January 2024 Pronghorn Reading List

Theme: A Book Borrowed from a Local Public Library

Libraries are great, right? Either through digital realm or hard copy, a book from a library always touches the right spot. We start our challenge with a book from your local library.

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<td>A Cold Day for Murder</td>
<td>Dana Stabenow</td>
<td>&quot;I chose this title because I had already read some of the other books in the series. They are very well written and very believable. The story takes place in Alaska and since I have spent some time there, the setting and the actions of the native people are very much as I know them to be.&quot; <em>Jeannine E, Cheyenne</em></td>
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<td>A Court Of Wings and Ruin</td>
<td>Sarah J. Maas</td>
<td>&quot;It's the third book in a series that was recommended in an online book group. I really enjoyed it.&quot; <em>Heather, Gillette</em></td>
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<td>A Most Agreeable Murder</td>
<td>Julia Seales</td>
<td>&quot;I enjoy mysteries and this one looked entertaining, despite historical fiction not being a favorite. I enjoyed the blend of humor, absurdity, and mystery.&quot; <em>Betsy, Laramie</em></td>
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<td>A Rome of One's Own</td>
<td>Emma Southon</td>
<td>&quot;I wanted to know more about women in Ancient Rome. It was fascinating and the author's tone was engaging. In school, we focused more on what men did in Ancient Rome so I enjoyed learning about women's lives.&quot; <em>Cynthia, Laramie</em></td>
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<td>A Short Stay in Hell</td>
<td>Steven L. Peck</td>
<td>&quot;It was a really interesting short story that balances philosophy and horror very well.&quot; <em>Genesis, Cheyenne</em></td>
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<td>A Short Stay In Hell</td>
<td>Steven L. Peck</td>
<td>&quot;Thought provoking and emotional, this book was a short and powerful read. It subverted my expectations in a not entirely unexpected, but satisfying way.&quot; <em>Connor, Cheyenne</em></td>
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<td>A World of Curiosities</td>
<td>Louise Penny</td>
<td>&quot;Because I recently discovered the Inspector Gamache series and promptly binged all of them over six months. It’s nice to have lead characters with integrity, even if you know that’s unrealistic. Reading books that suspend reality is good for my mental health.&quot; <strong>Sylvia, Buffalo</strong></td>
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<td>Accountable: The True Story of a Racist Social Media Account and the Teenagers Whose Lives It Changed</td>
<td>Dashka Slater</td>
<td>&quot;The author did a balanced job reporting and interpreting how an Instagram account focused on racist memes affected the students who were targeted and the students who authored or followed the account. I work with at-risk youth in a public school, and I see the affects of social media (positive and negative) every day; Slater related the unfolding of events well, but she did an incredible job of reporting the stories of the young people directly involved.&quot; <strong>Jenn, Worland</strong></td>
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<td>Alias Grace</td>
<td>Margaret Atwood</td>
<td>&quot;Atwood's exploration of relationships between men and women in a milieu of contemporary ideas is always intriguing. This novel, a fictionalized account of an actual murder, allows for examination of social constructs.&quot; <strong>Wayne, Torrington</strong></td>
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<td>All That We Are</td>
<td>Mariah Stewart</td>
<td>&quot;I chose it because 1) the cover was appealing and 2) I've read other of her books. This book is about friendship and family relationships that make a difference in one's life and how a person (in this case a child) can blossom with a caring a group of caring and supportive adults.&quot; <strong>Kate, Casper</strong></td>
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<td>Almond</td>
<td>Won-pyung Sohn</td>
<td>&quot;I have made a conscious effort expand my worldview by reading more novels written by foreign-born authors, and the premise of this book intrigued me. I thought that the story of a young man navigating life with an unusual disability would be more compelling, but I didn't feel that the author built a realistic world around this character.&quot; <strong>Angela, Worland</strong></td>
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<td>As Far As My Feet Will Carry Me</td>
<td>Josef M. Bauer</td>
<td>&quot;Enjoyed reading the book- old copy right, but follows the years right after WWII and the prison camps and work stations. I chose the book because it was recommended by a friend as an adventure story and one of the human desire to live during a difficult time in the world as the traces of WWII continued to linger on. Enough geographical and societal researched information to add to the man's story that had been related to the author.&quot; <strong>Linda, Baggs</strong></td>
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<td>Ashes to Ashes</td>
<td>Tami Hoag</td>
<td>&quot;I love a good thriller and this one kept me guessing! It had a love story intertwined with suspense and I never new what was around the corner. I love the way Tami Hoag writes!&quot; <strong>Megan, Worland</strong></td>
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Astor: The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune

Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe

"Not knowing more than the story about Jack Astor and in the famous sinking of the titanic, which I then became intrigued to the story of where the Astors came from and then what happened to them. Love Historical Fiction and how the stories reflect where we have come from." Stephanie, Sheridan

At the Edge of the Orchard

Tracy Chevalier

"I chose this book on a recommendation from my sister and also because I've loved other books by this author. I loved the way it drew me through the dysfunction of a family to redemption, forgiveness, love and survival. I wanted the story to continue, but the ending was both sad and satisfying." Melissa, Torrington

Barkskins

Annie Proulx

"This was a very-good piece of historical fiction detailing more than 300 years of two families linked to the North American forestry industry. I very much enjoy historical fiction, the writing was riveting, and covered a number of topics I am interested in (e.g. environmentalism, capitalism, colonialism)" Harry, Cheyenne

Bear Town

Fredrick Backman

"We read it for book club. The book captured my attention with interesting characters put in a tragic event in a small town. I couldn’t put it down." Carrise, Douglas

Beartown

Fredrik Backman

"I checked out this book from my local library and we are reading it for our book club. It deals with a difficult subject matter but it is a really interesting read and well written." Jamie, Douglas

Becoming

Michelle Obama

"It is a book I have wanted to read. Michelle writes well and I wanted to learn about her life. I always learn from autobiographies." Dolores, Laramie

Between The World and Me

Ta-Nehisi Coates

"A Black Journalist advice to his son about the world he lives in. With its injustice and inequalities. He talks about changes we need to make in society to make all man free. He talks about what it is like to be afraid and how one lives with it. It is a book that states facts but does not take away hope of a better world in the future." Vicky, Worland

Beyonders Chasing the Prophecy

Brandon Mull

"I've read lots of Brandon Mull books. I like fantasy. This is a new series for me but I like the action and comedy." Finn, Glenrock

Bookshops and Bonedust

Travis Baldree

"This is a prequel to Legends and Lattes, a fantasy novel I very much enjoyed. This was a fun read that had many heartwarming themes throughout, from burgeoning love to unlikely friendships to taking a stand on topics important to you." Marianne, Cheyenne

