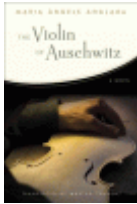


Gentle Reads Booklist

by Joan Christensen and Judy Yaka 8/11

These titles feature story lines with “old fashioned” qualities.

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THE VIOLIN OF AUSCHWITZ

By Maria Angels Anglada

Call #: F Anglada

Jewish violin maker Daniel endures the inhumane conditions of Auschwitz by doing carpentry work until he is directed by the camp commander to craft a perfect violin or forfeit his life.



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PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

By Jane Austen

Call #: F Austen

In this classic English novel, Elizabeth Bennett’s unpleasant first meeting with the proud Mr. Darcy leads to surprising consequences.



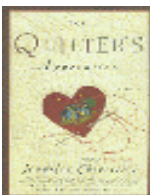
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SARAH

By Orson Scott Card

Call #: F Card

Fictionally explores the life of Sarah, daughter of a king, wife of a prophet, faithful follower of the God of Abraham, recipient of a miracle, and mother of nations.



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THE QUILTER'S APPRENTICE

By Jennifer Chiaverini

Call #: F Chiaverini

Sarah learns how to quilt from a cantankerous old woman and learns the true meaning of friendship.



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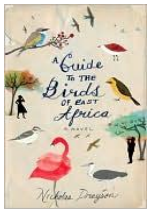
PRAYERS FOR SALE

By Sandra Dallas

Call #: F Dallas

The sentimental story of two women who become inseparable friends when 17 –year-old Nit pays the elderly Hennie Comfort to say a prayer for her sweet baby Effie.





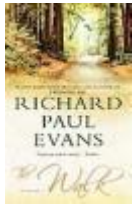
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A GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF EAST AFRICA

By Nicholas Drayson

Call #: F Drayson

Mr. Malik, a reserved widower and avid bird lover finds himself in a bird count competition with his old boarding school nemesis to determine which of the two can invite the lovely Rose Mbikwa to the Nairobi Hunt Club Ball.



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THE WALK

By Richard Paul Evans

Call #: F Evans

What would you do if you lost everything--your job, your home, and the love of your life—all at the same time? When it happens to Seattle ad executive Alan Christoffersen, he's tempted by his darkest thoughts but decides to take a soul-searching trek, heading to the farthest point on his map: Key West, Florida.



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HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER AND SWEET

By Jamie Ford

Call #: F Ford

When artifacts from Japanese families sent to internment camps during World War II are uncovered during renovations at a Seattle hotel, Henry Lee embarks on a quest that leads to memories of growing up Chinese in a city rife with anti-Japanese sentiment.



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FRIENDSHIP BREAD

By Darien Gee

Call #: F Gee

Still reeling from a personal tragedy that left her estranged from the sister who was once her best friend, Julia Evarts remains at a loss as to how to move on with her life until she receives an anonymous gift of Amish Friendship Bread with instructions on how to make the bread herself, and a request to share it with others.



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WHERE MERCY FLOWS

By Karen Harter

Call #: F Harter

Having left home because of conflict with her stern father, Sam returns with her five-year-old son after a seven year absence. Her serious health problems require her family's help and personal sacrifice to erase some of the old hurts and anger.



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FRIENDSHIP CAKE

By J. Lynne Hinton

Call #: F Hinton

Five women of Hope Springs, North Carolina decide to create a church cookbook. Along the way they become a source of solace, support and strength for each other.





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HOME TO HOLLY SPRINGS

By Jan Karon

Call #: F Karon

Anticipating a relaxing retirement, Father Tim returns to his hometown for the first time in decades when he receives an anonymous summons, an event that leads to his discovery of long-buried secrets.



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THE WINTER SEA

By Susanna Kearsley

Call #: F Kearsley

Carrie settles into the shadow of Slains Castle in Scotland, creates a heroine named for one of her own ancestors, and starts to write about the Jacobite invasion of 1708. When she can no longer tell the difference between today and centuries ago, is she dealing with an ancestral memory—a memory that might destroy her?



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THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES

By Sue Monk Kidd

Call #: F Kidd

Fourteen-year-old Lily seeks sanctuary with her beloved nanny and searches for her past and redemption in this coming of age tour-de-force set in the South during the Sixties.



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SHADES OF MILK AND HONEY

By Mary Robinette Kowal

Call #: F Kowal

In a Jane Austen-inspired alternate universe, two sisters, one beautiful and the other skilled in the glamour arts, test the limits of their gifts on an unscrupulous suitor.



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THE DEAD DON'T DANCE: A NOVEL OF AWAKENING

By Charles Martin

Call #: F Martin

When the Styles' baby is delivered stillborn and Maggie slips into a deep coma, Dylan begins to question his beliefs.



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THE SHAPE OF MERCY

By Susan Meissner

Call #: F Meissner

The unforgettable story of a college student who accepts a job as a literary assistant to Abigail Boyle transcribing a mysterious four-hundred-year old diary by Mercy Hayworth.





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SWEET MISFORTUNE

By Kevin Alan Milne

Call #: F Milne

After chocolatier Sophie John's fiancé breaks up with her, Sophie turns her bad memories into her signature cookie. The Misfortune Cookie. When Grant returns and wants a second chance the cynical Sophie asks him to place an ad in the Seattle Times seeking true and lasting happiness before she'll go on one last date with him.



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THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL

By Baroness Emmuska Orczy

Call #: F Orczy

During the French Revolution's Reign of Terror, an English aristocrat and his small band of dedicated friends undertake dangerous missions to save members of the French nobility from the guillotine.



