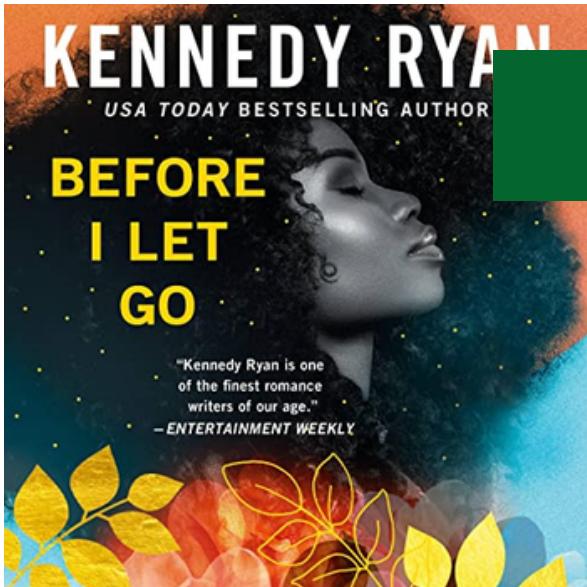




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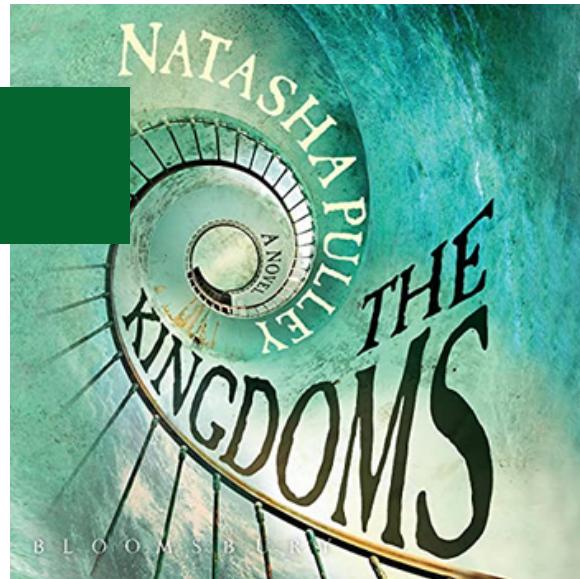
*Monthly Adult Recommendations from the Staff at Deerfield Public Library*



## *Before I Let Go*

Kennedy Ryan

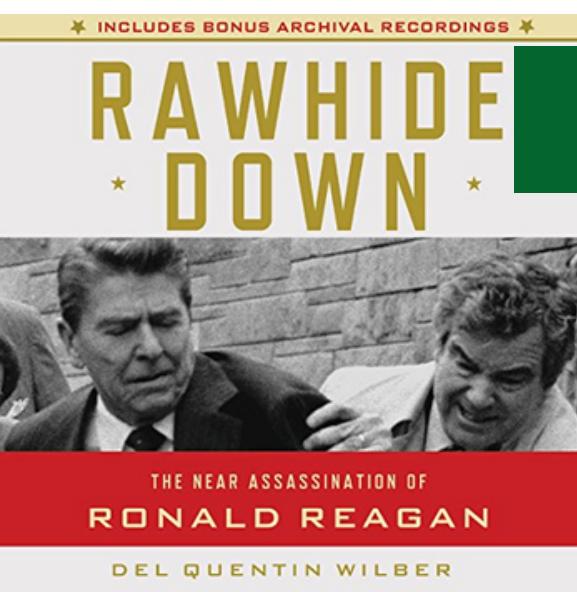
A romance about a divorced couple coming back together after a traumatic event. Kennedy Ryan's writing is gripping and consuming. You will feel your heart ache and break for these characters! Yasmen and Josaiah show that you can overcome and grow when things seem hopeless. ~Kelly G. (CW: suicidal ideation, stillbirth, depression)



## *The Kingdoms*

Natasha Pulley

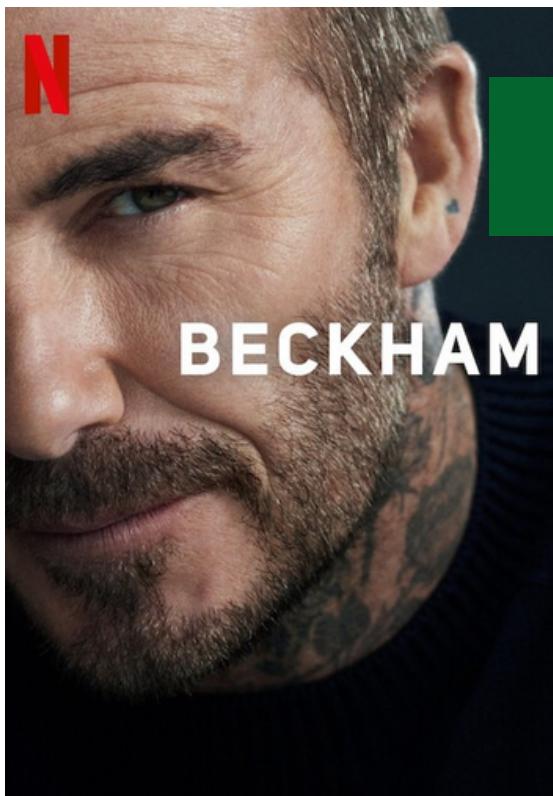
This alternative history in which France wins the Napoleonic Wars is Jane Austen and Master and Commander all wrapped up into one with feels to spare. Featuring longing glances from across crowded ship decks, wild twists and turns, and an emotional happy ending, I loved it! ~Anne J.



