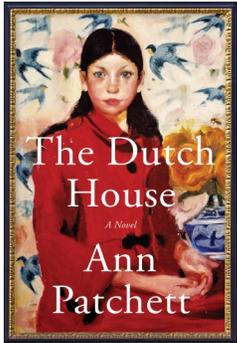


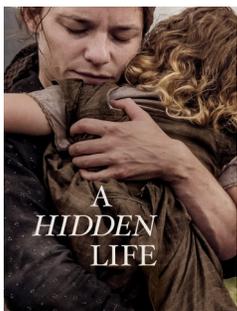
Pat

Yale Needs Women: How the First Group of Girls Rewrote the Rules of an Ivy League Giant by Anne Gardiner Perkins (non-fiction) - A wonderful chronicle of the immediate years after 1969 when Yale reluctantly decided to accept women. It captures the trials and tribulations of the women who dared to attend, and the faculty who had to implement the plan. A true but hard-earned victory for all women in academia.



Margaret

My pick is *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. I loved this story of a complicated family that takes us through the twists and turns of their life in The Dutch House and how things don't always go the way one hopes or plans. The story is told from the point of view of the young son. I tend to be a book in the hand type, but I began this book in the audio version on the Libby App on my phone. Tom Hanks is the reader and his portrayal of the narrator is magical. Wonderful story however you choose to enjoy it.



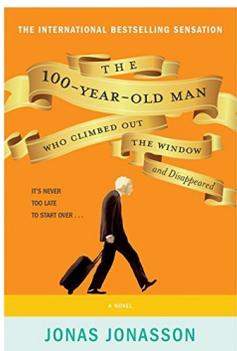
Ellen

"A Hidden Life" 2019 DVD PG-13 - a beautiful film about an Austrian farmer and his family during WWII. Well-balanced between the love he has for his family and his conscience.



Kelly

Be Yourself Always! This is the motto of thirteen year old Desmond Napoles, author of the picture book *Be Amazing: A History of Pride*. Desmond Is Amazing (as the author is commonly known) takes us through some important moments in LGBTQ history accompanied by the vibrant illustrations of Dylan Glynn. What I love about this book is that while it is informative, Desmond's young voice and personality also shine through. It encourages readers to accept others despite their differences and love themselves no matter what. What better message is there than that?



Nancy

"100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out The Window and Disappeared" by Jonas Jonasson
Hysterical and historic.. made me laugh out loud and review history too!

Quinn

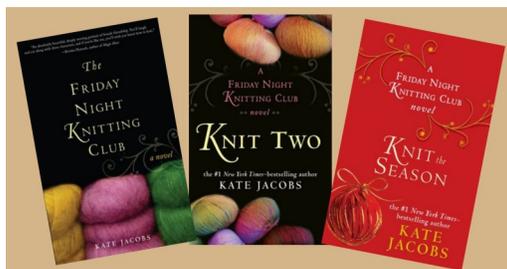
Follow the adventures of Nate Foster as he takes a chance on chasing his big city dreams. Throughout the series, he learns about popularity, bullying, and maybe even finds a new crush. This is a great story for middle school kids to hear when they're struggling to be themselves in a world full of bullies, but it also has a place on an adult shelf. For many who are now adults, there weren't many books that would uplift LGBT kids. This series came out while I was in high school, and gave me an outlet to escape some of the hate, which was targeted toward me for not being who others expected a young "boy" to be.





Michelle

I found these books to be absolutely impossible to put down, but not for the faint of heart! Suspenseful, psychological thrillers involving social media, love & crime. They are also a Netflix series! Cool fact: Author, Caroline Kepnes is from Cape Cod and a Barnstable High School graduate!



Kym

I discovered this trilogy by browsing Libby for audio books. Once I started listening to it, I was hooked. The Friday Night Knitting Club centers around a single mom, her teenage daughter, and the women who meet in her yarn shop every Friday night. While knitting is what brings these women together, and there is a pattern at the end of each book, you don't need to be a knitter to fall in love with this story. I laughed and cried with these characters. Five stars!

Lori

Hawthorne House Series by Kristi Ann Hunter
LOVED IT! I got lost in them and hated when they were finished.



Robin

I usually read fiction and am partial to WWII stories. During this Covid time, I've enjoyed some light reading! Mary Kay Andrews' *Sunset Beach*, Jojo Moyes' *The Giver of Stars*, Elin Hilderbrand's *The Perfect Couple*, and Kristin Hannah's *True Colors* have all worked for me! For television my husband and I plowed thru all the seasons of *Ozark* and *Game of Thrones*. There is A LOT of blood and violence in *Game of Thrones* but I got really good at shutting my eyes in time to miss the beheadings! The story and characters are great!



Victoria

Though Jonathan Van Ness, has a reputation for being 'over the top' on the Netflix show *Queer Eye* - More than a *Makeover*, in his recent memoir he approaches many important subjects such as AIDS, sexual abuse and the trauma that many LGBTQIA+ people face with grace and compassion. His stories are filled with his trademark humor, but more importantly, he shows his readers how he practiced self-love to overcome trauma and hardships in his life, and encourages us to be fierce as we navigate our own difficulties. Raw and honest vulnerability is something to behold, and I found this book to be both courageous and very inspiring.



Megan

1. Ruta pens phenomenal YA historical fiction! *The Fountains of Silence* is set mostly in Madrid in the decades following the Spanish Civil War and beautifully depicts the gratitude born from suffering.
2. *A Game of Fox and Squirrels* is a captivating juvenile novel about two sisters who are victims of domestic violence. A birthday gift from Sam's aunt begins a quest that leads her to powerful discoveries about herself, her older sister, and their liberation from living in fear.
3. A family displaced by the great depression attempts survival on *Echo Mountain* in Maine. Like Lauren's two previous novels, the protagonist is a young woman facing unimaginable challenges who chooses to trust her instincts, take risks and NEVER give up.

