

What to Read Next



Who Would be Your Ideal Literary Dining Companions? And Why?

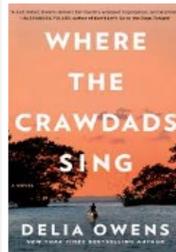
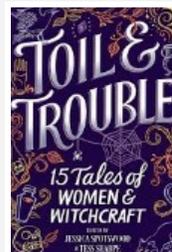
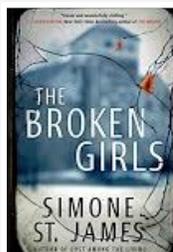
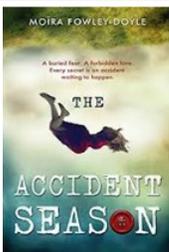
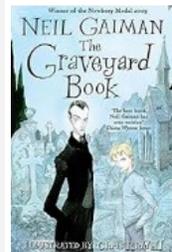
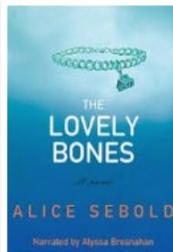
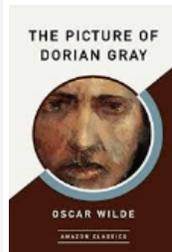
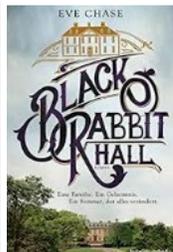
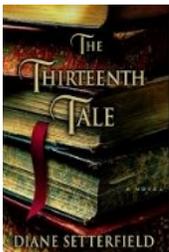
Richard chose three authors to sit at his imaginary dining table: **Mark Twain**, **Dorothy Parker** and **Oscar Wilde**. He explains, “**Mark Twain** often railed against the ‘damned human race,’ and late in life, the excesses of the Gilded Age — particularly the Spanish American War, so I’d love to hear his thoughts about our current situation. **Dorothy Parker** was famous for her quick wit and biting commentary. Similarly, **Oscar Wilde** was one of the wittiest writers of all time, and I imagine it would be fascinating to listen to him as he held court.”

Richard selected the following books: *Roughing It* by **Mark Twain**, *The Collected Stories of Dorothy Parker*, and *Lady Windermere’s Fan* by **Oscar Wilde**.

Looking for a Spooky Book?



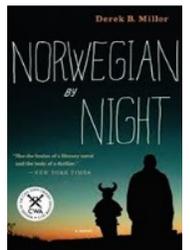
At this time of year, do you find yourself craving an eerie read? Essex Library staff have selected the following books which are sure to make your spine tingle. We suggest turning on some extra lights!



Jessica: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by **Delia Owens**. For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. She's barefoot, wild and unfit for polite society. In late 1969, handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, and the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark. However, Kya is not what they say. Owens juxtaposes an exquisite ode to the natural world against a tragic coming of age story, as well as a surprising murder investigation.

Ann: *Norwegian by Night* by **Derek B. Miller**.

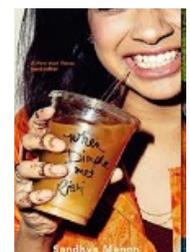
Sheldon Horowitz, 82 years old and impatient, is staying with his granddaughter's family in Norway when he disappears with a stranger's child. To Norway's cops, Sheldon is just an old man who is coming undone at the end of a long and hard life. Since Sheldon heard the boy's European mother being murdered, it is clear in his own mind that he must protect the child from the killer and a Balkan gang.



Sue: *The Boy, The Boat, and the Beast* by **Samantha M. Clark**. A boy washes up on a mysterious, seemingly uninhabited beach. Who is he? How did he get there? The boy can't remember. When he sees a light shining over the foreboding wall of trees that surrounds the shore, he decides to follow it in the hopes that it will lead him to answers. To go home again, he must uncover a truth that will force him to face his greatest fear of all.

Anna: *When Dimple Met Rishi* by **Sandhya Menon**.

Dimple Shah has it all figured out. With graduation behind her and a web developer summer program lined up, she's more than ready for a break from Mamma's obsession with her finding the "Ideal Indian Husband." Rishi Patel is a hopeless romantic. When his parents tell him that his future wife will be attending the same program as him, he's totally on board. The Shahs and Patels never intended to initiate the "suggested arrangement" this early, but the stars are aligned.



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Monthly Staff Favorites Continued...