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Bookshops and Bonedust  Travis Baldree  "I recently read the delightful prequel to Legends and Lattes that was both heartwarming and cozy. One major theme that resonated with me was the idea that people can be significant in your life for a brief period. The fact that the relationship isn't forever doesn't make the time spent together any less meaningful or valuable."  Zola, Sheridan

Brave New World  Aldous Huxley  "I have been trying to read classics and I thought the dystopian theme would be interesting to read in our current day. It was interesting reading about what dangers the author implied could lurk in the future with technology and classism."  Rachel, Cheyenne

Brimstone  Preston and Child  "Love the series. My husband hooked me on the series and this was the next in the series. It left me completely hanging at the end so I am on to the next book."  Teresa, Worland

Buffalo Jump Blues  Keith McCafferty  "I chose this title because I am an archaeologist & was curious as to how the setting would be used in a murder mystery. I didn't feel the motives of the murderers were clear enough. Would have liked to see a little more character development. Not certain whether I will read more by this author or not. Prose was good."  Cher, Sundance

Butcher & Blackbird  Brynne Weaver  "I went into this book knowing it was a romance with "Dexter" vibes and couldn't wait to see how it unfolded. With snarky humor and a touch of the everyday human existence this book made me laugh and cry. With that being said it is not for everyone and warnings at the beginning absolutely should be heeded."  Kindra, Evanston

Caroline Adrift  Kay Bratt  "Cute little fast read about a woman takin a cruise with her daughters after her husband's death. Very quick and enjoyable."  Kellie, Douglas

Casual Farming: Slow Living LitRPG  Wolfe Locke  "A young man inherits a decrepit farm from his dead uncle. He makes his way from the big city to a small town where he sees the farm for the first time. Not to be discouraged, he quickly works to bring it to life. I love this entire series. I have binge read nine of the eleven novels so far. It combines my favorite things about gaming with farming and adventure. A must read for anyone needing a palette cleanser."  Kaylee, Douglas

Chain Gang All-Stars  Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah  "Our book club read this book, borrowing it from our public library. It is a dystopian excoriation of our prison-industrial complex, racism in the judicial system, and corporate greed, especially in professional sports and was a profoundly moving book. I won't look at any of these institutions the same again."  Mary, Sheridan

