



2022 In Review!

SELECTIONS

Monthly Adult Recommendations from the Staff at Deerfield Public Library

WE
CROSSED
A BRIDGE
AND IT
TREMBLED
VOICES FROM SYRIA
WENDY PEARLMAN

We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled Wendy Pearlman

"Everybody talks about Syrians, but very few actually talk to them." Pearlman artfully compiles poignant, firsthand testimonies from Syrian refugees on revolution, crackdown, and war. Painful--but powerful, humanizing and essential reading. ~Allison L. (CW: death, mentions of rape, gore/violence).

One Step Too Far Lisa Gardner

Thinking about a vacation to a national park this summer? You might reconsider after reading this edge-of-your-seat thriller from Lisa Gardner. You never know who (or what) might be out in the wilderness. ~Melissa S.



"A novel of tragic power and uncommon beauty." —ANTHONY MARRA

A
PASSAGE
NORTH

A Novel

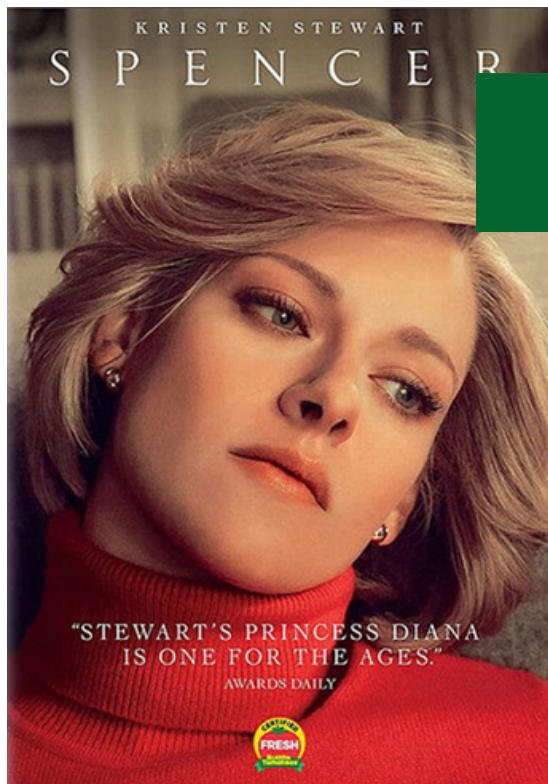
ANUK
ARUDPRAGASAM

Author of *The Story of a Brief Marriage*

A Passage North

Anuk Arudpragasam

Following Krishan's journey to a funeral in war-torn north Sri Lanka, this novel steeped in philosophy and ancient poetry also tells us what it's like to live now, in a world where photographs of the recent civil war are easily accessible online. I actually gasped at its beauty. ~Dylan Z. (CW: suicide, war).



Spencer

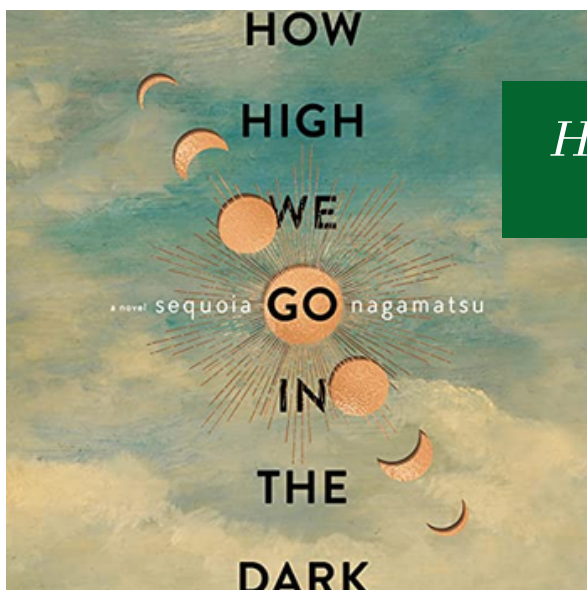
I cannot get over how incredible Kristen Stewart is as Diana. This is a tale of the people's princess on her way to reclaim her identity as Diana Spencer. It's rare to find a character so endearing, so intimate, so vulnerable and yet in the end filled with such strength. ~Chase S. (CW: self-harm, eating disorders)



The Storyteller

Dave Grohl

Dave Grohl launched Foo Fighters in the mid 1990s and they are still performing. Dave narrates the audiobook and is funny. His life in music is full of casual anecdotes, like Sir Paul McCarthy taught his daughter to play the piano! ~Amy F.



How High We Go in the Dark

Sequoia Nagamatsu

A beautifully intricate look at humanity coming together during a climate plague. Sci-fi elements seamlessly blend into this series of interconnected stories that span hundreds of years as civilization fights to survive. This book blew me away! ~Anne J. (CW: plague, death of children, suicide, euthanasia, mass death, death of parent, terminal illness, animal death, confinement).



