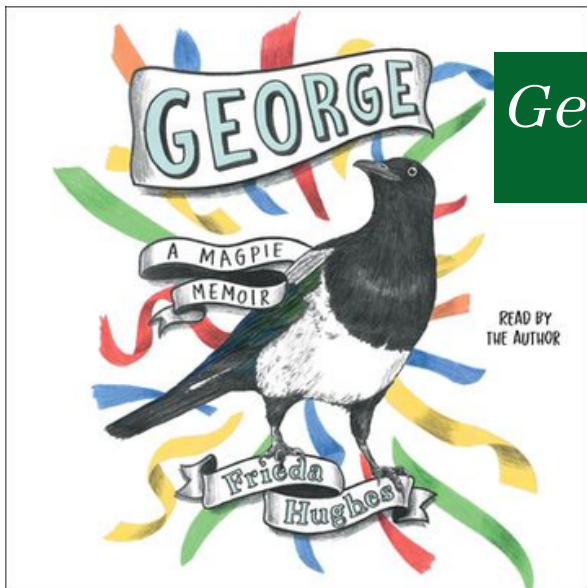




2023 In Review!

# SELECTIONS

Monthly Adult Recommendations from the Staff at Deerfield Public Library



## George: A Magpie Memoir

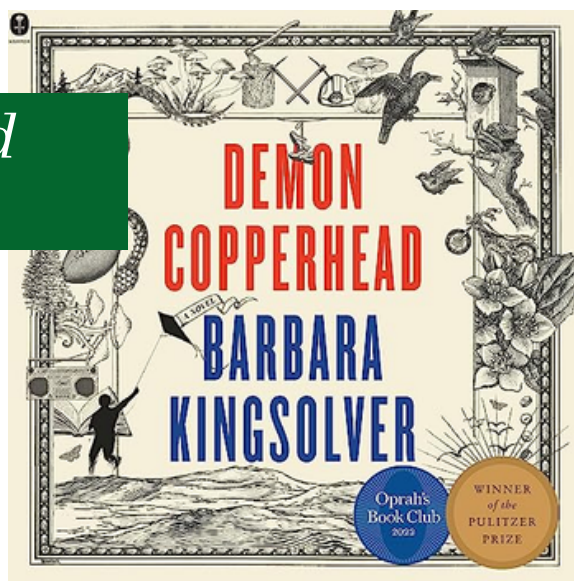
Frieda Hughes

What if the middle-aged daughter of two famous poets wrote a memoir about the time she rescued a baby magpie and raised it, keeping her grounded while everything else around her (her relationship with her spouse, her stable income, her house) was falling apart? ~Stephanie K.

## Demon Copperhead

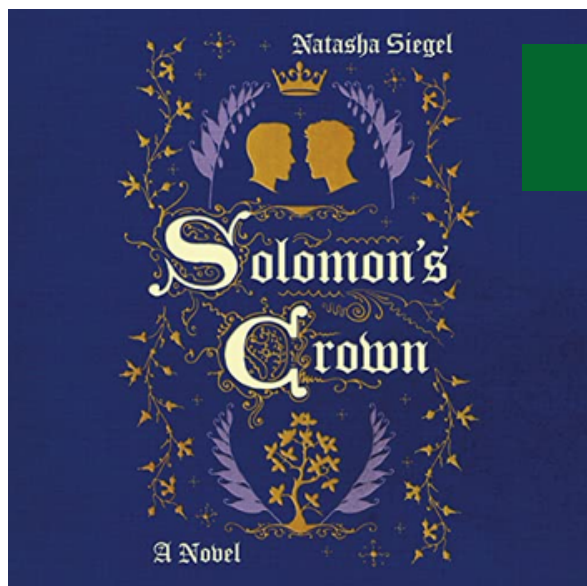
Barbara Kingsolver

A modern adaptation of David Copperfield set in Appalachia. This is a powerful story, both heartbreaking yet hopeful, that will stick with you for a long time. One of the best books I've read in a long time; well deserving of its recent Pulitzer Prize. ~Melissa S. (CW: physical abuse, drug abuse, overdose)



## Solomon's Crown

Natasha Siegel



An alternate history, and a love story, with Eleanor of Aquitaine's son, Richard the Lionheart, and King Philip II of France. Full of pining and angst, this is the relationship hinted at in "Lion in Winter," but better. Recommended by Olivia Waite in her NYT romance column. ~Trisha R.