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<td>Cinderella's Shoes</td>
<td>Shanna Slayton</td>
<td>&quot;I really enjoyed this book! This is the second in the Fairy-tale</td>
<td>Delina, Thermopolis</td>
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<td>Inheritance series and I enjoyed it more that the first one! The magic</td>
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<td>really seemed to come through. I love fractured fairy tales and</td>
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<td>historical fiction so this book was good match.</td>
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<td>Circling the Sun</td>
<td>Paula McClain</td>
<td>&quot;Beryl Markham is a fascinating historical figure that we don’t hear</td>
<td>Sarah, Cheyenne</td>
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<td>much about. I love that someone wrote about her life. The book is</td>
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<td>an easy read with beautiful prose and great characters.</td>
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<td>Cloud Atlas</td>
<td>David Mitchell</td>
<td>&quot;Ever hear about the concept of magic realism in literature? Ever</td>
<td>Anna, Gillette</td>
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<td>contemplate time and life and meaning, dejavu or reincarnation? This</td>
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<td>is a book about all of those things, but most especially about the</td>
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<td>strength of human beings to survive through anything while still</td>
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<td>maintaining a moral compass. Yeah, there is a movie based on this</td>
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<td>title, but the book especially in this instance, is much better. It is</td>
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<td>definitely worth the read.&quot;</td>
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<td>Code Girls</td>
<td>Liza Mundy</td>
<td>&quot;I checked out Code Girls from Libby. It is a true story about women</td>
<td>Stefanie, Laramie</td>
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<td>during World War II who learned the dangerous work of breaking</td>
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<td>military codes. It was very fascinating to learn how this secret work</td>
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<td>helped save lives.&quot;</td>
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<td>Cold Pursuit Book 1</td>
<td>Nancy Mehl</td>
<td>&quot;Good mystery/suspense. Possible series. Unexpected plot twists.&quot;</td>
<td>Joyce, Mills</td>
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<td>Confessions of a Prairie Bitch</td>
<td>Alison Arngrim</td>
<td>&quot;It’s amazing that Alison Arngrim survived the trauma she did in her</td>
<td>Amy, Wolfe City</td>
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<td>personal life, and has been able to move past it and do amazing</td>
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<td>things in the community.&quot;</td>
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<td>Crow Mary</td>
<td>Kathleen Grissom</td>
<td>&quot;The book was recommended by a local librarian. It’s not like the</td>
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<td>books I usually read. It is about the real life story of a Crow Indian</td>
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<td>woman who marries a white trader and how she survives with great</td>
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<td>determination to raise her family with both Crow tradition and the</td>
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<td>new white world.&quot;</td>
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<td>Crucial Conversations, Third</td>
<td>Grenny,</td>
<td>&quot;This was an &quot;assigned&quot; reading for work as a team building exercise</td>
<td>Mary, Cheyenne</td>
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<td>Edition</td>
<td>Patterson,</td>
<td>and it was a solid choice. The content is written to provide</td>
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<td>McMillan,</td>
<td>opportunities for reflection in how we individually and collectively</td>
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<td>Switzer,</td>
<td>communicate. And, there are times, I really miss the mark. However,</td>
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<td>Gregory</td>
<td>there's hope! There are some great gems tucked inside this non-fiction</td>
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<td>book for approaching topics and talks when the stakes are high. I'd</td>
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<td>recommend it for personal or professional use.&quot;</td>
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<td>Dance of death</td>
<td>Preston and</td>
<td>&quot;I love this series. It is a little bit spooky bit not scary. Different</td>
<td>Ann, Casper</td>
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<td>from other mysteries. I have to read the next book now because the</td>
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<td>ending left me unsettled.&quot;</td>
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<td>Douglas Preston</td>
<td>&quot;I am a fan of Preston and Child and nab their books when I find them in my library. Modern mysteries are solved by an unlikely team of a FBI agent and a archaeologist. Interesting read from the Nora Kelly books.&quot; Kay, Hulett</td>
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<td>&quot;Very entertaining and good story. A spin off from the Dylatov pass incident.&quot; Jill, Fort Bridger</td>
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<td>Dead Wrong</td>
<td>JA Jance</td>
<td>&quot;My mom lives in AZ and the publisher has visited their retirement community so I was interested in the series. I find a women Sherriff quite an interesting topic especially since she was 8-9 months pregnant!&quot; Lisa, Mountain View</td>
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<td>Deep as the Sky, Red as the Sea</td>
<td>Rita Chang-Eppig</td>
<td>&quot;A fascinating story inspired by a legendary, historical pirate. Shek Yeung faces the struggles of being a notorious pirate while being a woman. Headstrong and unrelenting in a time when women had few rights, Shek Yeung will do what must be done to protect herself and the men under her command. An interesting read that continues to string you along and make you want more from start to finish.&quot; Lauren, Casper</td>
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<td>Demon Copperhead</td>
<td>Barbara Kingsolver</td>
<td>&quot;Kingsolver is such an artist with words; I adore the way she crafted a character that was so raw and real, truly leaning in to capturing the culture and the vernacular of the area in which the story took place.&quot; Ashley, Cheyenne</td>
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<td>Don’t Believe It</td>
<td>Charlie Donlea</td>
<td>&quot;I chose this book because it was a suggested read for me in the Libby app. I really enjoyed it and liked how it wasn’t your standard thriller, and twists and turns continued until the very end.&quot; Jessica, Cheyenne</td>
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<td>Don’t know tough</td>
<td>Eli Cranor</td>
<td>&quot;Thought that was going to be a feel good book about Star quarterback who endures some hardships, but ends up being on top in the end. It’s not. Twist at the end.&quot; Merilee, Fort Bridger</td>
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<td>Don’t Fear the Reaper</td>
<td>Stephen Graham Jones</td>
<td>&quot;I chose this title because I loved The Only Good Indians and My Heart is a Chainsaw by the same author. I loved revisiting the characters from My Heart is a Chainsaw and thoroughly enjoyed all the references to horror media.&quot; Dariann, Cheyenne</td>
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<td>Dreamland</td>
<td>Nicholas Sparks</td>
<td>&quot;I chose the title because the local book club was reading it. The book was a love story with a twist of family problems. I was confused at first when the book kept going back to Beverly’s story. I wasn’t sure how it would all tie in together. You finally figure it out in the end of the book which kept me on edge wondering. I learned a lot about mental illness and how it ravishes a family. A true love story. Loved the book. Great author.&quot; Linda, Lovell</td>
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| ElderCare 101                              | Mary Jo Saavedra      | "I wanted some background on options for healthcare for a family member. This book provided that but so much more. A thoughtful, sensitive consideration of the six “pillars” of a senior life well-lived: legal, financial, living environment, social, medical and spiritual. Great advice."  
Rebecca, Cody                                                                 |
| Emotional Inheritance                      | Galit Atlas           | "I enjoyed reading this book as part of a book discussion group at my public library."  
Lisa, Cody                                                                                 |
| Endurance. Shackleton Incredible Adventure  | Alfred Lansing        | "British explorer Ernest Shackleton and a crew of 27 scientists, sailors, photographer, artist attempt the first transcrossing of Antarctica in 1914. When their ship becomes trapped by the ice pack in the relatively early stage, their plan must change - simply survive. The ship is crushed by ice, they float on ice north against brutal conditions, move to lifeboats when the pack loosens. The crew finds refuge on a remote island - and circumstances become more dire! It is not a spoiler to report that after 17 months, Shackleton finds South Georgia island. All men on board survive. A harrowing story of regular humans being extraordinary mates. Published 65 years ago, an amazing historic telling of an amazing story."  
Mary Kay, Cheyenne                                                                            |
| Face the Night                             | Lani Forbes           | "I read this book in a single sitting, it was a captivating union of the Western and fantasy genres. Very well written, with great characters (flaws and all), and a thrilling plot."  
Corinna, Cheyenne                                                                          |
| Fairy Tale                                 | Stephen King          | "Read it for our book club. I liked the book. However, I think the other world - Empis was too long and drawn out. Good book though."  
Dottie, Newcastle                                                                         |
| Feed                                       | Mira Grant            | "Slow read but a different take on zombies, which I enjoyed. Zombies using politics, no matter what the US will always be decided, even when our biggest threat is the dead."  
Erin, Riverton                                                                            |
| Flight                                     | Lynn Steger Strong    | "It actually came up in a list of Christmas themed books. It was not your typical cozy, Hallmark type of Christmas story but I liked it just the same. It deals with a family grieving the loss of the mother/mother-in-law earlier in the year and coming together for the first Christmas without her. While each family has their story, the overall theme I think is motherhood and how we all judge moms in general."  
Lisa, Newcastle                                                                           |
| For Love and Honor                         | Jody Hedlund          | "I chose this title to read because it looked interesting. It is a fast to read book that held my attention throughout. I enjoyed the dialogue and the attention to details within the story line."  
Valerie, Gillette                                                                         |
Fourth Wing  Rebecca Yarros  "I read 18 library books this month, but this was my favorite. Science Fiction/Fantasy isn't usually my cup of tea, but this book is so well written that I was in the world the author created within minutes. I loved it so much I had to read the sequel right away and now I'm desperate for the third book which, sadly, won't be out for about a year. This book lives up to the hype it's been receiving."  Judi, Pinedale  

Freckles  Gene Stratton-Porter  "This was one of my mom's favorite books and chose it for that reason. I enjoyed it, but it's not a favorite of mine."  Scott, Laramie  

Funeral Songs for Dying Girls  Cherie Dimaline  "I was hoping this could be a good 7th grade book for Native American Heritage Month but it talks about sex and swears a lot as well as drugs and partying so it’s definitely a book firmly in the YA category. I was just excited to read this one because I love a good ghost book, but this one was just ok. I just didn’t like any of the characters except the auntie, Roberta. She had a lot of warmth and humor to her but everyone else was just cold and depressing. I guess it is a book about dying so it makes sense, but I have a hard time enjoying a book if I don’t connect with the characters."  Shayla, Riverton  

Garlic and the Vampire  Bree Paulsen  "I've been trying to read more graphic novels, I came across this title and loved the art. If you've ever seen "Over the Garden Wall" I think you're bound to love this little novel. (and its sequel!)"  Genesis, Cheyenne  

Goddess in the Machine  Lora Beth Johnson  "I wanted to choose something I didn't know anything about, so I picked this one off of the Laramie library system's Libby App solely by looking at the title and cover. It's a sci-fi future dystopia, and has bits that are reminiscent of Russell Hoban's book, Riddley Walker and the downward slope of knowledge and linguistics, but also some of the hopeful cyberpuck aesthetic of the more recent Beck Chambers book, Psalm for the Wild-Built. I liked the complexity of the characters and the fullness of their development, and really appreciated the variable knowledge and perspectives that let the reader hold sympathy for each and let you figure out the mystery along with Andromeda (the primary protagonist)."  Elizabeth, Cheyenne  

