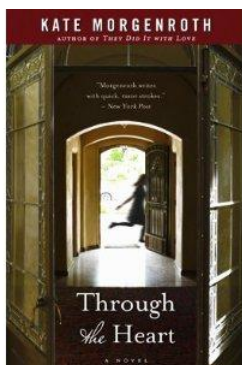


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[Through The Heart](#)

By Kate Morgenroth, 2010



Kansas coffee-shop employee Nora and Manhattan millionaire Timothy decide to pursue a romance in spite of their differing lifestyles. With questions of love, fidelity, and the role of fate, *Through the Heart* is a page-turning love story with a twist.

Staff comment:

"[This is] a very heart warming story with a chilling surprise at the end of the book."

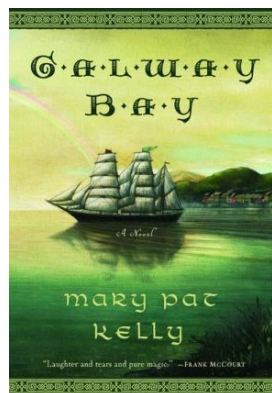
[Galway Bay](#)

By Mary Pat Kelly, 2009

A tale moving from Ireland during the potato famine to the United States during the building of Chicago, *Galway Bay* is a touching historical family saga that captures the tragedy and triumph of the Irish-American experience.

Staff comment:

"I really like Irish history. This is one of the best books that I have read on the subject."



[The Red Tent](#)

By Anita Diamant, 2007

The Red Tent tells the Biblical story of Dinah, daughter of Jacob. While Dinah has no voice in the Bible, she is the narrator of *The Red Tent*, providing a unique glimpse into ancient womanhood.

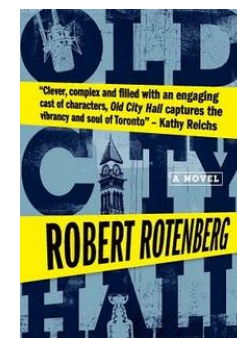


Staff comment:

"The reader cares about the characters...You identify with Dinah; you want to know everything about her. This is a beautifully written and absorbing read."

[Old City Hall](#) 🇨🇦

By Robert Rotenberg, 2009



Canada's leading radio host has just confessed to killing his wife. The trouble is that he is now refusing to speak. With strange crime scene discoveries, and revealing courtroom action, it becomes clear that this case is not nearly as simple as it appears.

Staff comment:

"Fast paced – it kept me guessing right to the end...I enjoy reading about local places, also"

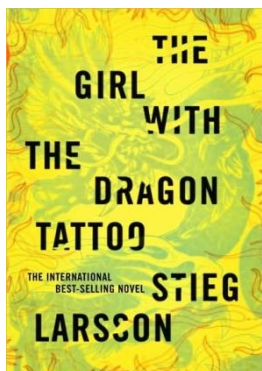
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[The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo](#)

By Steig Larson, 2008

In this Swedish mystery, a disgraced Swedish journalist and a socially outcast and troubled super hacker, must work together to solve the mysterious disappearance of a wealthy girl who vanished decades ago.

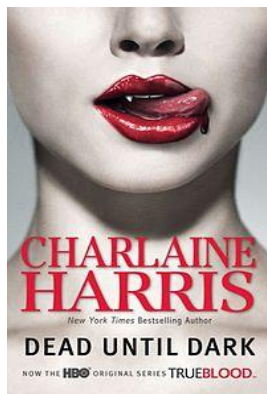


Staff Comment:

"I was hooked right from the first chapter and had to read [Larson's] next two novels."

[Dead Until Dark](#)

By Charlaine Harris, 2001



In *Dead Until Dark*, 25 year-old Sookie Stackhouse, a mind-reading Louisiana waitress, finds love with Bill, a Civil-war era vampire, who is falsely suspected of a series of murders plaguing their small town.

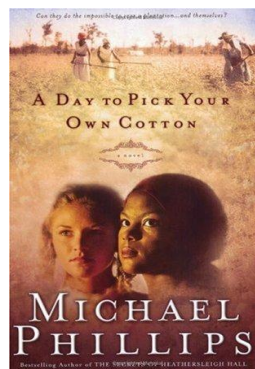
Staff Comment:

"I like paranormal romance books. If only men like that were around."

[A Day To Pick Your Own Cotton](#)

By Michael Phillips, 2003

Two teenage girls from contrasting backgrounds, have been thrust together in the chaotic aftermath of the Civil War. The pair must learn to rely on their faith and each other for survival.

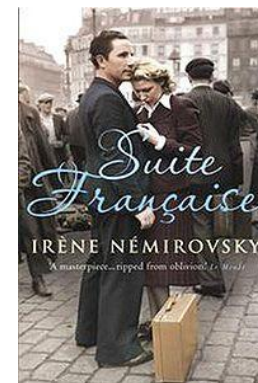


Staff comment:

"I like the messages regarding hard-work, perseverance, and faith that were brought through in the book"

[Suite Française](#)

By Irene Nemirovski



Suite Française was planned to be a sequence of five novels portraying life in 1940s France, but the author, a writer of Ukrainian Jewish origin, only completed the first two of the series before she was taken to Auschwitz. What remains is a unique story of fascinating historical significance.

Staff comment:

"The world is very fortunate to have had this book saved."