## Welcome to Wrexham

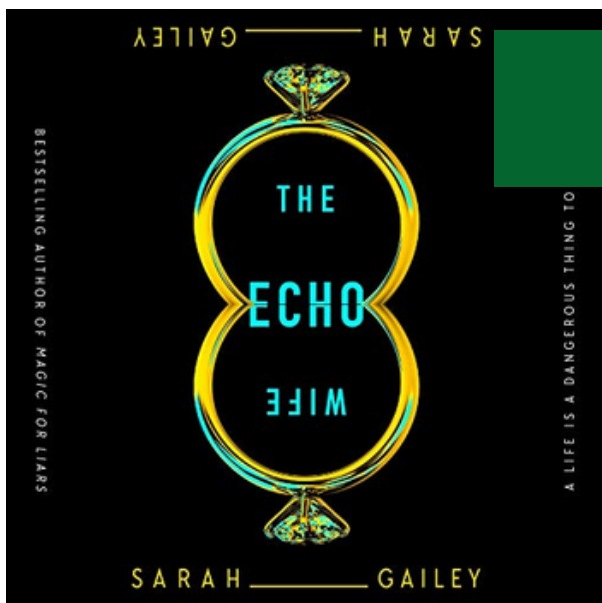
*If you enjoyed Ted Lasso you'll also love Welcome to Wrexham on Hulu. Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney purchase a soccer club in Wrexham Wales. They pour their hearts and souls into making the club better but also improving the community. A true feel good story. ~Ted G.*



## Bertram Cope's Year

Henry Blake Fuller

*Who knew one of the first U.S. novels to depict gay characters is set in Evanston? This charming novel of manners follows a young lit. prof. (mal)adjusting to university life--inaugurating over a century of a recognizable local type that many will see themselves in. ~Dylan Z.*



## The Echo Wife

Sarah Gailey

*A failing marriage usually leads to divorce, but what if your husband left you for your clone? The Echo Wife answers with murder, betrayal, and the tricky moral dilemma of cloning and personhood. It's unsettling, upsetting, and ethically dubious, but intriguing. ~Jasmine H. (CW: domestic violence)*





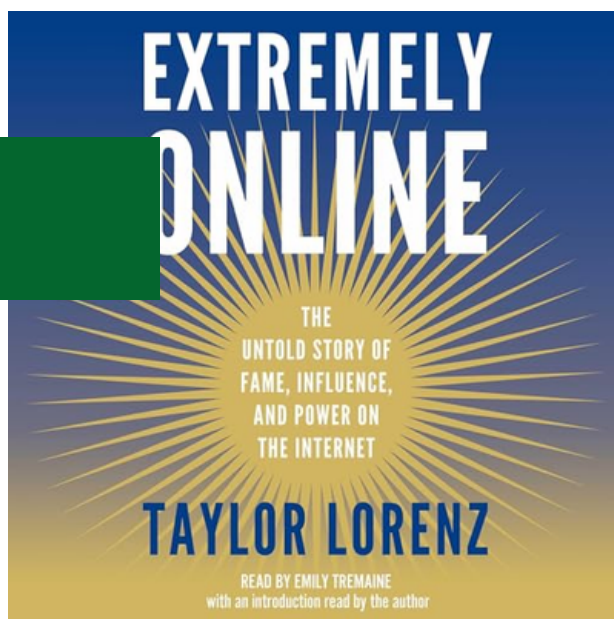
## Reply, 1988

*Beginning in 1988, this Kdrama revolves around five friends and their families living in the same neighborhood in northern Seoul. If you're a fan of stories that are chock full of quirky and varied characters and converging storylines, this show is for you. ~Stevie N. (CW: bullying)*