Hattie Ever After  Kirby Larson  "I really liked the first Hattie book. I wondered what happened to her. I read this book in a week. I want to be a journalist too."  Jora, Glenrock  

Hello, Molly!  Molly Shannon  "Loved it! I love memoirs, especially heartwarming ones about people who play funny because they always have such beautiful origin stories."  Mallory, Casper  

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Hercule Poirot’s Christmas-A Holiday Mystery  Agatha Christie  "I have never read Christie although I love mysteries and had heard all my life how masterfully she wrote. After just this one book I can certainly see why she is called the “Queen of Crime” and now I can’t wait to read ALL of her books. I chose this title because it was set during Christmas. I had gone to the library to check out “The Mystery at Styles” which is the book she wrote that caused a great controversy but they did not have it in. I was NOT in any way disappointed with this book however!

Thank you for offering this reading challenge to help me broaden my horizons!"  Tammy, Laramie

Homegoing  Yaa Gyasi  "I chose this title because it called to me from the shelf. I judged a book by its cover. I loved the way the author told a story over time."  Heather, Cheyenne

How Can I Help You  Laura Sims  "I chose this title because I am a librarian myself! I was a little let down by the ending of the book."  Marcie, Cheyenne

How Do You Live?  Genzaburo Yoshino  "I read this after seeing the movie "The Boy and the Heron," which was loosely inspired by this book. I have always admired the work of Hayao Miyazaki, the director of the film, and he has said that the story was a very formative experience for him as a child. The story follows a young boy as he learns about the great questions of life from his uncle as he begins to grow and encounter circumstances that changes his perspective of the world around him. Despite being written in 1937, and despite being written for children, this book tackles many questions of humanity and injustice that we still grapple with today. I highly recommend it to anyone who would like a thought provoking read, no matter their age!"  Katelyn, Cheyenne

If you want to know how I got brainwashed  Betsy Dovydenas  "I chose this book to explore how images enhance text. The author’s art fleshes out the spare language and gives emotion to the almost clinical descriptions."  Katrina, Casper

In Search of Perfumes: A Lifetime Journey to the Source of Nature’s Scents  Dominique Roques  "When at the Laramie County Library in Cheyenne, I browse the new non-fiction book shelf for something to catch my attention. Knowing that graphic designers work diligently on book covers, I pay attention to the cover art, then I read the title! (You could say I judge books by their covers!) The beautiful cover full of flowers caught my eye, then the title indicated this book to be a microhistory, a genre I really enjoy. The book was translated from the original French and was an enjoyable read by a man traveling the world through his work. It had a lot of colonial overtones, so I had to work past those to get to the essence of the story of the oils that are formulated into perfumes. I’m very glad I read this book and learned about an industry I knew nothing about!"  Jennifer, Cheyenne

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In the Lives of Puppets  T.J. Klune  "I chose this book because I had read Klune's "The House in the Cerulean Sea" and "Under the Whispering Door" and was impressed by his world building. Despite not being the magical setting I was used to, I was not disappointed by the post-apocalypse or the cast of characters that populated it."  Rachael, Laramie

Ink and Shadows: A Secret, Book, and Scone Society Novel  Ellery Adams  "This book was a cute little sleuthing novel with a happy ending. There are a lot of sensory details to further draw you into the story. It is the fourth book in the series, and I enjoyed seeing the characters develop further after getting to "know" them in the first three books!"  Rebecca, Dubois

InterWorld  Neil Gaiman  "This book kept me in suspense. The intrigue of how the protagonist would manage the present challenge kept me flipping from page to page. I chanced upon this selection when browsing the Young Adult Sci-Fi / Fantasy genre."  Karri, Ten Sleep

Iron Flame  Rebecca Yarros  "The first book was fast paced and captured my attention. The second installment was highly anticipated. I originally found this series on Booktok based on previous reads."  Kindra, Evanston

Iron Lake: A Novel  William Kent Krueger  "In the past few years I've read William Kent Krueger's standalone novels, which made me want to read his Cork O'Connor mystery series. For January, I read the first book in the series, Iron Lake, and was thoroughly entertained. It made me want to continue with the series."  Fred, Cheyenne

It Goes So Fast  Mary Louise Kelly  "This book was recommended to me by a friend who said that every mother should read it. Written by a reporter who works for NPR it tells about her emotional struggles between her career and being a good mother at the same time. It was enjoyable & written so that all of us moms can relate."  Jackie, Cheyenne

Jane Eyre  Charlotte Bronte  "Fabulous book, classic to be sure. I enjoy a good story and this one is a good story told well."  Christine, Dubois

Jane Eyre  Charlotte Brontë  "I chose this book because I want to catch up in the classics."  Jacqueline, Cheyenne

Keeper of the Lost Cities: Exile  Shannon Messenger  This is the second book in a series that I started at the end of December. I loved the character development and the not over-the-top fantasy genre. It provides a great escape!"  Tiff, Cheyenne

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<td>&quot;This title was recommended to me by a fellow reader, and I was on the Libby holds/wait list from November to mid January via my local library. Definitely worth the wait! An uplifting fiction story of standing up for yourself that made me chuckle out loud many times. Well written with excellent character development and voice that I couldn't turn away from. When the dog has narration, smart narration, I couldn't pass it up.&quot; Cara, Douglas</td>
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Moby Dick  Herman Melville  "I had finished reading "Demon Copperhead" and was totally depressed. Someone's described my feeling as a "book hangover." Since I'd never read it, I decided to listen to the library's audiobook version of "Moby Dick." I figured that a book that old and classic would probably not send me into a deeper hangover. Of course, I already knew the story. To my great surprise, I totally enjoyed this book not because of the story, but because of all I learned. Most of it was an education on whaling, whales, whale physiology, the ocean, carpentry in the whaling era, ships, how whalers were paid, and so much more. I found it all extremely interesting. At some point I realized that I was 85% finished with the book and the white whale had not even been sighted. I was also surprised by Melville's sense of humor. There were times he made me laugh out loud."  Lois, Cheyenne

Most Delicious Poison - Noah Whiteman  The Story of Nature's Toxins  "Noah Whiteman, in his quest to understand his father's Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD), takes the reader through a fascinating journey traipsing along the razor's edge of nature's toxins. He explores them as both healers and killers and how plants and animals (including humans) use them. He also describes how some of these toxins evolved in plants and animals separately. An interesting read - lots of chemistry. I think HS and college chemistry students and teachers might be especially interested in it."  Ana, Laramie

