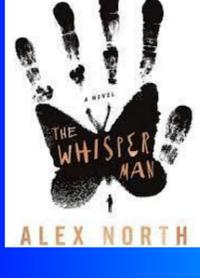




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Debbie C. recommends:

[The Whisper Man by Alex North](#)



From goodreads.com: In this dark, suspenseful thriller, Alex North weaves a multi-generational tale of a father and son caught in the crosshairs of an investigation to catch a serial killer preying on a small town. After the sudden death of his wife, Tom Kennedy believes a fresh start will help him and his young son Jake heal. A new beginning, a new house, a new town: Featherbank. But Featherbank has a dark past. Twenty years ago, a serial killer abducted and murdered five residents. Until Frank Carter was finally caught, he was nicknamed "The Whisper Man," for he would lure his victims out by whispering at their windows at night. Just as Tom and Jake settle into their new home, a young boy vanishes. His disappearance bears an unnerving resemblance to Frank Carter's crimes, reigniting old rumors that he preyed with an accomplice. Now, detectives Amanda Beck and Pete Willis must find the boy before it is too late, even if that means Pete has to revisit his great foe in prison: The Whisper Man. And then Jake begins acting strangely. He hears a whispering at his window.

Thriller

Morgan S. recommends:

[The Littlest Yak by Lu Fraser](#)

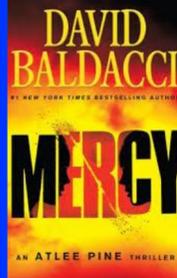


From peachtreebooks.com: Gertie is the littlest yak, feeling stuck in her smallness. She wants to grow UP with the hugest of hooves and humongous horns! Because there isn't anything a BIG yak can't do. So Gertie devises a growing-up plan. She eats her veggies, exercises every day, and reads lots of books. Still, she isn't any bigger. But when the other yaks come calling for Gertie to help them with a daring and dangerous task, could it be because it's something only a small yak can do?

Children's

Joan R. recommends:

[Mercy by David Baldacci](#)



From goodreads.com: FBI Agent Atlee Pine's harrowing search for her long-lost sister Mercy reaches a boiling point in this breakneck thriller from #1 New York Times bestselling author David Baldacci. For her entire life, FBI agent Atlee Pine has been searching for her twin sister, Mercy, who was abducted at the age of six and never seen again. Mercy's disappearance left behind a damaged family that later shattered beyond repair when Atlee's parents inexplicably abandoned her. Now, after a perilous investigation that nearly proved fatal, Atlee has finally discovered not only the reason behind her parents' abandonment and Mercy's kidnapping, but also the most promising breakthrough yet: proof that Mercy survived her abduction and then escaped her captors many years ago. Though Atlee is tantalizingly close to her family at last, the final leg of her long road to Mercy will be the most treacherous yet. Mercy left at least one dead body behind before fleeing her captors years before. Atlee has no idea if her sister is still alive, and if so, how she has been surviving all this time. When the truth is finally revealed, Atlee Pine will face the greatest danger yet, and it may well cost her everything

Mystery

Melissa J. recommends:

[Unicorn Night, Sleep Tight by Diana Murray](#)



Unicorn Night, Sleep Tight, is the delightful new sequel to Diana Murray's *Unicorn Day*. There are sparkles on the cover! The pages are full of detail, such as unicorns wearing sleep masks and cuddling teddy bears that have unicorn horns.

Children's

Joan R. recommends:

[The Good Girl by Maru Kubica](#)

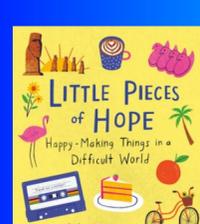


From goodreads.com: *I've been following her for the past few days. I know where she buys her groceries, where she works. I don't know the color of her eyes or what they look like when she's scared. But I will.* One night, Mia Dennett enters a bar to meet her on-again, off-again boyfriend. But when he doesn't show, she unwisely leaves with an enigmatic stranger. At first Colin Thatcher seems like a safe one-night stand. But following Colin home will turn out to be the worst mistake of Mia's life. When Colin decides to hide Mia in a secluded cabin in rural Minnesota instead of delivering her to his employers, Mia's mother, Eve, and detective Gabe Hoffman will stop at nothing to find them. But no one could have predicted the emotional entanglements that eventually cause this family's world to shatter.

Mystery

Stephanie H. recommends:

[Little Pieces of Hope by Todd Doughty](#)



From goodreads.com: On March 11, 2020, the day the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus a global pandemic and all of our lives began to change in unprecedented ways, Todd Doughty knew he needed to do something to help him stay connected to the everyday joys of life. So he wrote down a list of things that make him happy: The musical intro to "All Things Considered." Someone forgiving you. Someone believing in you. Your foot sticking out from under a blanket in order to find the cool spot. Freshly cut yellow tulips. A really good burger. Many, many lists later, *Little Pieces of Hope* pulls together the best of Doughty's lists along with never-before-seen entries, essays, musings, prompts, quotes, and playlists that offer solace, connection, and a daily touchstone of joy in a difficult world. A beautiful keepsake full of gorgeous illustrations, *Little Pieces of Hope* is brimming with the pleasures of life, inspiring readers to look for and celebrate the good things that surround us.

Nonfiction

Liz C. recommends:

[American Predator: The Hunt for the Most Meticulous Serial Killer of the 21st Century by Maureen Callahan](#)



Even if you aren't a true crime buff you've heard of Ted Bundy, John Wayne Gacy and Jeffrey Dahmer but I bet you haven't heard about Israel Keyes. I'm a huge true crime fan but before picking up this book I hadn't heard his name. He struck all over the United States with his crimes going undetected for over a decade. The author does an incredible job of presenting the facts and weaving a truly compelling narrative, I was hooked from the first page. This is hands down the best true crime book I've ever read and if you're even remotely interested in serial killers I would recommend picking up this book.

True Crime

Alicia A. recommends:

[Bear is a Bear by Jonathan Stutzman](#)



From goodreads.com: Bear is . . . a new friend, a fellow mischief-maker, a protector, and a dreamer. Through all the many ups and downs of a little girl's childhood, Bear is there to provide love and support. Until it is time to say goodbye . . . and hello again.

Children's

Melissa J. recommends:

[The School Between Winter and Fairyland by Heather Fawcett](#)

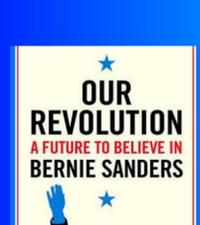


The many parallels between *The School Between Winter and Fairyland* and the *Harry Potter* series are annoying at first, but the twists, the fine writing and amazing ending make up for it. The recent release is new at the Osterhout Free Library.

Middle Grade Fantasy

Kathleen M. recommends:

[Our Revolution: A Future to Believe In by Bernie Sanders](#)



My staff pick is *Our Revolution: A Future to Believe In* by Senator Bernie Sanders. We live in interesting times, as the old course goes. This is one way we could get back to the American Dream. Or, as Senator Sanders says: "Humanity is at a crossroads. We can continue down the current path of greed, consumerism, oligarchy, poverty, war, racism, and environmental degradation. Or we can lead the world in moving in a very different direction."

Nonfiction



Time to snuggle in and stay warm and enjoy a movie or book.

Til next month, keep reading!