## Extremely Online

Taylor Lorenz

*From Mommy Bloggers, to Scene Queens and YouTuber pranksters, Extremely Online documents the corners of the internet that you've forgotten about. Lorenz connects the dots between the internet of the early aughts to what we know now as Social Media in the present. ~Zoe G.*



## Mad About You

Mhairi McFarlane

*Mhairi McFarlane is one of my new favorite authors! A really good read alike for Emily Henry, but with more of a women's fiction vibe. Seeing Harriet overcome her trauma from a past relationship and find love in the process was so satisfying. Can confirm you will laugh and cry. ~Kelly G. (CW: emotional abuse)*

## JOE PERA TALKS WITH YOU



### *Joe Pera Talks With You*

*Joe Pera's comedy is utterly refreshing. This show invites you in for a warm cup of tea and then without notice will have you on the floor laughing. Ultimately, it will remind you of those precious moments talking with your best friends. Recommend watching before bed! ~Chase S.*

## *The Phantom Tollbooth*

Norton Juster

*My mom first read this to me when I was 8, and I believe it's what sparked a lifelong love of reading and learning for me. I read it to my nieces and nephew when they started school, and it was an accessible way to introduce them to fantasy! ~Jasmine H.*

## THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH



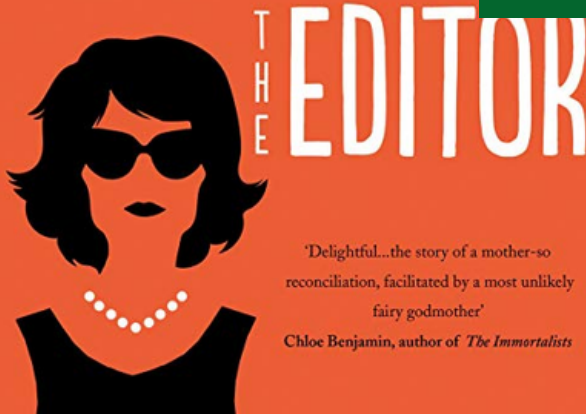
NORTON JUSTER

Read by Rainn Wilson

With an Introduction Read by the Author | Unabridged

## STEVEN ROWLEY

Internationally bestselling author of *Lily and the... and the...*



## *The Editor*

Steven Rowley

*This fictional account of a debut novelist and his relationship to his world famous editor, Jackie Kennedy Onassis, is laugh-out-loud funny, heartwarming, AND heart-wrenching. Rowley's beautiful writing and his relatable characters linger long after the last page. ~Kary H.*





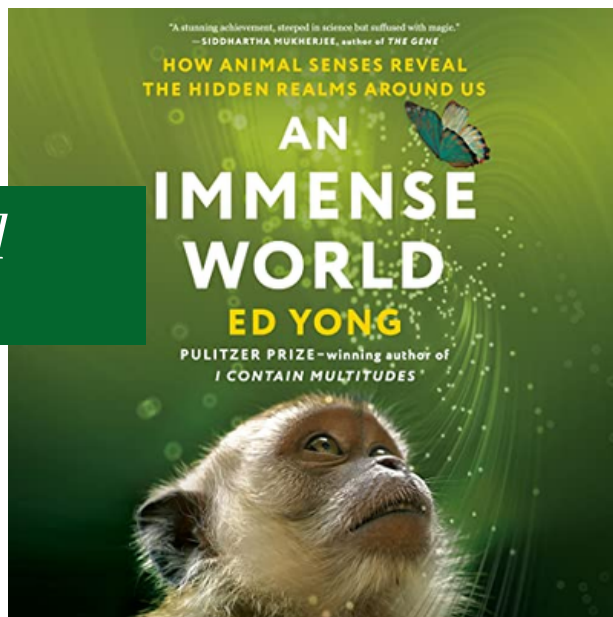
## Minding the Gap

*This amazing documentary explores the lives of three skateboarders in Rockford, Illinois. It's not really a "skateboarding movie," though. It's about growing up in a working class neighborhood and coping with family trauma. It's one of the most powerful films I've seen. ~Tom W. (CW: family violence, alcoholism)*

