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The Monuments Men: Allied heroes, Nazi thieves and the greatest treasure hunt in history

By Robert Edsel Loretta's Pick 940.53 EDS

In a race against time, behind enemy lines, a special force of American and British museum directors, called the Monuments Men, risked their lives scouring Europe to prevent the destruction of thousands of years of culture.

Long Time No See

By Susan Isaacs Classic Pick FIC ISA

Judith, a history professor, hasn't seen Nelson Sharpe in 20 years. But she still can't get her one-time lover out of her head. Her life takes an unexpected turn, when former investment banker turned suburban mommy Courtney Logan vanishes from Long Island into thin air.

Thrive

By Arianna Huffington Lori's Pick 650.1 HUF

Struggling with our current definition of success is killing us. More people are coming to realize there is more to living a successful life than earning a bigger salary. Arianna shows us the way to a revolution in our culture, our thinking, our workplace, and our lives.

The Sisters Weiss

By Naomi Ragen Annette's Pick FIC RAG

In 1950's Brooklyn, sisters Rose and Pearl Weiss grow up in a loving but strict ultra-Orthodox family, never dreaming of defying their parents or their community's unbending and intrusive demands. Then, a chance meeting with a young French immigrant turns Rose's world upside down, its once bearable strictures suddenly tightening like a noose around her neck.

Distant Hours

By Kate Morton Pat's Pick FIC MOR

A letter, lost for half a century is delivered to Edie's mother. The letter leads Edie to Milderhurst Castle, where the eccentric Blythe spinsters live. They have spent most of their lives caring for their younger sister, Juniper, who hasn't been the same since her fiancé jilted her in 1941. Inside the decaying castle, Edie searches for her mother's past but soon learns there are other secrets hidden in its walls.

Christina Cooks

By Christina Pirello Alice's Pick 641.563 PIR

Everything you've wanted to know about whole foods with lots of sound, sane advice, hints, tips and techniques-plus loads of great recipes for scrumptious, healthy meals with a Mediterranean flair.

The Book of Forgiving

By Desmond Tutu Alice's Pick 179.9 TUT

Each of us has a deep need to forgive and be forgiven. After much reflection on the process of forgiveness, Tutu has seen that there are four important steps to healing. Through taking these steps, Tutu says we can free ourselves of the endless cycle of unyielding pain and retribution.

Museum of Extraordinary Things

By Alice Hoffman Loretta's Pick FIC HOF

Coralie Sardie is the daughter of the sinister impresario behind The Museum of Extraordinary Things, a Coney Island boardwalk freak show. Eddie Cohen is a Russian immigrant who has run away from his father's Lower East Side Orthodox community and ignites the heart of Coralie.

Once Upon a Lie

By Maggie Barbieri Annette's Pick FIC BAR

Maeve Conlon's life is coming apart at the seams. Divorced with two daughters, a failing bakery and a father suffering from Alzheimer's disease, Maeve is thrown yet another curve ball when a distant cousin is found murdered and her father becomes a suspect

The Fault In Our Stars

By John Green BCCLS Hot Pick YA GREEN

Hazel is a teenager with terminal cancer. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten. This is the most requested book in the BCCLS catalog right now.

The Beach Trees

By Karen White Annie's Pick FIC WHI
Julie Holt knows what a random tragedy can do to a family. At age 12, her little sister disappeared—never to be found. It was a loss that slowly eroded the family bonds. As an adult with a prestigious job in the arts, Julie meets a struggling artist who reminds her of her sister. It is a friendship that begins a long and painful process of healing for Julie.

Twisted Sisters

By Jen Lancaster Dot's Pick FIC LAN
Reagan Bishop a licensed psychologist stars on the cable breakout show *I Need a Push*. Her younger sister, Geri, is the Bishop family favorite. When a national network buys Reagan's show, the pressures for unreasonably quick results and higher ratings mount. Desperate to make the show work and keep her family at bay, Reagan actually listens when the show's New Age healer offers unconventional advice.

The Ascendant

By Drew Chapmam Hilda's Pick FIC CHA
Hidden deep within the figures tracking the ups and downs of the stock market lies a terrifying truth: America is under attack and no one knows. Except Garrett Reilly, a rising star on Wall St. When he notices that 200 billion dollars' worth of U.S. Treasury bonds are being sold off at a terrifying rate, his gift makes him the most wanted man alive.

And the Dark Sacred Night

By Julia Glass Pat's Pick FIC GLA
Kit Noonan is an unemployed art historian. Kit has never known the identity of his father—a mystery that his wife insists he must solve to move forward with his life. To fully understand the secrets surrounding his paternity, Kit will travel from suburban NJ to rural Vermont and ultimately the tip of Cape Cod.

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry

By Gabrielle Zevin Dot's Pick FIK ZEV
A. J. Fikry, is despondent after losing his wife and witnessing the declining sales at his bookstore. In short order, his prized book is stolen, and someone leaves a baby at his store. That baby steals A. J.'s heart and unleashes a dramatic transformation. A. J. finds himself becoming an essential new part of his longtime community.

Lost Lake

By Sarah Allen Susan's Pick FIC ALL
Lost Lake is where Kate Pheris spent her last best summer, before she learned of loneliness, and heartbreak, and loss. Now she's all too familiar with those things, but she knows about hope too, thanks to her resilient daughter Devin, and her own willingness to start moving forward.

Think Like a Freak

Levitt & Dubner Deb's Pick 153.43 LEV
Levitt and Dubner offer a blueprint for an entirely new way to solve problems, whether your interest lies in minor life changes or major global reforms. As always, no topic is off-limits. They range from business to philanthropy to sports to politics, all with the goal of retraining your brain.

The Aviator's Wife

By Melanie Benjamin Lori's Pick FIC BEN
Anne Morrow, a shy college senior meets Colonel Charles Lindbergh and is enthralled by his assurance and fame. The two marry in a headline-making wedding. In the years that follow, Anne is viewed merely as the aviator's wife. The fairy-tale life she once longed for will bring heartbreak and hardships

Mercy Snow

By Tiffany Baker Susan's Pick FIC BAK
In tiny Titan Falls, it is a quiet, steady rhythm of life. One day a tragic accident sets two families on a course toward destruction. June McAllister is the undisputed first lady in town. The Snow family, a group of itinerant ne'er-do-wells. June will do anything to cover up a dark secret she discovers after the crash, but she has never gone up against a force as fierce as young Mercy Snow.

The Secret History

By Donna Tartt Deb's Pick FIC TAR
Under the influence of their charismatic classics professor, a group of clever, eccentric misfits at an elite New England college discover a way of thinking and living that is a world away from the humdrum existence of their contemporaries. But when they go beyond the boundaries of morality their lives are changed forever.

Garden Spells

By Sarah Allen Annie's Pick FIC ALL
In a garden, tucked away behind a small, quiet house is an apple tree that is rumored to bear a very special sort of fruit. In this luminous debut we learn the story of the family who tends it.