My Darling Girl  Jennifer McMahon  "My Darling Girl by Jennifer McMahon- a woman takes in her abusive terminally ill mother in a last-ditch attempt to have a good relationship with her. But it turns out her mother isn't who, or what, anyone thinks she is. A nice little horror story. I chose this book because I like other books by this author."  Paige, Cheyenne

None of This is True  Lisa Jewell  "This book had received excellent reviews on Goodreads and Amazon. I love a good psychological thriller, and I was excited to read it. While it held my attention, it did not necessarily live up to all of the hype. I gave it 4/5 stars."  Kim, Cody

Now You See Them  Elly Griffiths  "I really like this author and this series. I've read another series by her and when it finished up, I noticed that she had more. I enjoy mysteries with a historical flair. This series is set in post-war England in the city of Brighton. Great characters and good twists!"  Lucy, Cheyenne

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Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning
Liz Cheney
"I chose it because I was never a fan of Liz Cheney, we have very different political idealogies. However, after the insurrection I became of fan of hers and her willingness to do what's right. I enjoyed the book very much, although it's frieghtening. More people need to read it and heed her warnings." Chad, Rock Springs

One Last Kill
Robert Dugoni
"10th book in the Tracy Crosswhite Series. This author is a great mystery writer. Really enjoy his books. I think he is better than James Patterson." Jeanne, Cheyenne

Paul, Big, and Small
David Glen Robb
"I chose this title because it was recommended to me by one of my middle school students. I loved it! So sad and heart-rending, but a powerful read!" Marie, Worland

Payback in Death
J.D. Robb
"This story takes place in 2061 when a retired internal affairs police officer appears to have committed suicide. Lt. Eve Dallas is called in to investigate the death. I have read this series from the beginning. I enjoy seeing the authors idea of how People and life are the same and how it is different in 2061." Alisa, Worland

People Person
Candice Carty-Williams
"I loved this book! The characters are interesting and multi-dimensional and the way they interact is fabulous. Plus, there are almost author asides that make me snort about the characters' actions and dialogue." Amy, Sheridan

Pineapple Street
Jenny Jackson
"I chose this book by it's colorful and interesting cover. The book was funny and flowed easily from character to character." Sarah, Casper

Quarter share
Nathan Lowell
"I really liked the book, it is the start of a series and I am very glad there are more stories to read! It's science fiction and the author did a great job creating a future history type world (or universe). This book was recommended by a friend." Mary, Evanston

Scythe
Neal Shusterman
"This book left my jaw on the floor. This writing and plot was refreshing." Aubrey, Worland

Sea of Tranquility
Emily St. John Mandel
"I chose this title because I've been enamored with the author's recent works (as has much of the reading public, I'd wager), as her style is at once expansive and subtle. This slim novel picks up threads cast off by the author's two most recent novels, Station Eleven and The Glass Hotel, including the same characters in recast moments and plots and themes revisited following the emergence of COVID19 and the ensuing pandemic, with some lovely speculation about choosing to live in response to such events." Justin, Cheyenne
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| Siddhartha                                | Hermann Hesse        | "I choose this title because it is part of another reading challenge. I also am a yoga institute and ancient teachings." Bethany, Meeteetse |
| Sky In The Deep                           | Adrienne Young       | "I had read a book by Young st in the same world and enjoyed it a lot. I finally found this one and it was a great choice to kick start my reading year. Good, clean, inviting writing, and solid, well-written characters" Sara, Douglas |
| Spare                                     | Prince Harry         | "It was an interesting glimpse into the perspective of a sibling. I had just finished watching the Crown when I came across this book." Victoria, Worland |
| Station Eleven                            | Emily St. John Mandel| "I was curious to hear a pre-COVID perspective of what life would be like in a post-pandemic world. It was strange to find connections between the experiences of the characters and my own experiences during and immediately following the COVID 19 outbreak. I was also very grateful for the many differences in the outcomes." Micah, Buffalo |
| The absolutely true diary of a part-time  | Sherman Alexie       | "I read this book because of my local banned book club; I was curious to know why it was banned. I thought it was a relevant story as I live in a border town and work on the Reservation -- it helps me understand a little bit more about the battles that indigenous youth still face in their identity." Ruthanna, Lander |
| Indian                                    |                      |                                                                                                                                             |
| The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time  | Sherman Alexie       | "I chose this title because it is a book that another book club in class is reading and I wanted to be able to talk with them about it. This book was amazing and had the power to make me laugh out loud as well as tear up! I highly recommend this book!" Tristan, Kaycee |
| Indian                                    |                      |                                                                                                                                             |
| The Advent Calendar                       | Steven Croft         | "I searched "chocolate" for a theme. Ultimately, the book didn’t really contain chocolate, but I’m quite happy I stumbled onto this book. It was a magical way to bring back the true meaning of the Christmas season." Barbara, Worland |

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The American Way of Death Revisited  Jessica Mitford  "The book, considered a classic, was originally published in 1963 and gives insights into the American funeral industry and how it has grown to become an expensive affair when that was not always the case, nor is it as involved in most countries around the world as it is in the United States. I read it to inform myself about the topic, and found it to be both interesting and informative."  Rita, Sheridan

The Berry Pickers  Amanda Peters  "This was chosen by my book club. It was a fabulous book! Such great writing. So many themes to discuss. The characters came alive throughout the story. Heartbreaking in so many ways, but truly told a story of how people can overcome their obstacles."  Yvonne, Sheridan

The Black Jewels Trilogy  Anne Bishop  "I adored the immersive experience this series provided. I chose this title because I love expansive dark fantasy."  Hawk, Cheyenne

The Bodyguard  Katherine Center  "I recently discovered Katherine Center, so I've been looking for her books and found this one. I like her books because they are optimistic but also realistic. They qualify as romance novels, but they have better character development and thought-provoking situations in comparison to the run-of-the-mill romance."  Sandy, Laramie

The Bomber Mafia  Malcom Gladwell  "The Bomber Mafia recounts the beginnings of precision bombing and how, ironically, the fire bombing of Japan helped move precision bombing techniques forward. I chose this book because I wanted to listen to an audio book which was actually originally written to be audio rather then a book modified to audio. The original historic recordings included added an interesting detail to this audiobook."  Rhonda, Pine Bluffs

The Book that Wouldn't Burn  Mark Lawrence  "It's a thought-provoking love letter to books, libraries and librarians. It's also a parable about tribalism and how knowledge is used. A great read."  Joel, Douglas

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek  Kim Michele Richardson  "I originally read this when it first came out, but have reread it for a book discussion group at our library next week. So many interesting angles in this book! Packhorse librarians. The blue people of Kentucky. 1930's history and beliefs. A great book!"  Carol, Ten Sleep

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The Bristlecone Book  Ronald M. Lanner

"I've been attending online webinars supported by the University of Montana called High-elevation Five-needle White Pines: Science and Management. The last one of these, in January, was largely about bristlecone pine trees. It was interesting, there are no documented populations in Wyoming. I checked in Dennis Knight’s "Mountains & Plains" vegetation ecology book, and he concurs, no bristlecone pines in Wyoming. But it shows up as a selection on many plant lists for Wyoming, which I always think is bizarre. I saw this book at the Laramie County Library and thought I would read it and determine for myself if I thought it is adapted to Wyoming. It won't, our growing season is too short. The Bristlecone Book was a quick and interesting read, and I learned something too. Win!!"  

