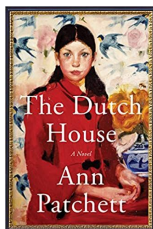


## HPL Staff Picks

### FICTION



The Dutch House by: Ann Patchett

This book is about family and the role a house vs. a “home” can play in keeping a family together or tearing them apart.

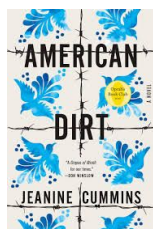
Elizabeth



Cilka's Journey by: Heather Morris

This is the follow-up to the Tattooist of Auschwitz. Based on a true one, this is a story of struggle and survival. A woman who survived Auschwitz only to find herself locked up again.

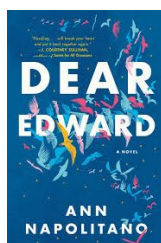
Elizabeth



American Dirt by: Jeanine Cummins

Set in Acapulco, Mexico, this book is fast paced and suspenseful. The story follows the effects the drug cartels have on the city. The writing is very descriptive and sometimes shocking.

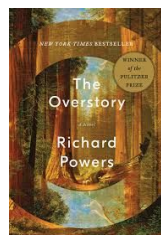
Elizabeth  
Laura



Dear Edward by: Ann Napolitano

12-year-old Edward Adler is on a flight to Los Angeles with his family and 183 other passengers. Tragically the airplane crashes and he is the only survivor. This is his story and struggle moving forward.

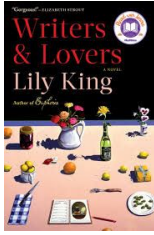
Ann



The Overstory by: Richard Powers

There is a world alongside ours, vast, slow, resourceful, and almost invisible to us. This is the story of a handful of people who learn how to see into that world.

Ann



Writers and Lovers by: Lily King

Following her mother's death and the end of a recent love affair, Casey Peabody lands in Massachusetts. She's working as a waitress in Harvard Square while trying to fulfill her dream of writing her first novel and leading a creative life. This is her journey to reach that goal.

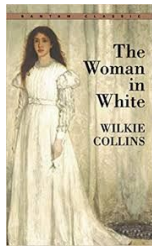
Laura



The Most Fun We Ever Had by: Claire Lombardo

This is a multigenerational novel about four radically different adult sisters of a happy and devoted Chicago couple. All four daughters are each in their own state of unrest as long buried secrets start to resurface.

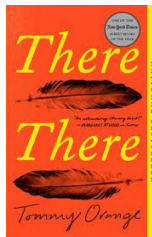
Cindy



The Woman in White by: Wilkie Collins

A classic thriller from 1859 set in Cumberland, London and Hampshire, England.

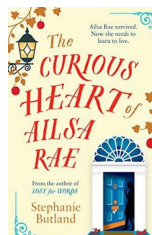
Terri



There, There by: Tommy Orange

This novel follows twelve characters from Native American communities along with their complex and painful histories. All are traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow and are connected to one another in ways they don't yet realize.

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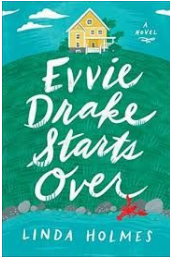


The Curious Heart of Alisa Rae by: Stephanie Butland

A few months past a heart transplant that saved her life, Alisa Rae, should be looking forward to a joyful adventurous life. But...

Siobhan

This is a fun, light beach read.

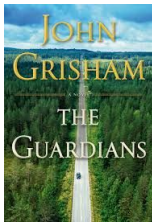


Evvie Drake Starts Over by: Linda Holmes

Set in small-town Maine, Evvie Drake, recently widowed, rarely leaves her house and is racked with grief. An unexpected friendship develops when a major-league pitcher, who is in a slump and can't figure out why, moves into an apartment at the back of Evvie's house.

This Is a fun, warm beach read.

Siobhan



The Guardians by John Grisham

In a small, north Florida town, a young black man is tried, convicted, and sent to prison for life for a crime he did not commit. After spending 22 years in prison, maintaining his innocence, he writes to Collen Post, a lawyer and Episcopal minister, who runs a small innocence group. Post travels the country fighting wrongful convictions. Based on a true story, this is their heroic journey to hopefully find justice for Quincy.

Nancy



Very Nice by Marcy Dermansky

A very clever, funny novel of bad behavior, featuring a wealthy divorcee, her college-aged daughter and the famous novelist who is seduced by both.

