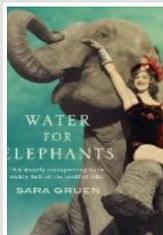
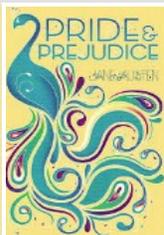
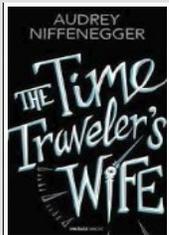
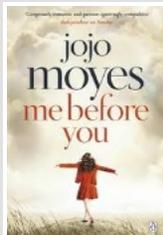
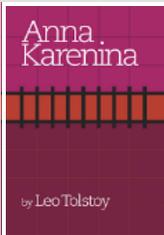
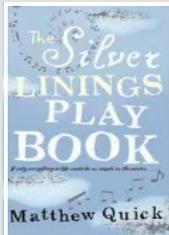
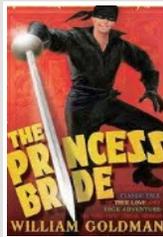
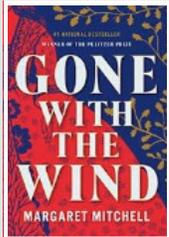


# What to Read Next



## Romantic Books to Flicks

Do you need some romantic inspiration? These selected novels enjoyed such wide acclaim that they eventually were adapted to the film screen. Feel free to check one out!

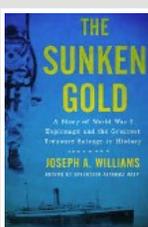
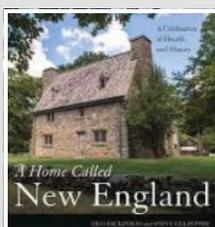


## Upcoming Author Talks:

**February 21 at 7 PM: Duo Dickinson**  
*A Home Called New England*

**March 7 at 7 PM: Joseph A. Williams**  
*The Sunken Gold*

**March 26 at 7 PM: Paul Kix**  
*The Saboteur*



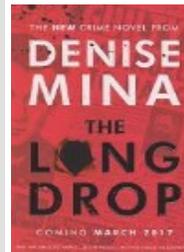
## I ♥ Who's Your Favorite Author?

### AUTHORS

**Diane** particularly enjoys reading works by the following three authors: **Jandy Nelson**, **Allen Eskens** and **Victor Lodato**. She notes, "Jandy Nelson is a Young Adult (YA) author and new find for me. Nelson writes with incredibly tangible emotion that consumes the reader. Allen Eskens and Victor Lodato have different writing styles and genres, but both authors have well developed characters you cannot help care about." If you already appreciate books by those authors, she suggests trying novels written by **Alice Hoffman** and **Kate Morton**.

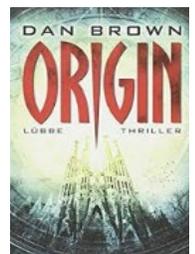
Diane recommends these novels: *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson, *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens, and *Edgar and Lucy: A Novel* by Victor Lodato.

## Monthly Staff Favorites



**Ann: *The Long Drop: A Novel* by Denise Mina.** In 1958, Peter Manuel breaks into a suburban villa in Glasgow and murders three members of the Watt family. William Watt, a successful businessman is promptly arrested for the crime, but police aren't able to find enough evidence to charge him. Determined to clear his name, Watt offers to pay for information. This novel attempts to make sense of one of the most intriguing true crime cases in legal history.

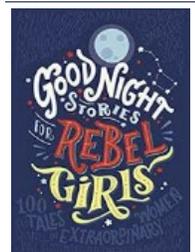
**Norma: *Origin: A Novel* by Dan Brown.** Robert Langdon, Harvard professor of symbology and religious iconology, arrives at the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao to attend the unveiling of a discovery that "will change the face of science forever." The evening's host is his former student, Edmond Kirsch, who promises a breakthrough that will answer questions of human existence. Langdon flees to Spain to find a cryptic password that will unlock Kirsch's secret.



**Richard: *Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage: Stories* by Alice Munro.** This exquisite collection of short stories begins by introducing the reader to housekeeper, Johanna, who flees her employer to find the man with whom she's fallen in love. Little does she know that her correspondence with him has been a complete fabrication, a cruel teenager's idea of a practical joke. Who will Johanna find when she steps off her train? Will she find love?