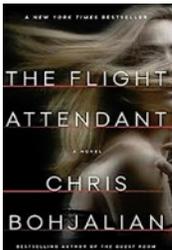


Jana: *We Are Okay* by **Nina LaCour**. Marin hasn't spoken to anyone from her old life since the day she left everything behind. No one knows the truth about those final weeks, not even her best friend, Mabel. Even thousands of miles away from the California coast, at college in New York, Marin still feels the pull of the life and tragedy she's tried to outrun. Now, months later, alone in an emptied dorm for winter break, Marin waits for Mabel to arrive.

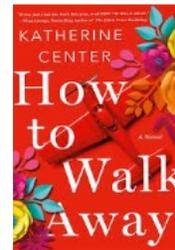
Reagan: *Then We Came to the End* by **Joshua Ferris**. Away from friends and family, they spend too much time at work with a group of strangers they call colleagues. There's Chris Yop, clinging to his ergonomic chair; Lynn Mason, the boss, whose breast cancer everyone pretends not to talk about; Carl Garbedian, secretly taking someone else's medication; Marica Dwyer, whose hair is stuck in the 80's; and Benny, who's just Benny. Is there more to life than this?



Diane: *The Flight Attendant: A Novel* by **Chris Bohjalian**. Cassandra Bowden is no stranger to hungover mornings. She's a binge drinker; her job with the airline makes it easy to find adventure, and the occasional blackouts seem to be inevitable. When she awakes in the wrong hotel in the wrong bed with a dead man, and no idea what happened, she must piece together the night. Because she's afraid to call the police in Dubai, she soon weaves a complicated web of lies.

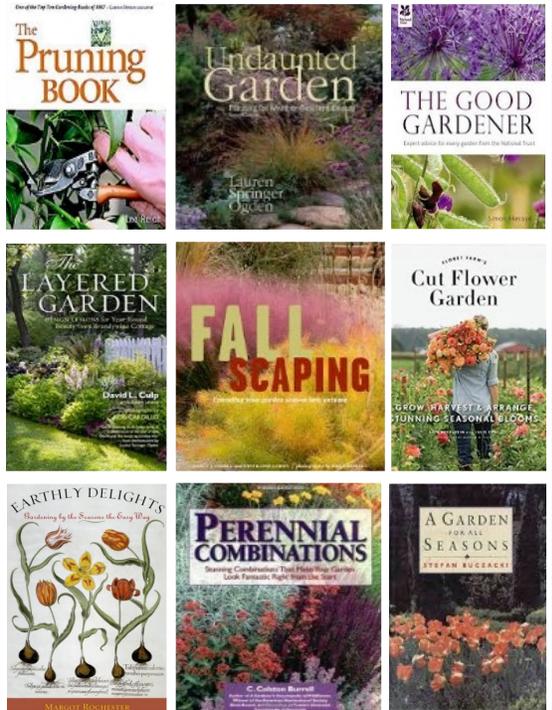


Emily: *How to Walk Away: A Novel* by **Katherine Center**. Margaret Jacobsen is just about to step into the bright future she's worked for so hard and so long: a new dream job and a fiancé she adores. Suddenly, on what should have been one of the happiest days of her life, all that she worked for is taken away in a brief, tumultuous moment. In the hospital and forced to face the possibility that nothing will ever be the same again, Maggie must confront the unthinkable.



Fall Gardening

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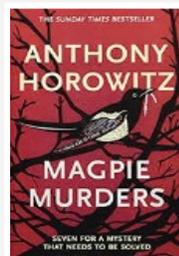
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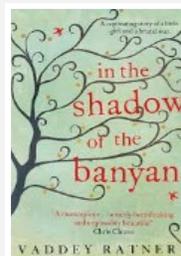
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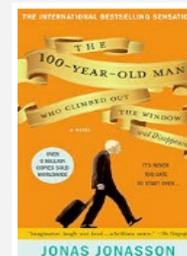
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October 4
4:00 PM
Magpie Murders



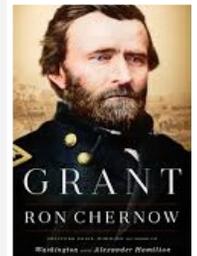
Historical Fiction
October 9
10:30 AM
In the Shadow of the Banyan



Third Wednesday
October 17
10:30 AM
The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Died



American History
November 15
5:00 PM
Grant



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