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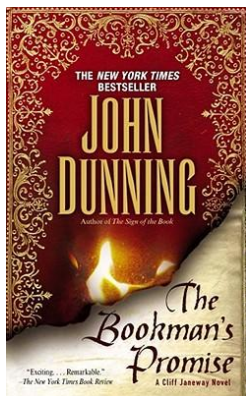
[The Bookman's Promise](#)

By John Dunning, 2005

Cliff Janeway, a ex-cop turned antiquarian book seller is elated with his latest purchase but when an elderly woman claims that the book belongs to her, he finds himself in the midst of a nasty dispute between book collectors that stretches back generations.

Staff Comment:

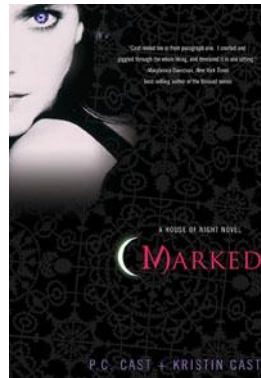
“Well-developed characters... [the] reader learns how to be a bookman.”



[House of Night](#) (Series)

By P.C. Cast, 2007

House of Night is a thrilling series that follows 16-year-old Zoey Redbird as she is marked by a vampyre tracker, undergoes the change into an actual vampyre, and moves into the House of Night boarding school for her “fledgling” vampyre peers.

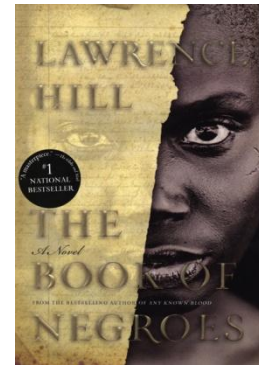


Staff Comment:

“It is engaging and fast-paced and would appeal to anyone who enjoys ‘neck biters.’”

[The Book of Negroes](#) 🇨🇦

By Lawrence Hill, 2007



The Book of Negroes spans the life of Aminata, a child who is taken from her village in West Africa and forced into slavery in South Carolina. Through serving the British in the American Revolution, she is freed and her name is entered in the *Book of Negroes*, but her tumultuous journey is far from over.

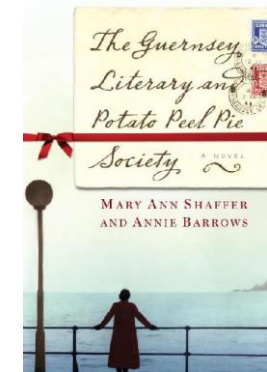
Staff Comment:

“[I liked the book’s] historical aspect and the story itself.”

[The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society](#)

By Mary Ann Shaffer, 2008

It’s 1946 and Juliet Ashton has just received a letter from a member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a group formed for mutual protection during the German occupation. Soon, Juliet receives letters from other members, each with a fascinating story to tell.



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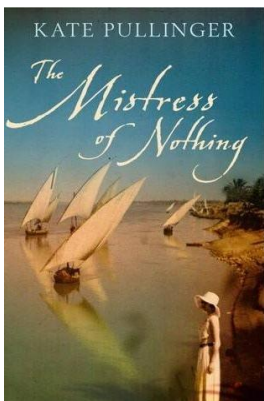
“I couldn’t read the letters fast enough.”

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[The Mistress of Nothing](#)

By Kate Pullinger, 2009 🇨🇦



When Lady Duff Gordon, the toast of Victorian London society, comes down with tuberculosis and must go into exile, she and her devoted lady's maid, Sally, set sail for Egypt. Mixed with feelings of fear and trepidation, Sally describes their travels down the Nile to a new life in Luxor.

Staff Comment:

"[I like] that the characters are actual people."

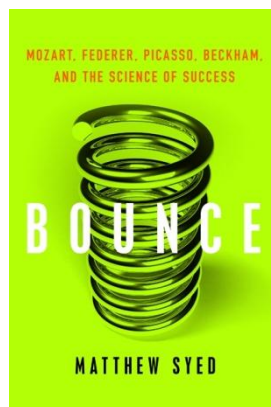
[Bounce](#)

By Matthew Syed, 2010

In this bold look at human behaviour, award-winning journalist and Olympian Matthew Syed examines the truth behind our competitive nature—why we win, why we lose, and the significance of competition in our society.

Staff Comment:

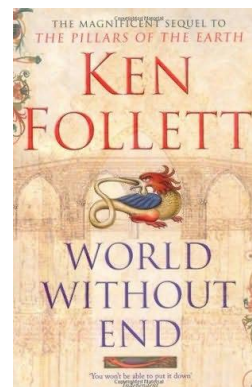
"I found it interesting that 10,000 hours of purposeful practice could make any of us excel at any skill."



[World Without End](#)

By Ken Follett

Featuring the setting of the fictional town of Kingsbridge and descendants of characters from *The Pillars of the Earth*, *World Without End* masterfully incorporates two major, world-changing historical events – the onset of the Hundred Years War and the Black Death.

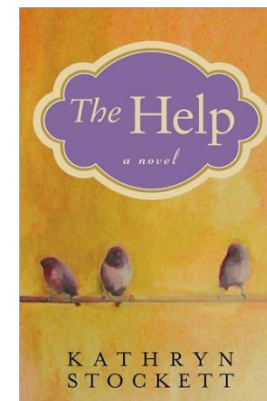


Staff Comment:

"[This book is] a good historical fiction."

[The Help](#)

By Kathryn Stockett, 2009



The Help is a timeless, heart-wrenching story about African American maids working in white households in Jackson, Mississippi during the 1960s.

Staff Comment:

"Kathryn Stockett writes a young white woman as convincingly as an old black woman. There is a real art in being able to nimbly switch from one voice to another."

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