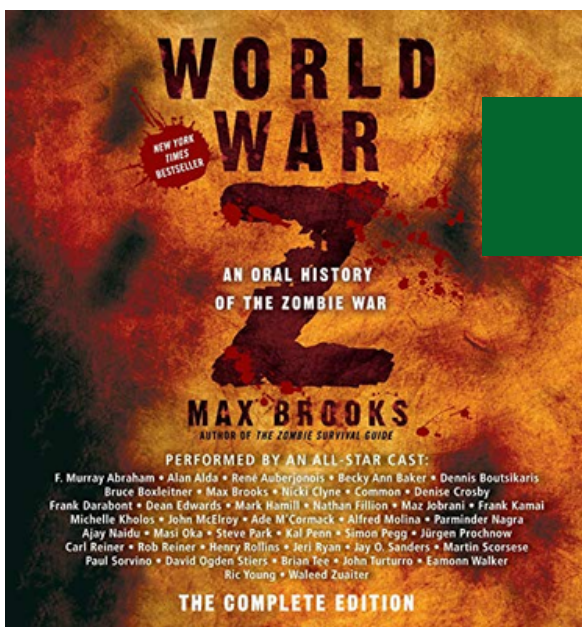
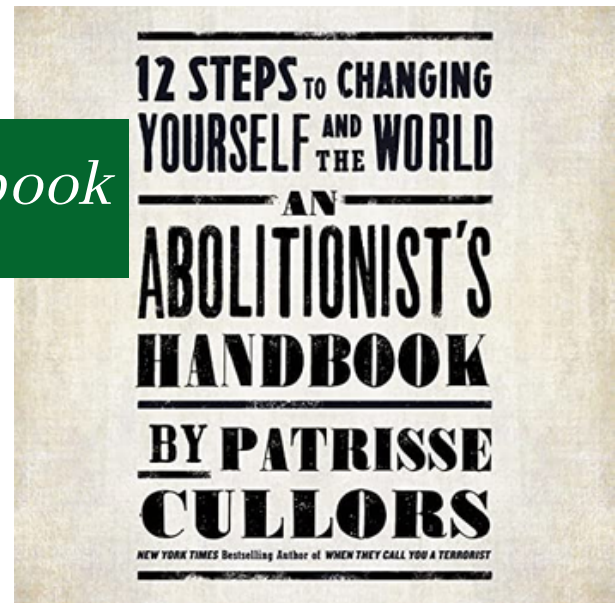
Black Sails

Black Sails is the swashbuckling prequel to Robert Louis Stevenson's novel "Treasure Island," centering around the dynamic duo of pirates Captain James Flint and Long John Silver and their quest for glory, gold, and freedom in the shadow of the oppressive British Empire. ~Jasmine H. (CW: violence, rape, dismemberment, implied homophobia, suicidal ideation).

An Abolitionist's Handbook

Patrisse Cullors

Patrisse Cullors pulls from her extensive knowledge of activism work to gift us all 12 concrete ways to fight oppression, along with recommendations for further learning, and journal prompts to guide you through the ways you can take social justice actions in every day life. ~ Emily K.



World War Z

Max Brooks

This is my favorite audiobook of all time. It follows a series of interviews that take place after a fictional war with zombies. The actors they got to portray the characters are phenomenal. Listening to this is like listening to classic radio horror. ~Joseph G.



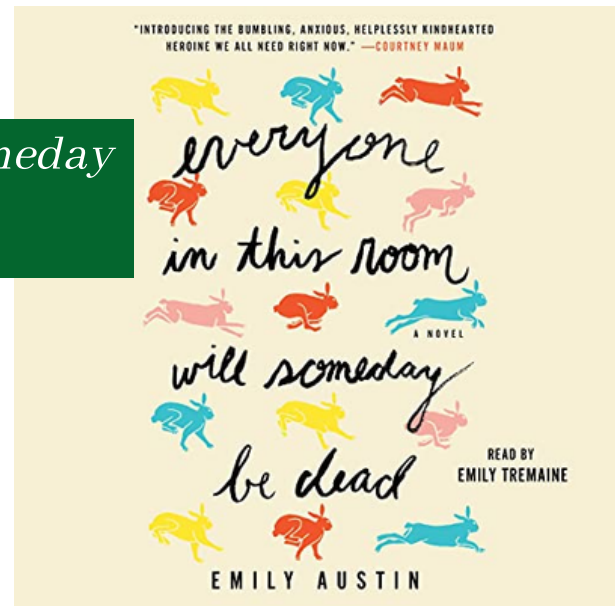
Carlos

This 5 hour mini series/movie is a really interesting look into the life of infamous Venezuelan Marxist terrorist Carlos the Jackal, from his early days taking big oil ministers hostage to his eventual capture by the French police. RIYL The Godfather, Goodfellas, etc. ~Matt K.