## An Immense World

Ed Yong

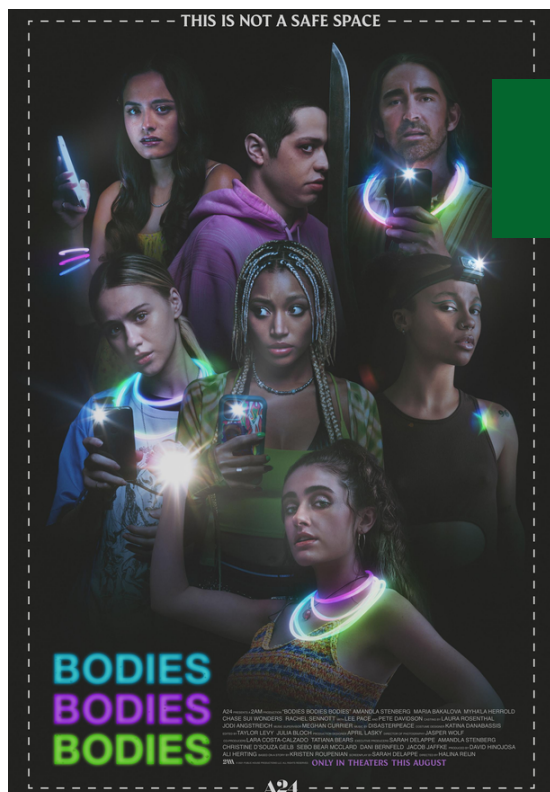
*This book explores how animals sense the world. Yong includes a rich variety of animals, from dogs to star-nosed moles, and senses that humans don't have. It's fascinating to conceptualize how animals experience life. The world is truly immense, and it is absolutely wonderful! ~Megan S.*



## A Constellation of Vital Phenomena

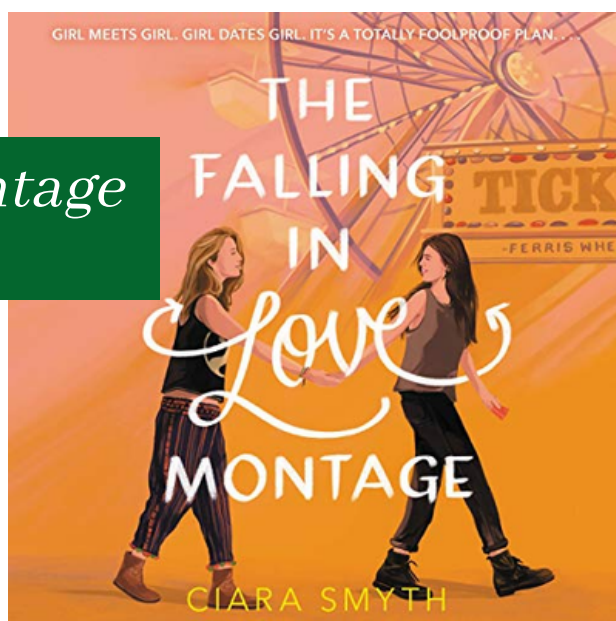
Anthony Marra

*This book is about, war, abduction and love--. Russia invading Chechnya. In many ways it is very similar to the war that is currently taking place. ~Tony C. (CW: war, violence)*



## Bodies Bodies Bodies

*This comedy horror film follows a group of Gen Z friends hunkered down in a mansion in the middle of a hurricane. What happens when the killer might actually be one of them - and worse, there's no wifi? ~Kelly G. (CW: gore, murder, drug use).*



## The Falling In Love Montage

Ciara Smyth

*Two Irish girls agree to have a summer filled with rom-com montage inspired dates... platonically... since one will be going off to college in the fall. What could possibly go wrong? Featuring the trope of the sunshine one and the grumpy one, and you'll love them both! ~Emily K.*



