelling.
- Susie, Rust Library



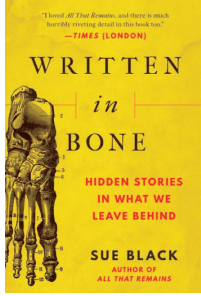
Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands
Kate Beaton
An intriguing look at our neighbors to the north and behind the scenes of an industry most people don't know the workings of.
- Jason, Cascades Library



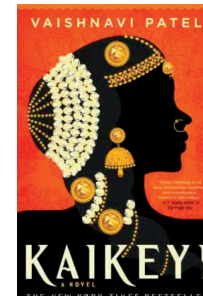
Tell the Wolves I'm Home
Carol Rifka Brunt
There are some books that you just want to crawl in and live inside and stay, not wanting them to end because they fit almost perfectly into your heart, in the least cheesy way possible.
- Amanda, Ashburn Library



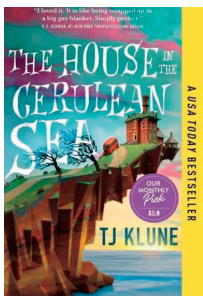
The Third Rainbow Girl
Emma Copley Eisenberg
An investigation into double murders in 1980s West Virginia seen through the eyes of a young teacher. If you like nonfiction that reads like fiction, this is for you.
- Regan, Purcellville Library



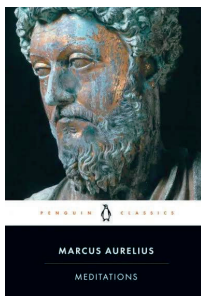
Written in Bone
Sue Black
Forensic anthropologist Sue Black takes readers on a tour of the human skeleton and features stories from her work. Incredibly interesting with excellent narration.
- Katie, Rust Library



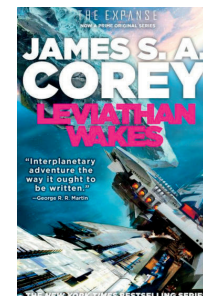
Kaikeyi
Vaishnavi Patel
This fantastic debut reimagines the life of Kaikeyi, the infamous queen from the epic *Ramayana*. Beautifully written and offers an interesting perspective on the historical figures.
- Katie, Rust Library



The House in the Cerulean Sea
T.J. Klune
It's a warm hug of an LGBT love story, that had me sobbing happy tears throughout!
- Cassidy, Sterling Library



Meditations
Marcus Aurelius
Anyone looking for Stoicism primer can't miss this.
- Aaron, Purcellville Library



Leviathan Wakes
James S.A. Corey
It's an exciting and fun novel. The characters are really strong and the science is believable.
- Mary, Ashburn Library