## *Rawhide Down*

Del Quentin Wilber

A riveting account of the assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan, through the eyes of the secret service agents, ER doctors, and nurses who saved him. I was amazed how this kept me on the edge of my seat -- despite knowing, of course, that he survived! ~Stuart O.



## Beckham

*This is not only the story of David Beckham the soccer star but also the story of his relationship with Victoria Beckham aka Posh Spice. Soccer, The Spice Girls, and love! It's something the whole family can enjoy. ~Ted G.*

## MONSTERS

A Fan's Dilemma



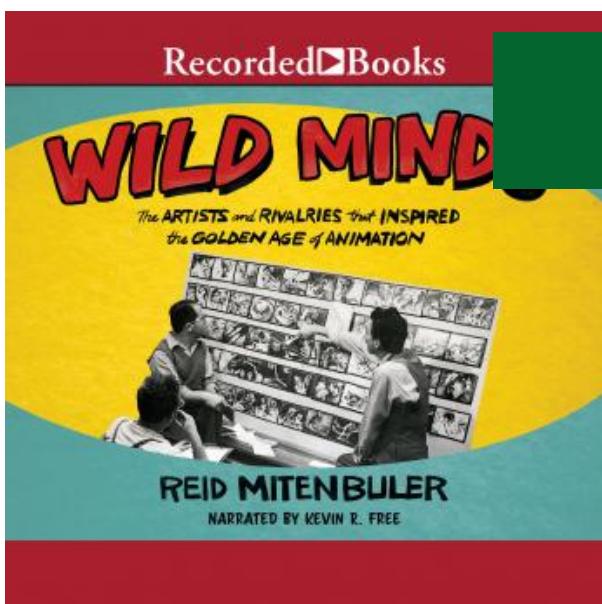
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## Monsters: A Fan's Dilemma

Claire Dederer

*This very personal book examines artists whose actions overshadow their work, impacting our ability to enjoy their once-loved art. In a twist, this author diverts the lens from reprehensible men and considers our most villainized female monsters: absent mothers, herself included.*

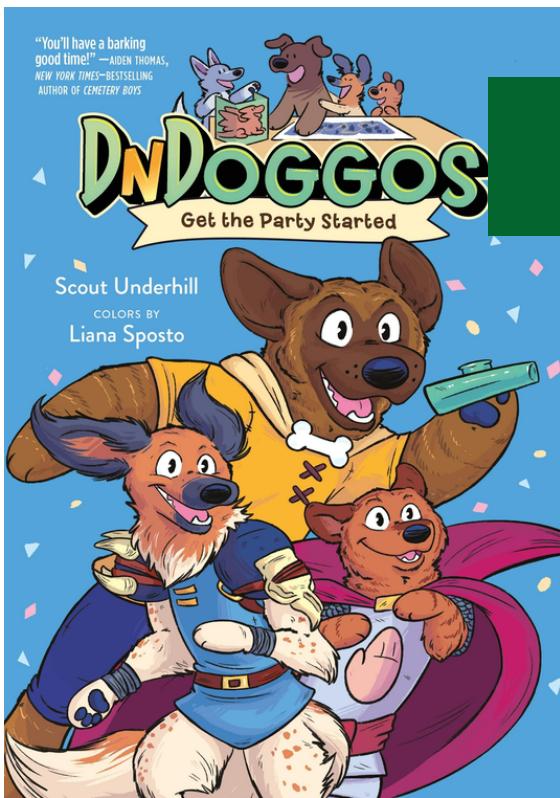
*~Stephanie K. (CW: reports of abuse, rape).*



## Wild Minds

Reid Mitenbuler

*Very enjoyable read if you like film, animation, or pop culture history! We get a history of animation and its context within the events of the time paired with the intriguing, dramatic, and sometimes provocative Disney and Warner Bros. studios as the animators experienced them. ~Caitlin N.*



## DnDoggos

Scout Underhill

*Not only is this an absolutely adorable middle grade graphic novel, but it also teaches mechanics of D&D. The way rules and gameplay are woven into the story are seamless. As both a player and DM I highly recommend this to D&D fans of all ages! ~Dylan G.*