Everyone in This Room Will Someday Be Dead

Emily Austin

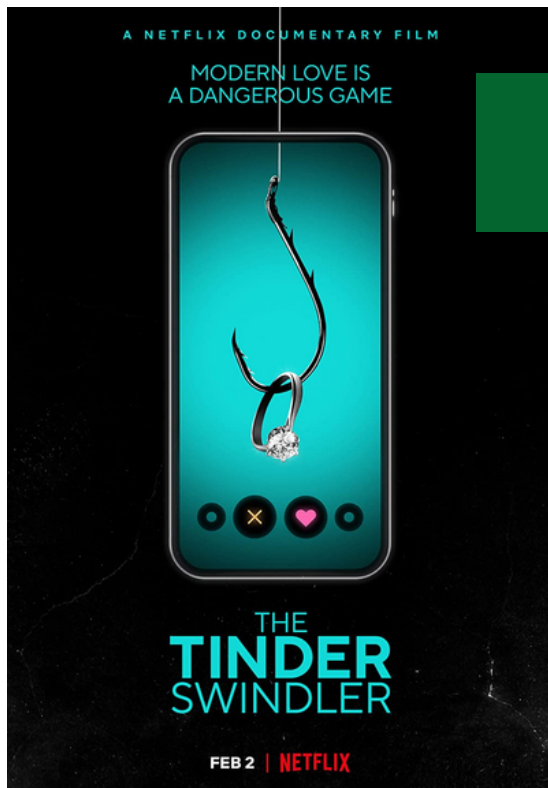
In this dark but hilariously relatable novel, main character Gilda, an atheist lesbian, accidentally finds herself working as a receptionist at a Catholic church. I spent the entire time reading rooting for Gilda who maybe spends a bit too much time in her head. But don't we all? ~Jamie G. (CW: attempted suicide, self-harm)



The Perks of Loving a Wallflower

Erica Ridley

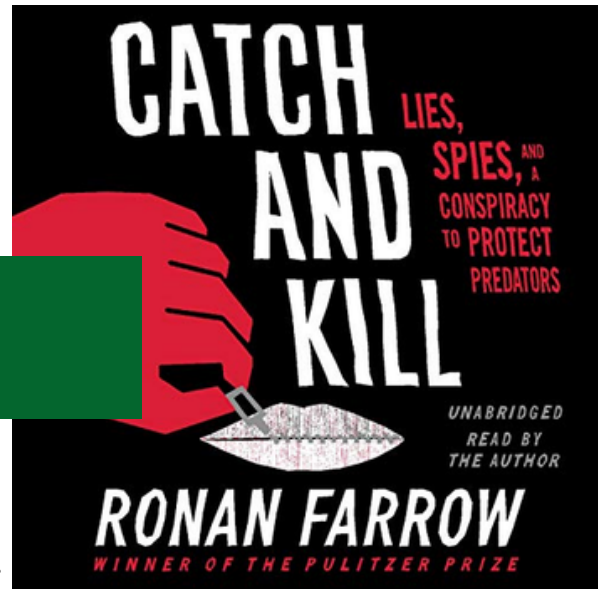
A fun, historical romance novel that follows Tommy, who is a master of disguise, and Philippa, a wallflower who just wants to help her friend, no matter what it takes. Perfect for anyone who enjoyed Bridgerton and loves a good, just heist! ~Megan S. (CW: explicit sex scenes).



The Tinder Swindler

This is a documentary about an awful guy (Simon) on Tinder, who emotionally manipulates and steals money from women. The documentary is told through the perspective of 3 women caught in the Ponzi scheme, and their dedication to bring justice to the situation.

~Sam R.



Catch and Kill

Ronan Farrow

This book is not just about Harvey Weinstein -- it's about how deeply entwined, enmeshed, and overlapping the upper echelons of power really are, and how powerful and well-connected people use those networks to insulate themselves from the consequences of their behavior. ~Nicole B. (CW: sexual assault)

**CHUCK
KLOSTERMAN**



**THE NINETIES
A BOOK**

The Nineties

Chuck Klosterman

With his usual brand of Gen X snark Chuck Klosterman chronicles the decade that he defines as beginning with the fall of the Berlin Wall and closing with 9/11. Politics, books, music, film, TV, sports, anything tangentially related to pop culture of that era: it's all in there. ~Stephanie K.



Servant of the People

*If you are interested in the events in Ukraine you might enjoy this sitcom. It stars Volodymyr Zelenskyy, the current president of Ukraine. It tells the story of a humble teacher who becomes president of Ukraine. How different is the real Zelenskyy from the character he played?
~Ted G.*

The Other Black Girl

Zakiya Dalila Harris

The plot proceeds like a good Twilight Zone story, with sharp commentary on race, workplace politics, and the publishing world. It's actually far weirder than I expected from looking at the cover, but that makes it more special! ~Tom W.



**IT WAS VULGAR
& IT WAS
BEAUTIFUL**

**HOW AIDS
ACTIVISTS
USED ART
TO FIGHT
A PANDEMIC**

JACK LOWERY



It Was Vulgar & It Was Beautiful

Jack Lowery

It broke my 10 month reading slump. Covering a part of the activism of the AIDS crisis I didn't know, it reads as quickly as fiction. Sad, compelling, urgent, and important. I couldn't put it down. I loved it. ~Trisha R. (CW: death, homophobia)