Wanda, Burns

The Cartographers  Peng Sheperd

"I love all the elements of this book. The setting, the New York City Public Library. The characters, Nel, a young cartographer who is the daughter of two cartographers whose ex is also into maps albeit as a digital specialist. The artifact, an old gas station fold-out map of New York that isn't of any particular quality or value, yet has disappeared from library collections and become a highly sought item by collectors. The map also plays a pivotal part in Nel's family history and injects an element of magic into the plot, think the wardrobe that gets you into Narnia. People, including Nel's father, are ending up dead at the library. We go along on a highly satisfying hunt for answers as to why with various characters sharing their perspective and knowledge."  

Susan, Lyman

The Children's Blizzard  David Laskin

"I knew of the story growing up, the book provided lots of information and details. Laskin did an extreme amount of research. Like Erik Larson and Isaac's Storm, I liked the background on what will become the National Weather Service."  

Michelle, Casper

The Cloisters  Katy Hays

"The setting of this book, The Cloisters of the Met in New York City, a real place, was so intriguingly woven into the story that I want to go and experience them in person. The story also awakened all of our book club member’s desire to have a Tarot reading! Luckily, a couple of members knew of someone in town who could and would read for us, so she did!"  

Madelon, Torrington

The Deepest Map  Laura Trethaway

"I love maps so this title intrigued me. I loved learning more about the (almost entirely) uncharted ocean. A great combination of history, science and adventure. Totally recommend this book."  

Sarah, Glenrock

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The Dictionary of Lost Words  Pip Williams  "I enjoyed this book very much. It was well written and the subject matter was interesting. I chose this book because my Mother recommended it to me."  Rhonda, Ten Sleep

The Dog's Pancake  Rod Miller  "I don't often read poetry, but I enjoyed this collection of quirky, sincere, pure Wyoming poems."  Kristen, Cheyenne

The Dry Grass of August  Anna Jean Mayhew  "This book was a page turner. It had some interesting twists and made me think about the ways that people hurt others, often unintentionally. It is narrated by 13 year old Jubie Watts and is set in the summer of 1954. It tells the story of her family and their black maid Mary who provides much of the love that Jubie misses from her own parents. I found it interesting and heartbreaking. It was an easy read."  Louise, Newcastle

The Echo of Old Books  Barbara Davis  "Our book club chose this book for Jan. I liked the little saying at the beginning of the chapters like "all truly good writing has a heartbeat""  Estella, Cheyenne

The Echo of Old Books  Barbara Davis  "I loved this book! This book was submitted by one of our book club members and we voted to read it for Jan. There were 2 couples in love at different eras. The book store owner could feel other people's feelings by touching a book."  Estella, Cheyenne

The Fabric of Our Souls  KM Moronova  "The book was heartbreaking but the end was heart mending. Definitely check trigger warnings before reading, but it was a fantastic book. I read it because a friend recommended it!"  Morgan, Cheyenne

The Firebird's Feather  Marjorie Eccles  "I love historical fiction and mysteries, this was the perfect combination."  Micah, Wheatland

The General and Julia, A Novel  Jon Clinch  "Checked out from the Natrona County Public Library. This is about the final 40 days of General Ulysses S. Grant's life as he is finishing his memoirs before he passes from throat cancer. He is reflecting on the highs and lows of his life as a young husband, a general, a president and his life in New York City. I chose the book because 1) the cover caught my eye and 2) I really respect Gen. Grant and what he did for the US in the 1800's. The book is beautifully written and captures the humanity and fraility of Grant and toughness of Julia and their love for each other. Mr. Clinch has written several other books that I would love to read."  Alena, Casper

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The General's Women  Susan Wittig Albert
"I chose this book because I am a fan of the author, and this is one stand-alone book that I have not read. Eisenhower is an interesting man and reading a fictional book based on real events was interesting. The author includes her sources and a side, short telling of actual facts and events. Interestingly, she also tells why she was compelled to tell the story. Eisenhower was a complicated man with a complicated view on marriage and outside relationships."  
Michelle, Rock Springs

The Ghost Fields  Elly Griffiths
"Hooked on British mysteries. Love the series. I love the characters and their interaction."  
Teresa, Worland

The Golden Enclaves  Naomi Novik
"This was the final book of a fantasy trilogy (The Scholomance). I decided to read with my son who is in his twenties. I heard about the series from a friend, who also enjoys YA and fantasy novels. I really enjoyed this book, and the whole trilogy. I had not read Naomi Novik before, but I will likely check out some of her other work. I definitely recommend this book to anyone who likes fantasy and appreciates world-building."  
Lori, Cheyenne

The Good Shepard  C.S. Forester
"I chose this book because many years ago I read the entire "Hornblower" series and decided to pick a maritime fiction book from the library. This book, "The Good Shepard", was among the Hornblower books, so I checked it out. It was much different and better than expected. It is a story about a destroyer "captain" leading and guarding a convoy of 37 merchant ships in their one-week voyage from New York across the Atlantic to England in World War II, at the height of the German U-boat wolfpack successes. It describes, watch by watch, (4 hours) the actions of his destroyer, along with three others, trying to navigate and protect the fleet of merchant ships against the U-boat Wolfpack waiting for them. This book is intense, and is one of the best of Forester's skills in describing a captain and his decisions for the good of the fleet. It was intense and a surprisingly good read."  
Harris, Cheyenne

The Guncle  Steven Rowley
"I had seen this book recommended many times as a feel-good and laugh-out-loud funny book. I tend to choose darker books, and this was a fantastic change of pace. It has a place in my top book of all-time list!"  
Heidi, Torrington

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The Happiness Project  Gretchen Rubin  "I chose this book because I saw it on my daughter's table when I was watching my grandkids. The power of suggestion! I found it to be a wonderful book with lots of good ideas to muse over and perhaps try out myself. I loved Gretchen's honesty and perseverance in sticking to her resolutions - and in the challenges she sometimes faced doing so.