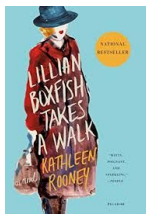
Jenn



Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell

It's been 10 years since Ellie went missing at age fifteen. Laurel, her mother, has never given up hope of finding her. But what happened to Ellie? Where did she go? Who still has secrets to hide? Laurel is determined to find out.

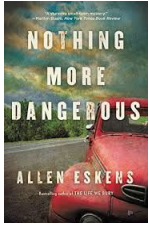
Laura



Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney

It's the last day of 1984 and Lillian Boxfish, 84, sets out for a walk in the city she loves, gritty Manhattan. In her travels, she recalls her long and eventful life in the forever changing city, spanning from the Jazz Age to the birth of hip-hop.

Terri



Nothing More Dangerous by Allen Eskens

This is an engaging coming-of-age story, set in 1976, about two boys growing up in the wooded hills of Jessup, Missouri, who one day during summer vacation stumble into a murder mystery.

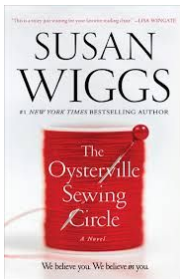
Nancy



The Family Way by: Rhys Bowen

Book #12 in the Molly Murphy Series. Molly is a recent Irish immigrant who becomes a private detective. Set in NYC in 1904, Molly is now married and pregnant with her first child. An Irish maid and five babies have gone missing. Molly's husband sends her to the suburbs to live with his mother for safe keeping. However, Molly continues with her detective work which puts her and her baby in danger.

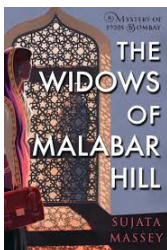
Elizabeth



The Oysterville Sewing Circle by Susan Wigg

After a ten-year career in fashion in NYC, Caroline is returning home to Oysterville, WA, a small town on the edge of the Pacific. In her back seat are two children who were recently orphaned and she is now their legal guardian, a role she is not sure she is up to. Oysterville has changed in 10 years and so has she. What is in store for her here and now?

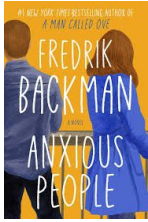
Siobhan



The Windows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey

Bombay 1921: Perveen Mistry has just joined her father's law firm, becoming one of the first female lawyers in India. She is handling a wealthy muslim's estate who has left behind three widows. But as she dives into it, things don't seem to add-up. Perveen begins to investigate and realizes her instincts are correct when a murder is involved.

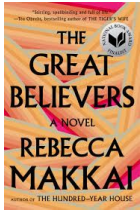
Siobhan



Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

This novel is about a failed bank robber that turns an apartment open-house into a hostage situation and the subsequent investigations into it. It's about the understanding of human nature and the enduring power of friendship, forgiveness and hope.

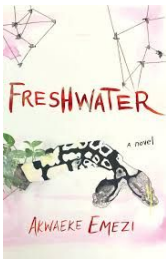
Ann



The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai

A novel of friendship and redemption in the face of tragedy and loss set in 1980s Chicago and contemporary Paris.

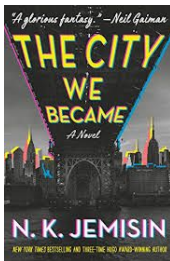
Ann



Freshwater by Akwaeke Emezi

Freshwater explores the surreal experience of having a fractured self. It centers around a young Nigerian woman, Ada, who develops separate “selves” within her as a result of being born “with one foot on the other side”. Very unique and thought provoking.

Michael



The City We Became by N.K. Jemisin

Five New Yorkers must come together in order to defend their city in the first book of a new series by the Hugo-Award winning and New York Times best selling author.

Meghan

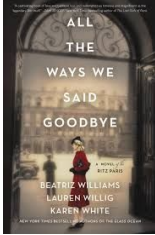


Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo

Camino Rios lives for summers because her father comes to the Dominican Republic. But this year he doesn't make it, his plane crashes. In New York City, Yahaira Rios is called to the principal's office and is told her father, her hero, has died in a plane crash. When these two girls feel like they have lost everything of their father, they learn of each other...

Meghan

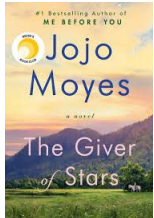
## HISTORICAL FICTION



All the Ways We Said Goodbye by: Beatriz Williams,  
Lauren Willig and  
Karen White

France - 1914, 1942, and 1964. The story of three women, three eras, their lives at the Paris Ritz Hotel and how they are all tied together.

