

### **The Woman Who Stole My Life**

By Marian Keyes      FIC KEY      Kristen's Pick  
Stella is an ordinary woman living with her husband and kids. She is struck by a serious illness, landing her in the hospital for months. After recovering, Stella struggles to figure out who she was, who she is now, and who she wants to be while relocating to NYC to pursue a career as a self-help memoirist.

### **In the Language of Miracles**

By Rajia Hassib      FIC HAS      Susan's Pick  
Immigrants Samir and Nagla have attained the American dream with a thriving medical practice and house in the suburbs. When a devastating turn of events leaves their son Hossam and the daughter of their neighbors and best friends dead, it

turns the Al-Menshawys into pariahs.

### **The Little Giant of Aberdeen County**

By Tiffany Baker      FIC BAK      Pat R's Pick  
Truly Plaice is a large girl. Her father blames her for her mother's death, and relinquishes Truly and her sister Serena Jane, the epitome of feminine perfection, to the care of others --Serena Jane to live a life of privilege as the future May Queen and Truly to live on the outskirts of town on the farm of an oddball, to suffer constant abuse and humiliation at the hands of her peers.

### **The Widower's Tale**

By Julia Glass      FIC GLA      Pat G's Pick  
Percy Darling is happily retired: reading novels, watching movies, and swimming naked in his pond. His routines are disrupted when he is persuaded to let a local preschool take over his barn. Percy can no longer remain aloof from his community, his two grown daughters, or—to his great shock—the precarious joy of falling in love.

### **Perfect Comeback of Caroline Jacobs**

By Matthew Dicks      FIC DIC      Dot's Pick  
Caroline Jacobs is a wife, mother, photographer, and wimp. Facing life head-on is not in her repertoire. So when she screams at the PTA president, everyone is shocked. Caroline realizes the cause of her outburst leads back to a scarring betrayal by her best friend Emily. This act changed Caroline's life forever. With

bravery flowing through her veins, she decides to go to her home town and confront Emily.



## **Waldwick Public Library**

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**Picks**

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### **The Admissions**

By Meg Mitchell Moore      FIC MOO      Annette's Pick  
A few ill-advised moves put the Hawthorne family on a collision course that's achingly real and delightfully screwball. Sharp and topical, *The Admissions* shows that if you pull at a loose thread, even the sturdiest of lives start to unravel at the seams of high achievement.

### **The Gates of Evangeline**

By Hester Young      FIC YOU      Susan's Pick  
When journalist and bereaved mother Charlotte Cates experiences dreams about children in danger, she's sure she's lost her mind. Yet these are not the nightmares of a grieving parent. They are warnings that will help the children, if only she can make sense of them. Great gothic suspense!

### **Not My Father's Son**

By Alan Cumming      BIOG CUMMING      Loretta's Pick  
With ribald humor, wit and incredible insight, Alan seamlessly moves back and forth in time, integrating stories from his childhood in Scotland to his experiences today as a film, television, and theater star. Deeply moving, suspenseful and wickedly funny, Cumming will make readers laugh even as he breaks their hearts.

### **Along the Infinite Sea**

By Beatriz Williams      FIC WIL      Pat R's Pick  
Pepper Schuyler sells a beautiful and rare vintage Mercedes at auction. The car's new owner turns out to have secrets, and as the glamorous and mysterious Annabelle Dommerich takes Pepper under her wing, the

startling provenance of this car comes to light: a Nazi husband, a Jewish lover, a flight from Europe, and a love so profound it transcends decades.

### **The Silkworm**

By Robert Galbraith FIC GAL Annie's Pick  
Novelist Owen Quine goes missing. At first, Mrs. Quine thinks he has gone off by himself for a few days. But, it becomes clear there is more to Quine's disappearance than his wife realizes. When he is found brutally murdered, it becomes a race against time to find a ruthless killer.

### **Heaven, Texas**

By Susan Elizabeth Phillips FIC PHI Alison's Pick  
Gracie Snow is determined to drag the legendary ex-jock Bobby Tom Denton home to Texas, to begin shooting his first movie. Despite his dazzling good looks and killer charm, Bobby has reservations about being a movie star -- and no plans to cooperate with a bossy Ohio wallflower whom he can't get off his mind or out of his life.

### **The Curious Incident of the Dog In the Night-Time**

By Mark Haddon FIC HAD Loretta's Pick  
Christopher Boone knows all the countries of the world and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. He detests the color yellow. This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years.

### **Second Life**

By S. J. Watson FIC WAT Kristen's Pick  
How far would you go to find the truth about someone you love? When Julia learns her sister has been violently murdered, she must uncover why. Her quest quickly evolves into an alluring exploration of own darkest desires. Becoming involved with a dangerous stranger online, she's losing herself . . . losing control . Her search for answers will jeopardize her marriage, her family, and her life.

### **The Cost of Courage**

By Charles Kaiser 940.53 KAI Hilda's Pick  
In the autumn of 1943, André Boulloche became de Gaulle's military delegate in Paris, coordinating Resistance movements in France only to be betrayed by one of his associates and taken prisoner. His sisters carried on the fight without him until the end of the war. André survived three concentration camps and

later became a prominent French politician who devoted the rest of his life to reconciliation of France and Germany.

### **Disclaimer**

By Renee Knight FIC KNI Lori's Pick  
Finding a mysterious novel at her bedside plunges Catherine into a nightmare. Though ostensibly fiction, the novel recreates in detail the terrible day she became hostage to a dark secret only one other person knew—and that person is dead. Her only hope is to confront what really happened even if the shocking truth might destroy her.

### **The River King**

By Alice Hoffman FIC HOF Pat G's Pick  
People have their place in Haddan. The students at the prestigious prep school don't mix with locals; within the school, hierarchy rules, as freshman and faculty members find out where they fit in. But when a body is found in the river behind the school, a local policeman will walk into this enclosed world and upset it entirely.

### **The Japanese Lover**

By Isabel Allende FIC ALL Hilda's Pick  
Alma lives in a mansion in San Francisco. Ichimei is the son of the gardener. A love affair blossoms before the two are pulled apart when Ichimei is sent to an internment camp. Decades later, Irina Bazili, meets the elderly Alma and her grandson, at San Francisco's Lark House nursing home. As Irina and Seth forge a friendship, they become intrigued by gifts and letters sent to Alma, eventually learning about Ichimei and their secret passion.

### **In A Dark Wood**

By Ruth Ware FIC WAR Annette's Pick  
Leonora is a reclusive crime writer. A friend she hasn't seen in years unexpectedly invites her to a weekend away in the English countryside. She reluctantly makes the trip. Two days later, she wakes up in a hospital bed injured, with the knowledge that someone is dead.

### **People I Want to Punch In the Throat**

By Jen Mann 818.602 MAN Alison's Pick  
Mann brings her sharp wit to suburban life, marriage, and motherhood in this laugh-out-loud collection of essays. From the politics of joining a play group, to the thrill of mothers' night out at the gun range, nothing is sacred or off-limits.

### **American Murder Houses**

By Steve Lehto 364.152 LEH Annie's Pick

The stories behind the houses of Lizzie Borden, the Amityville Horror and the Manson murders as well some lesser-known sites of murder that were no less ghastly.