I listened to the audio version, but am thinking that I will buy a written copy because it is one that I will want to refer to time and again."  Kathy, Cheyenne

The House in the Cerulean Sea  T.J. Klune  "The book was actually a read for my families own book club! We really liked the book, and I particularly liked the book because I felt that it told an important story about making people feel included and important in life, despite differences that may be apparent. I also liked that it was a fictional world with a lot of room for imagination."  Morgan, Cheyenne

The House in the Cerulean Sea  T.J. Klune  "I was reading this book for a family reading club. I loved the overall message that everyone deserves to have the same chance no matter what you look like or who you are. It was a wonderful story of someone finding his true self and the joy that he received after that!"  Tami, Cheyenne

The House of Eve  Sadeqa Johnson  "I chose this book because I had seen in recommend several times in a Facebook group I'm a part of.

It is such a heartbreaking story with complex characters. It is extremely well written and although I'm not sure how historically accurate it is, I can definitely see it having happened in our country's past. It pulled at my heartstrings and will stay with me a long time."

Caranna, Worland

The Immortalists  Chloe Benjamin  "I chose this book because I tend to enjoy family epic type stories with multiple storylines and character viewpoints. UGH IT WAS SO DEPRESSING! And not in a powerful way, but just in a sad way. Between the mother cradling her baby and then committing suicide, and the lab monkeys being denied food, and the Gypsy lady just trying to get by in a misogynistic culture, it was a tough read."  Lauren, Laramie

The Kingdom of Sweets  Erika Johansen  "This was a new publication that I thought sounded interesting. It was rather dark yet interesting take on the Nutcracker and a specific period of Russian history. It was not something I would normally read but am glad I did."  Deb, Newcastle

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The kitchen front  Jennifer Ryan  "This was my first book of 2024. It was so great and uplifting. I enjoyed reading about the kitchen front during the war. These ladies made the best with their rations and supported each other during such a hard time."  Megan, Hudson

The Kite Runner  Khaled Hosseini  "Love it, but very sad. I wanted to read this book for a long time. Although the book is historical fiction, it made understand a little bit more the history of Afghanistan."  Conxita, Laramie

The Last Agent  Robert Dugoni  "I had read this author previously but not this series. Found out it was actually #2 but was easy to follow without the first one. The retired CIA agent is drawn back to Russia to free an imprisoned woman who had helped him escape the country earlier. Enjoyed the twists and suspense."  Cynthia, Powell

The Life She Was Given  Ellen Marie Wiseman  "I really liked this book. It was hard to put down and ran the gamut of all emotions."  Mary, Buffalo

The Lincoln Lawyer  Michael Connelly  "A lot of crime novels are told from the perspective of the accused/perpetrator or the police/investigator- seeing the law from a defense attorney’s standpoint, where reasonable doubt and strategy play a larger role than guilt, is an interesting flip. The author does have a slightly disappointing tendency (so far) to stick to the crime genre tropes, so guilt does eventually get punished even if it happens outside of the court of law."  McKayla, Laramie

The Longmire Defense  Craig Johnson  "I liked this book, I love that he fights for what is right. Also, I like that there is a bit of a love story. I kept telling him to go home, I had a feeling Liz was there!"  Darsi, Riverton

The Lost Tomb and other Real Life Stories of Bones, Burrials and Murder  Douglas Preston  "I enjoy books by Preston and in this book he talks about some real life mysteries that he has used as basis for some of his fiction books. It was interesting but got a little long with some of the details, but that is what non fiction books are all about!"  Adele, Torrington

The Man Who Fell From the Sky  Margaret Coel  "Margaret uses the Wind River Reservation as the setting for her Wind River Mysteries. The stories are fiction with just enough details about the area and local issues that you can almost visualize the scene. I am a native of this area makes a enjoyable read."  Kaye, Crowheart

The Marsh King's Daughter  Karen Dionne  "I am normally a happily ever after romance reader but have been trying to get out of my comfort zone. A local book club asked our library to get several copies of this book in & it looked interesting. I absolutely loved it & stayed up way to late to finish it the same day I started it."  Serena, Moorcroft

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The Marsh King's Daughter
Karen Dionne
"This book was chosen for a different book club so I borrowed one and read it over a weekend. Hard to put down!" Shannon, Moorcroft

The Marsh King's Daughter
Karen Dionne
"I read this book after hearing that it is the story of the daughter whose father kidnapped her mother when she was young." Lacey, Moorcroft

The Mountain Between Us
Charles Martin
"A story about survival and how traumatic experiences bring people together." Christy, Powell

The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel: Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I
Douglas Brandt
"Curious about the life of the inventor of the compression ignition engine. This was a great read, lots of history, and demonstrates that anyone can be the force to change the world." Jeremy, Burns

The Nix
Nathan Hill
"Very interesting story that has so many different time lines and story lines interwoven. The ending brought it all together though. I really enjoyed the parts about the counterculture in the 1960s. I read it because we were going to do it for another book club but decided it was too long (it's over 700 pages!)." Jenny, Riverton

The One
Kierra Cass
"The book is the third book out of six in the Selection series. It's a great read and gets really intense at the end. Me and my friend love this book series, but almost everyone has never heard of it. This book deserves more attention. Would recommend." Indiana, Douglas

The Only Good Indians
Stephen Graham Jones
""Gritty and Gorgeous." Indeed! This book is spooky and spectacular; intriguing and invigorating. Page after page, I was rapt." Anne, Laramie

The Outcast Dead
Elly Griffiths
"It is a continuing series about a forensic archeologist. Love the British background and the characters interaction." Teresa, Worland

The River We Remember
William Kent Krueger
"I chose this title because it was the "most checked-out book" of 2023." Nikki, Ten Sleep

The Running Grave
Robert Galbraith
"This is the seventh book in the series, so I had to read it to find out what happens next to these characters. I was not disappointed; number seven was as good as all the others! (And the two main characters are inching closer to a resolution.)" Jan, Laramie