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THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY

By Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

Call #: F Shaffer

A chance letter, written by a native of the Island of Guernsey to writer Julie Ashton, begins an exchange that draws Julie into this man's world and his charming, funny and deeply human friends. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society was born at the spur of the moment as an alibi to divert the Germans occupying the island when the residents were found out after curfew.



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MAJOR PETTIGREW'S LAST STAND

By Helen Simonson

Call #: F Simonson

Major Ernest Pettigrew (retired) leads a quiet life in the village of St. Mary, England, until his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. Drawn together by their shared love of literature and the loss of their respective spouses, the Major and Mrs. Ali soon find their friendship blossoming into something more. But will their relationship survive in a society that considers Ali a foreigner?



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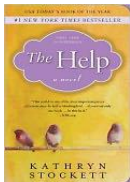
A WALK TO REMEMBER

By Nicholas Sparks

Call #: F Sparks

When Landon Carter was seventeen his life was changed forever when he fell in love with the minister's daughter.





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THE HELP

By Kathryn Stockett

Call #: F Stockett

Limited by racial divides in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi, three women, including an African-American maid, her sassy friend, and a new college graduate white woman team up for a clandestine project.



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THESE IS MY WORDS: THE DIARY OF SARAH AGNES PRINE 1881-1901, ARIZONA TERRITORIES

By Nancy E. Turner

Call #: F Turner

As Sarah crosses the plains with her family on the way west, she learns to read with help from the other travelers whilst experiencing Indian raids, tragedy and romance.



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THE ULTIMATE GIFT

By Jim Stovall

Call #: F Stovall

To inherit a million dollars from his great uncle, Jason Stevens will drastically need to change his life.



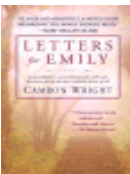
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GOOD HOPE ROAD

By Lisa Wingate

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After a tornado destroys their town of Poetry, Missouri, 21 year-old Jennilee Lane and her elderly neighbor Eudora Gibson are given a second chance.



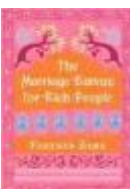
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LETTERS FOR EMILY

By Camron Steve Wright

Call #: F Wright

In an attempt to heal the wounds in his splintered family, a dying Harry Wright writes a series of letters to his granddaughter, Emily that can be accessed by cracking the codes hidden in his original poems.



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THE MARRIAGE BUREAU FOR RICH PEOPLE

By Farahad Zama

Call #: F Zama

Driving his wife crazy after his retirement, Mr. Ali is persuaded to open a marriage bureau, and when his business becomes a success he decides to hire an assistant, Aruna, who is hiding a tragic past.



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365 THANK YOU: THE YEAR A SIMPLE ACT OF GRATITUDE SAVED MY LIFE

By John Kralik

Call #: 179.9 Kra

Just when his dearest life dreams seemed to have slipped beyond his reach, Kralik was struck by the belief that his life might become at least tolerable if, instead of focusing on what he didn't have, he could find some way to be grateful for what he did have. He set the goal of writing 365 thank-you notes for the coming year.





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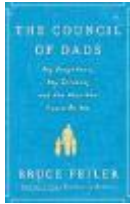
HAVE A LITTLE FAITH: A TRUE STORY



By Mitch Albom

Call #: 296.7 Albom

Relates the author's efforts to eulogize a beloved rabbi who is near death, while at the same time befriendng a Detroit pastor who gives spiritual guidance to the poor and homeless, and describes how observing these two different religious leaders rekindled his own faith.



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THE COUNCIL OF DADS: MY DAUGHTERS, MY ILLNESS AND THE MEN WHO COULD BE ME



By Bruce Feiler

Call #: 362.196 Fei

After being diagnosed with cancer, Feiler enlisted the aid of six men from key stages in his life, asking this "Council of Dads" to be present at all passages in his daughters' lives, should he not survive, and offers lessons he learned from these six men.



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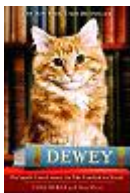
MARLEY & ME: LIFE AND LOVE WITH THE WORLD'S WORST DOG



By John Grogan

Call #: 636.752 Gro

An amusing chronicle of a hyperactive, mischievous and lovable yellow Labrador that took over the Grogans' lives.



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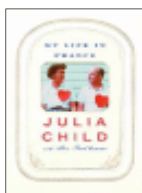
DEWEY: THE SMALL-TOWN LIBRARY CAT WHO TOUCHED THE WORLD



By Vicki Myron

Call #: 636.809 Myr

No one could have predicted the impact one small orange kitten left in a book drop on a freezing cold Midwestern night would have on a small community in Iowa. This sweet story is for cat lovers and library lovers alike.



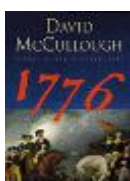
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MY LIFE IN FRANCE

By Julia Child

Call #: 641.509 Chi

The delightful story of Julia Child's years in France as the wife of diplomatic officer and the beginning of her joie de vivre of French cooking.



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By David G. McCullough

Call #: 973.3 McC

The intensely human story of those who marched with General George Washington in the critical year of the Declaration of Independence, when the American cause for liberty was dependent on their successful war efforts.





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THE PIONEER WOMAN: BLACK HEELS TO TRACTOR WHEELS -A LOVE STORY

By Ree Drummond

Call #: 976.605

American blogger and food writer Ree Drummond relates the real life story of how she met and married her "Marlboro Man."