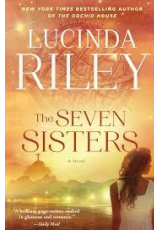
Nancy  
Siobhan



The Giver of Stars by: JoJo Moyes

Set in depression-era America, this is the story of five extraordinary women and their journey through the mountains of Kentucky on horseback delivering library books to the poor.

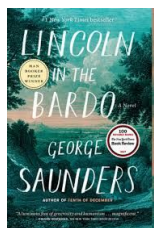
Nancy



The Seven Sisters by: Lucinda Riley

This is the first book in a series of seven. Six sisters travel to their childhood home when they have been told their father, who adopted them all as infants, has died. Each of them is handed a clue to her true heritage. These books are their adventures and family drama in their quests to find their family roots.

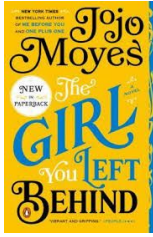
MaryEllen



Lincoln in the Bardo by: George Saunders

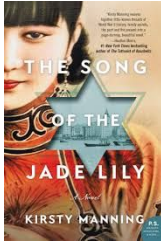
February, 1862 Two years into the Civil War. this story unfolds in a graveyard over the course of a single night. President Lincoln's 11-year old son has just been buried there and he is grief stricken. This is a story of familial love and loss.

Ann



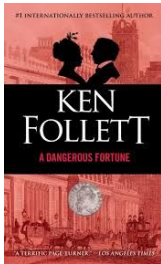
The Girl You Left Behind by: JoJo Moyes  
This is a story of love and loss, alternating between the past in WWI and the present day. It's two sides of the same story revolving around a mysterious painting.

Carol



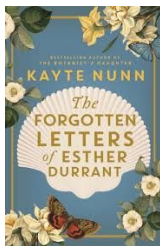
The Song of the Jade Lily by: Kirsty Manning  
This is a beautiful story of friendship, love and motherhood. It follows the courageous path of Jewish refugees who fled Shanghai during WWII.

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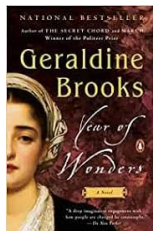
A Dangerous Fortune by Ken Follett  
Set amid the wealthy in Victorian, England, a schoolboy drowns in a mysterious accident. This leads to a saga of love, power, revenge and murder.

Siobhan



The Forgotten Letters of Esther Durrant by Kate Nunn  
Unsent love letters from the 1950's are found in a suitcase on a remote island. Rachel Parker, a marine scientist, is determined to track down the intended recipient. She has no idea of the far-reaching consequences her decision will bring.

Elizabeth



Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks  
Inspired by a true story, set in 1666, a small village in the rugged hills of England is infected with the plague from a contaminated bolt of cloth brought in from London. This is the story through housemaid, Anna Firth's eyes as she and her fellow villagers confront the spread of disease and superstition.

Terri

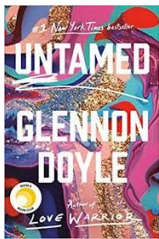


The Lost Jewels by Kirsty Manning

Inspired by a true story, this book unfolds an incredible story of mystery, sacrifice and hope through generations of one family.

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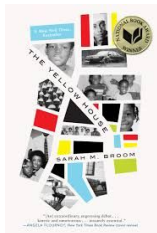
NON-FICTION



Untamed by: Glennon Doyle

A memoir - this book will liberate women emotionally, spiritually and physically.

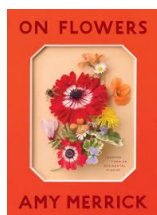
Mary Beth  
Abby



The Yellow House by: Sarah Broom

A memoir - This book travels 100 years with the author's family and their relationship with their home in a neglected neighborhood in New Orleans.

Madeline



On Flowers by: Amy Merrick

A journey into the mind of floral designer Amy Merrick. It's all about the beauty of nature and how to create elegant arrangements.

Laura

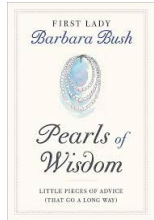




The Flower Fix: Modern Arrangements for a Daily Dose of Nature by: Anna Potter

Laura

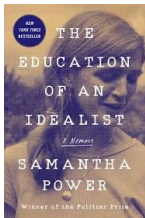
Inspiration for modern arrangements with beautiful photography.