**Sue: *Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Tales of Extraordinary Women* by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo.**

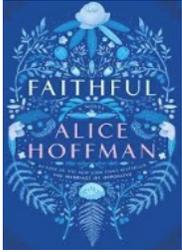
This collection of stories will inspire young girls (and all women) to be confident, to dream big and to cultivate their strength. You will read about real women of the past and present who have achieved incredible results despite all odds. From painters and scientists, to dancers and chefs, these rebel girls have changed the course of history.





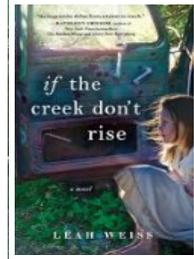
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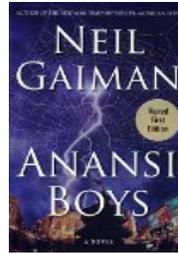
**Emily:** *Faithful* by Alice Hoffman. Growing up on Long Island, Shelby Richmond is an ordinary girl until one night an extraordinary tragedy changes her fate. Her best friend's future is destroyed in an accident, while Shelby walks away with the burden of guilt. *Faithful* is the story of a survivor. Filled with emotion, from dark suffering to true happiness, this is a moving portrait of a young woman finding her way in the modern world.

**Jana:** *Echo* by Francesca Lia Block. Echo, an artistic teenager, overcomes various forms of rejection in her search for selfhood and true love. She lives among angels: false and true, mythic and real. Her mother, whom Echo thinks is perfect, appears blind or impervious to her daughter's needs. Her famous-artist father has such love for his wife that it seems to leave no room for Echo. There are also girls who Echo wishes she could be, as well as a nameless, wounded boy who saves Echo from drowning.



**Jessica:** *If the Creek Don't Rise: A Novel* by Leah Weiss. In a North Carolina mountain town filled with moonshine and rotten husbands, Sadie Blue is only the latest girl to face a dead-end future at the mercy of a dangerous drunk. She's been married to Roy Tupkin, who is the worst kind of trouble, for fifteen days. When a stranger sweeps in and knocks the world off-kilter for everyone in town, Sadie begins to think there might be more to life than being Roy's wife.

**Anna:** *Anansi Boys* by Neil Gaiman. Charlie Nancy leads a normal, boring existence in London. When he calls the U.S. to invite his estranged father to his wedding, he learns that the man just died. After jetting off to Florida for the funeral, Charlie not only discovers a brother he didn't know he had, but he also learns that his father was the West African trickster god, Anansi. Charlie's brother, who has his own magical powers, later visits him and spins Charlie's life out of control.



## Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 3  
10 AM to 12 PM  
All Ages

Visit us at the **Essex Library** for our special annual event. This year, we'll be giving tours, hosting activities and offering prizes. Our staff will be on hand to help your reader find a perfect book. Our **Friends of the Library** will also host a family book sale from 10 AM to 2 PM during this day. You can bring your own bag, and fill it for five dollars. Registration is not required for this event. Stop on by and find the many treasures offered to you by your local library.

Be sure to celebrate National Library

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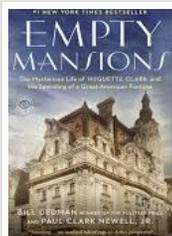
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If you enjoy lively discussion with other book enthusiasts, please join us!

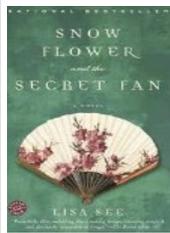


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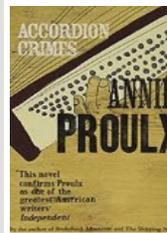
**First Thursday**  
February 1  
4:00 PM  
*Empty Mansions*



**Historical Fiction**  
February 13  
10:30 AM  
*Snow Flower & the Secret Fan*



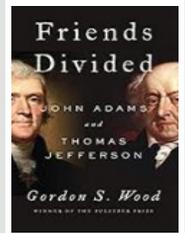
**Third Wednesday**  
February 21  
10:30 AM  
*Accordion Crimes*



**Classics Book Group**  
March 8  
5:30 PM  
*1919*



**American History**  
March 15  
5:00 PM  
*Friends Divided*



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