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<td>&quot;The book was a bit tedious with too much information about the characters in the beginning, but after about the 4th chapter it got more interesting. I chose it because it takes place mainly in the Outer Banks region of North Carolina, and because I had enjoyed reading another book by the same author.&quot; - Kathy, Upton</td>
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<td>The Secret History</td>
<td>Donna Tartt</td>
<td>&quot;Reviews made me want to read this book - a book about academia and a murder mystery of sorts. This book was unlike anything I've read and has stayed with me as I reflect on the characters and their choices.&quot; - Karen, Lander</td>
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<td>The Silent Patient</td>
<td>Alex Michaelides</td>
<td>&quot;I posted on Facebook asking for book recommendations from friends and family to help me get started with my 2024 reading. I got so many great suggestions it was hard to choose which one. This is the book that became available first at my library, so I went with it and I’m so glad! My aunt and several others recommended this one to me. I really enjoyed the twists and the first person narration. The story was so gripping I could hardly put it down!&quot; - Christi, Cheyenne</td>
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<td>The Stranger in the Lifeboat</td>
<td>Mitch Albom</td>
<td>&quot;I have read books by this author in the past and they are always good. I loved &quot;Tuesdays with Morrie&quot; and &quot;The Five People you meet in Heaven&quot;. The book was great with an interesting twist.&quot; - Barbara, Farson</td>
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<td>The Sweetness of Water</td>
<td>Nathan Harris</td>
<td>&quot;It is an interesting story of how a family in Georgia in the days after the civil war dealt with prejudice against gays and blacks. The character George surprised me with his courage to save his son and friend.&quot; - LaRena, Riverton</td>
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<td>The Threat</td>
<td>Nathaniel Stein</td>
<td>&quot;I got a late start, so I picked something short and fun. It was both.&quot; - Britney, Cheyenne</td>
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<td>The Vaster Wilds</td>
<td>Lauren Groff</td>
<td>&quot;The Vaster Wilds is an astonishing book that took me on a wonderful and horrible adventure through pre-Colonial America. I love Groff’s work and am especially interested in the contrast between her historical fiction here and in “The Matrix” alongside the modern short stories from “Florida.” On page 103, the heroin builds a fire. Groff writes, “When she took up a burning brand out of the fire to find more dry wood for the night, she saw that all the pockets where the small rocks caught and held the river water shone upward, as though they were countless glowing eyes caught watching her move.” Many thanks to the Fremont County Library for making this book available!&quot; - Kate, Lander</td>
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| The Wager                 | David Grann               | "I enjoyed Grann’s previous work “Killers of the Flower Moon” and so was eager to try this non-fictional story of ship wreck and mutiny in the 1740s. It was a bit grueling in its description of the crews ordeals but a tribute as well to human endurance."  
  Kathryn, Sheridan         |
| The Way of Kings          | Brandon Sanderson         | "I like fantasy books. This book is good because it is full of heroes and courage. Kaladin is a great character."  
  Lane, Glenrock            |
| The Wishing Game          | Meg Shaffer               | "The Wishing Game is an easy lighthearted book about a woman that wants to adopt a young boy so that he will grow up knowing he was loved. However, without proper funds and support network it looks like it will be an impossible dream, that is until a beloved childhood author announces a game to go along with his new book. Can Lucy win the game and give Christopher the home they both dream of?"  
  Jennifer, Sheridan        |
| The Witches of New York   | Ami McKay                 | "Set in 1880 New York City, 17 year old Beatrice goes to the city to be a shop girl at the tea shop Tea and Sympathy. She works for Adelaide and Eleanore and learns they are witches, and she is too. I enjoy period books and witches, so there you go."  
  Wendy, Green River        |
| The Woman in Me           | Britney Spears            | "This was an interesting blast from my childhood, exploring the darker side of fame. It glosses over most questions but still provides some fascinating insights into her mind. I left feeling sorry for her and further affirmed I have no interest in ever being famous!"  
  Ashli, Laramie            |
| Threads That Bind         | Kika Hatzopoulou          | "I was going to teach this in my young adult literature class last semester. It only came available in the library this January. Fun read for young adults!"  
  Kelly, Torrington         |
| Towers Falling            | Jewell Parker Rhodes      | "I chose this title because it is in the required books for battle of the books at school. The title was the most appealing to me, out of all of the books I could have chose, and while reading the book, it made me sad. The author, Jewell, explained 9/11 in a way I didn’t think was possible. By the end of the book, I felt connected. Like I knew the people in the towers."  
  Charlie, Laramie          |
| Traitors Gate             | Jeffrey Archer            | "Jeffrey Archer a good story teller. A gripping story, keeps the reader on his/her toes. Will the heist to steal the Crown Jewels succeed?"  
  Janet, Torrington         |
| Treasure Bookmaking       | Natasa Marinkovic         | "Good teaching resource, excellent detail and instruction with photographs of various steps and prompts and encouragement for creating. I like the book. Found it on a shelf in the library featuring new titles."  
  Janice, Worland           |
Tripwire  
Lee Child  
"I started watching the series, Reacher, on Amazon and enjoyed it. My father in law has read all of Lee Child’s books and said I should read them."  
Deann, Hulett

Ugly Love  
Colleen Hoover  
"I love Colleen Hoover writing. She typically had a twist of some sort in her books."  
Jennifer, Cheyenne

Vincent and Theo  
Deborah Heiligman  
"Very interesting! I learned how close the Van Gogh brothers were and how much of their lives they shared together. One wouldn’t have existed without the other!"  
Jennifer, Farson

We All Fall Down  
Natalie D. Richards  
"I chose the book based on the cover art. It reminded me of mysteries and thrillers I've read in the past, and I thought it looked interesting. I read the description and decided it sounded good. It was a very good read. It was a strange story and not like anything I've read before."  
Brittney, Gillette

Where Do We Go From Here  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
"I wanted to understand where Dr. King's mindset was right before his passing. After going through so much to bring Civil Rights to fruition throughout our country, I was curious if he was still hopeful for the future. Not only did I find his analysis hopeful, but I know now that he had a plan on how to take the next steps for Civil Rights."  
Allison, Casper

Why We Write About Ourselves: Twenty Memoirists on Why They Expose Themselves (and Others) in the Name of Literature  
Meredith Maran (editor)  
"I choose this book because I've been struggling to journal for years under the premise that it would be too revealing to anyone that comes across it. As an avid memoir reader, I think this book really helped me determine the difference between journaling and creative writing, and the morals behind memoir. I feel more inspired than ever to write my life story, and I added a lot of the authors in this collection to my TBR!"  
Jessica, Cheyenne

Winter  
Marissa Meyer  
"This book was an exciting finish to the Lunar Chronicles Series."  
Emily, Worland

Woven of the World  
Katey Howes  
"I chose this book because I am a weaver and enjoy reading books at all levels about the craft. Weaving has historical and cultural significance and this book, written for children presents it well. The illustrations by Dinara Mirtalipova truly enhance the book."  
Venice, Hawk Springs

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