## When The Game Was War

Rich Cohen

*This is, essentially, a love letter to NBA fans of the '80s, when Bird and Magic ruled the roost, and Michael was on the cusp of greatness. It's full of marvelous descriptions, like this one about Larry Bird: "He made passes to teammates who didn't even know they were open." ~Stuart O.*





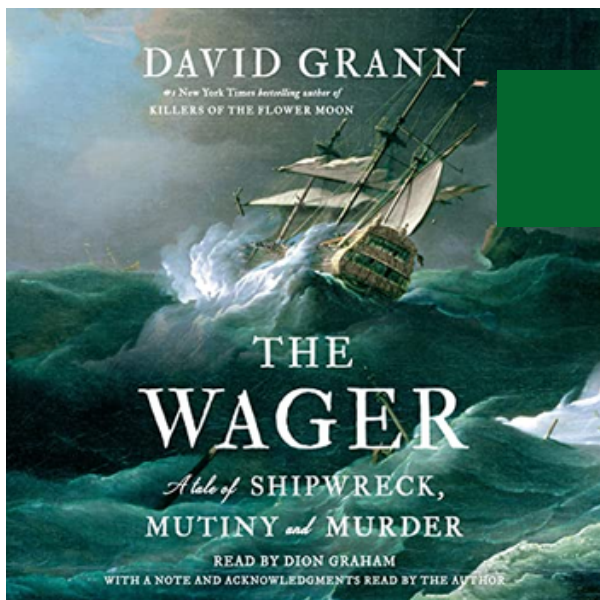
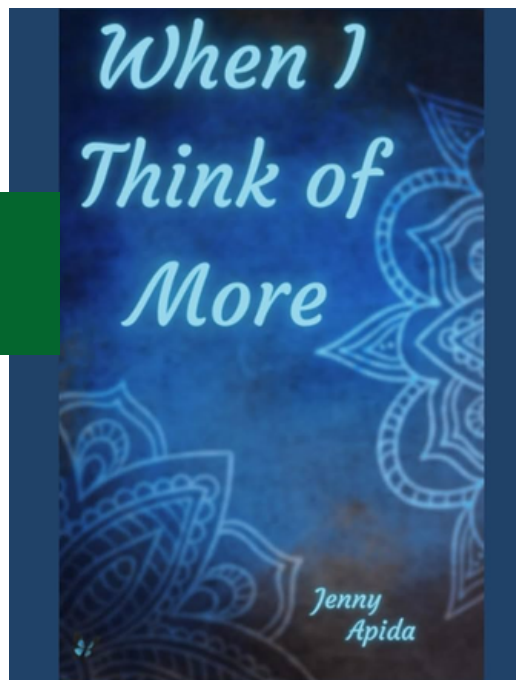
## *Derry Girls*

*Netflix's Derry Girls highlights a group of teens growing up during "The Troubles" in Northern Ireland in the 1990s. The characters are well developed who tackle typical teen problems, framed through the lens of political unrest. ~Amy F.*

## *When I Think of More*

Jenny Apida

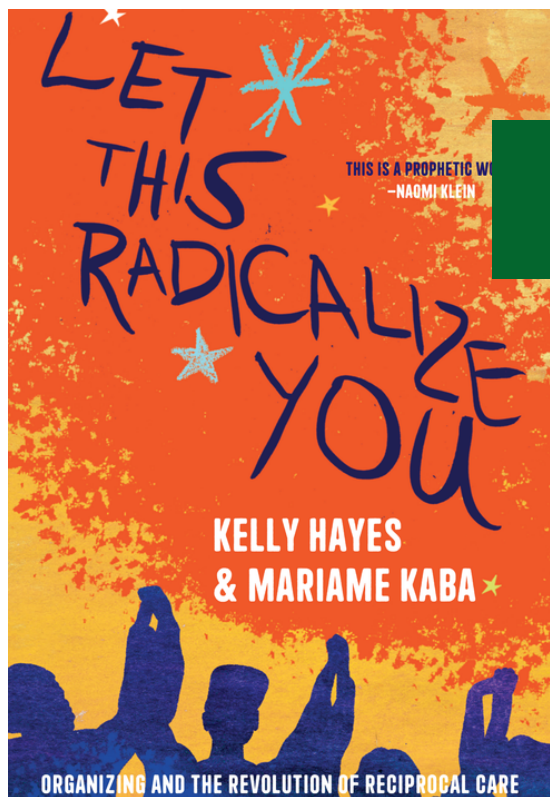
*Our very own Library Aide (Jenny) just published her first book! It's a collection of fun, lighthearted short stories. Everyone on staff who has read her book has loved it! ~Allison L.*