## Ten Steps to Nanette

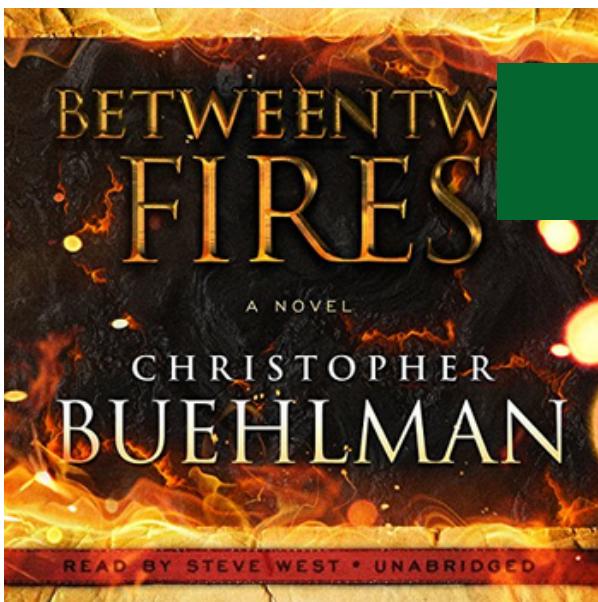
Hannah Gadsby

*Hannah Gadsby is an extraordinary comedian, with 3 fantastic specials on Netflix, and a brand new showcase of up-and-coming comedians called the Gender Agenda. Find out about their childhood growing up queer in Australia. Bonus: the audiobook is narrated by Hannah! ~Emily K. (CW: homophobia, rape, and physical abuse mentioned)*



Hannah Gadsby  
Ten Steps to Nanette

wave sound



## Between Two Fires

Christopher Buehlman

*It's about the biblical apocalypse that takes place in 1348 France which is a novel concept. I'm recommending it because it's well written, an interesting take in the apocalypse genre, and largely about human resiliency. ~Jasmine H. (CW: animal death, rape, violence, homophobia)*



## Gender Without Identity

Avgi Saketopoulou & Ann Pellegrini

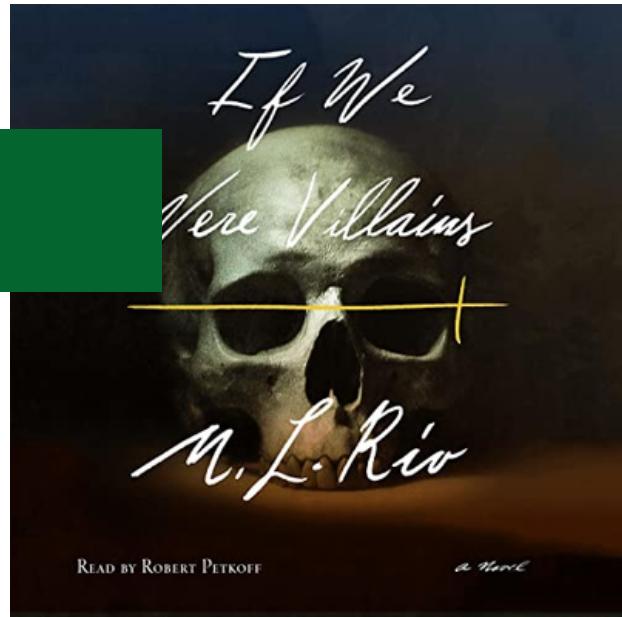
*A fascinating and groundbreaking essay of affirming trans psychoanalytic theory in a short, accessible format, showing how we all are "spun into gender."*

*~Dylan Z. (CW: bullying, family trauma).*

## If We Were Villains

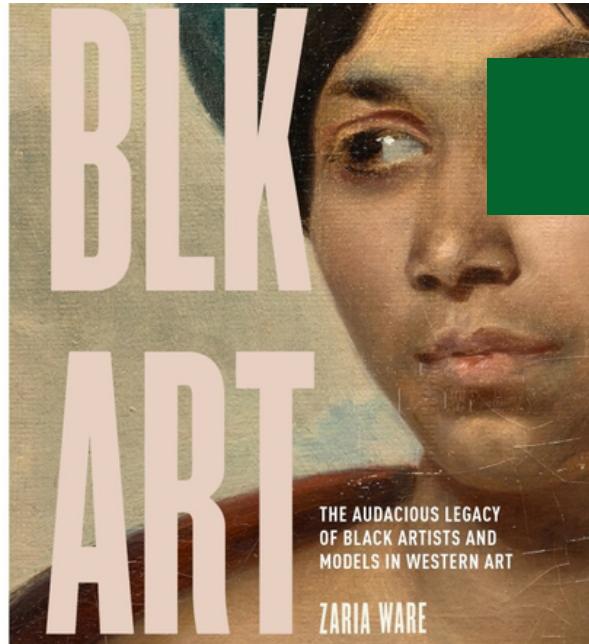
M.L. Rio

*Seven young actors, all studying Shakespeare, end up in their own Shakespearean-esque tragedy.. 10 years later, a detective is trying to find out the truth, did Oliver Marks really murder one of his classmates, or was it more complicated than that? ~Zoe G.*



## BLK Art

Zaria Ware



*BLK ART features Black artists and models that have been lost or forgotten about in Western art. Whether you are an art aficionado or newbie, you will enjoy this fun, refreshing, and approachable dive into art history. I learned so many new things! ~Kelly G.*