Pearls of Wisdom: Little Pieces of Advice (that go a long way) by: Barbara Bush

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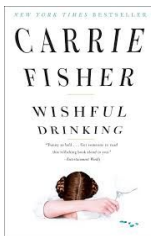
The best advice Barbara Bush offered her family, staff and close friends.



Education of an Idealist by: Samantha Power

Madeline

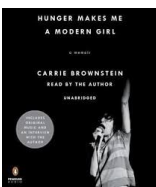
This Pulitzer prize winning author is known as a relentless advocate for human rights. In her memoir she offers a response to the question “What can one person do?” and how we each have the opportunity to make a difference



Wishful Drinking by: Carrie Fisher

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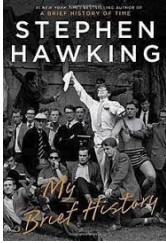
Carrie Fisher tells the story of her troubled life as the child born to two celebrity parents. Hold on, it is quite the rollercoaster ride.



Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl by: Carrie Brownstein

Michael

Having co-developed and starred in the TV comedy Portlandia, the author was already known for her role in the feminist punk band Sleater-Kinney. This book captures what it feels like to be a young woman in the rock 'n roll world during the 1990's to the present day.



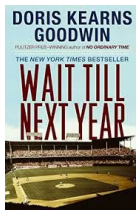
My Brief History by: Stephen Hawking  
English Physicist Stephen Hawking was confined to a wheelchair, unable to speak, suffering from ALS. This book takes a look at his incredible life and journey exploring the mysteries of the universe.

Terri



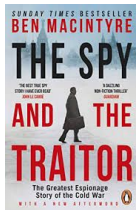
So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo  
The author explores the complex reality of today's racial landscape, addressing issues such as, privilege, police brutality and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Jenn



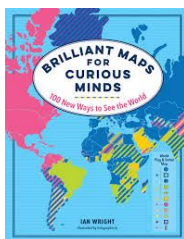
Wait Till Next Year by Doris Kearns Goodwin  
Set in Long Island, NY in the 1950's, this is Doris Kearns Goodwin's charming memoir of growing up loving family, baseball and history.

Nancy



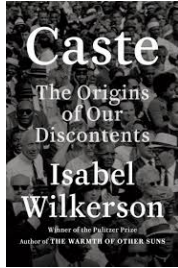
The Spy and the Traitor:  
The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War  
By Ben Macintyre  
This thrilling Cold War-era tale of Oleg Gordievsky, The Russian who's secret work helped the West turn the tables on the KGB, exposing Russian spies, all contributing to the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Debbie



Brilliant Maps for Curious Minds: 100 New Ways to See the World by Ian Wright  
An Atlas of 100 infographic maps from thought-provoking to flat-out fun.

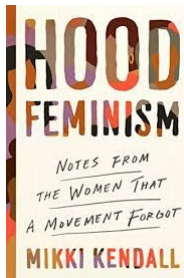
Siobhan



Caste by Isabel Willkerson

The Pulitzer Prize winning author examines the unspoken Caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by it.

Madeline



Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women that a Movement Forgot by Mikki Kendall

Today's feminist movement has a glaring blind spot, and it is women. Feminist rarely discuss that meeting basic needs is a feminist issue, but food insecurity, access to quality education, safe neighborhoods, etc. All too often the focus is not on basic survival for everyone but increasing privilege of a few. Kendall asks and discusses the likelihood that some women are oppressing others.

Meghan

## CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULT

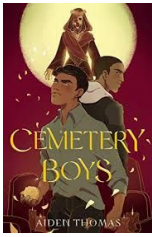


Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk

This book is recommended for ages 10+

In depression-era Maine, Ellie and her family have nearly lost everything. They are trying to start a new life in the rough terrain of Echo Mountain. As everyone struggles, Ellie finds new strength and freedom in the natural world that surrounds them. When there is an accident that leaves Ellie's dad in a coma, she is determined to find help to save him. Ellie and her scruffy mutt make their way to the top of the mountain in search of healing secrets from a mountain woman known only as "the hag". This is their adventure.

Totsie



Cemetery Boys When his traditional Latinx family has problems accepting his true gender, Yadriel becomes determined to prove himself a real brujo. With the help of his cousin Maritza, he performs the ritual himself and then sets out to find the ghost of his murdered cousin and set it free.

Meghan