## *The Wager*

David Grann

*I've been getting into shipwrecks lately (more than usual), and this quick listen really scratched that itch. Follow the twisty tale of The HMS Wager and its crew, their shipwreck, and their various attempts to escape. From the author of Killers of the Flower Moon. ~Anne J.*



## Let This Radicalize You

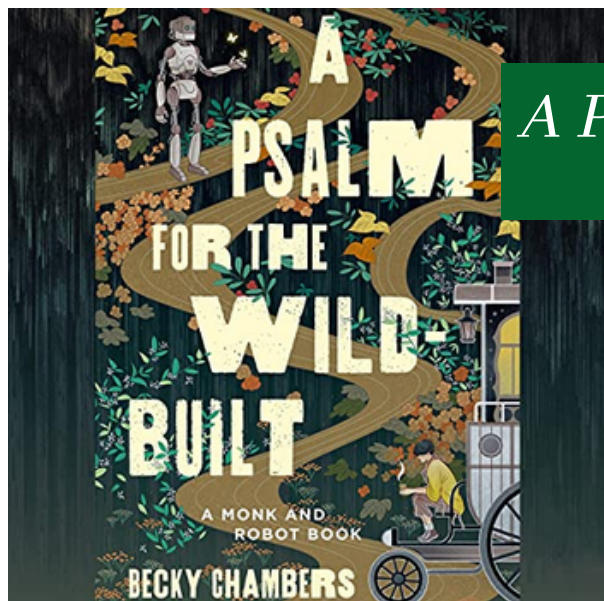
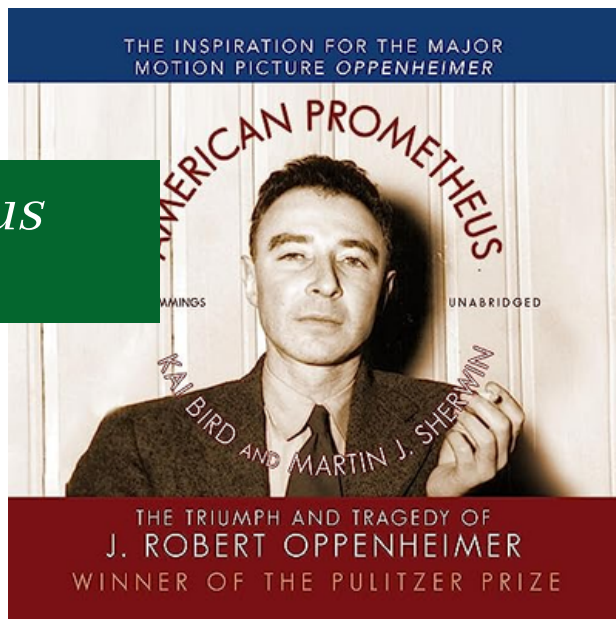
Kelly Hayes and Mariame Kaba

*Recent history of progressive activism in Chicago, as well as a blueprint for community organizing and mutual aid everywhere. ~Nicole B.*

## American Prometheus

Kai Bird

*After watching the Oppenheimer movie, I wanted to know more, so I turned to the source material! This weighty tome is a deep dive into Robert Oppenheimer's life. I feel like every page has a new revelation, and the author does a great job keeping your interest peaked. ~Anne. J.*



## A Psalm for the Wild-Built

Becky Chambers

*This novella is a warm hug in book format. The main character is nonbinary and their gender isn't a plot point at all, it's just treated as fact. If I could jump into a fictional world, it would be this one. Highly recommend curling up with this book and a warm beverage. ~Dylan G.*