

Bookworms and Their Diets Patterson, Louisiana Spring 2015

NON-FICTION

Bin Laden, Carmen, "Inside the Kingdom – My Life in Saudi Arabia" Osama bin Laden's former sister-in-law provides a penetrating, unusually intimate look into Saudi society and the bin Laden family's role within it, as well as the treatment of Saudi women. On September 11th, 2001, Carmen bin Laden heard the news that the Twin Towers had been struck. She instinctively knew that her ex-brother-in-law was involved.

Conroy, Pat, "The Death of Santini-The Story of a Father and His Son" An account of the author's life living with his abusive father, Don (the "Great Santini), his long-suffering mother Peg, and his damaged brothers and sisters.

DeLoziere, Kim & Jourdan, Carolyn, "Bear in the Backseat" First volume in a series of true stories from an extraordinary landscape populated with befuddled bears, hormonally-crazed elk, homicidal wild boars, hopelessly timid wolves, and nine million tourists, some of whom are clueless.

Dench, Judi "Behind the Scenes" Memoirs of her theatrical career where her previous biographical books left off.

Horan, Nancy, "Under the Wide & Starry Sky" The love story of Robert Louis Stevenson and his wife Fanny.

Grogan, John, "Marley & Me" A moving tribute to Marley, the Labrador Retriever, that didn't fit the mold of other labs who are generally calm and reliable.

Kerasote, Ted, "Merle's Door – Lessons from a Freethinking Dog" Humorous story of relationship between man and dog. Stray dog Merle is adopted by Kerasote. This story chronicles their 13 years together where Kerasote sees Merle as a responsible individual rather than a submissive pet.

Kyle, Chris, "American Sniper : The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History" - He writes honestly about the horror of war where you do anything to survive and hold on to your sanity and the strain on his family. This is a glimpse of what our young men and women are doing fighting a war against terror.

Moorjani, Anita, "Dying to Be Me" Anita tells her story of her journey from cancer to near death to true healing.

Poehler, Amy- "Yes Please" Actor and Saturday Night Live comedian writes a rich and varied collection of stories, lists, poetry (Plastic Surgery Haiku, to be specific), photographs, mantras and advice to live by.

Von Furstenberg, Diane, "The Woman I Wanted to Be" Diane's book evokes everything she has lived through. It is honest, direct & fascinating.

White, Neil - "In The Sanctuary of Outcasts"- The emotional true story of Neil White, while a convict in a federal prison shared with patients in the last leper colony in the continental United States, discovers the secret to happiness and leading a fulfilling life .

FICTION

Doerr, Anthony - "All the Light We Cannot See" A blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II

Flagg, Fannie – "All Girl Filling Stations Last Reunion" A comic mystery novel about two women who are forced to re-imagine who they are. Spans from WWII until present.

Irving, John – "A Prayer for Owen Meany" Owen Meany believes he is God's instrument. What happens to Owen after that 1953 foul ball is extraordinary.

Landvik, Lorna – "Best To Laugh" It's good-bye to Minnesota and hello to California, where a girl who has always lived by her wits, has a real chance of making a living by becoming a comedian.

Moyes, Jo Jo – "Ship of Brides" Australian war brides sail to England to meet up with their new husbands, each has her own story.

Rasmussen, Rebecca- “The Bird Sisters” Poignant and bittersweet tale that explores the joys and wounds of familial love and the pain of betrayal.

Scottoline, Lisa – “Keep Quiet” Emotionally gripping and complex story about one man's split-second decision to protect his son and the devastating consequences that follow. “Save Me” Emotionally powerful novel about a split-second choice, when a lunch room mom has to decide between saving her daughter or the girl who’s been bullying her. Agonizing consequences, and the need for justice.

Simison, Graeme - “The Rosie Project” Romantic comedy bursting with warmth, emotional depth, and humor, featuring the oddly charming, socially challenged genetics professor, Don, as he seeks true love.

Simonson, Helen – “Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand” Major Pettigrew, English widower in his 60's, becomes more than friends with widow, Jasmina Ali, Pakistani shopkeeper in his community. Both of them are challenged to look at their own world views and to face the discrimination and shallowness of some of their friends and relatives.

Sparks, Nicholas – “The Notebook” Two chapters, which take place in a nursing home in the '90s, frame the central love story of Noah Calhoun and Allie Nelson from the '40s; a movie.

Stein, Garth “The Art of Racing In The Rain” Enzo knows he is different from other dogs: a philosopher with a nearly human soul (and an obsession with opposable thumbs). He has educated himself by watching television extensively, and by listening very closely to the words of his master, Denny Swift, an up-and-coming race car driver.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Cooper, Judith Redline – “Redfield Farm” Quakers Ann Redfield and her brother, Jesse, before and during the Civil War, are courageous conductors for escaped slaves, on the Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania.

Kline, Christina Baker- “Orphan Train” Gripping story of friendship and second chances as Molly, teenage foster child helps Vivian, age 90, who was an orphan train child, sort through her possessions and memories. They learn they aren’t as different as they seem to be.

RELIGIOUS

Banks, Lynne Reid- “Sarah & After, The Matriarchs” By following Abraham, Sarah and descendants get to the Promised Land.

Brunstetter, Wanda E- “The Struggle” An Amish couple leave their birthplace & move for a new beginning.

MYSTERY

Griffin, W.E.B, “The Shooters” A key DEA agent has been kidnapped by drug runners. Special Agent Castillo is ordered by the President to do anything it takes to bring back the agent...anything except get caught.

Patterson, James & Paetro, Maxine – “The Private Series” 7 books thus far about former Marine Jack Morgan and the private investigation firm he has established which is sought out by the famous and powerful to discreetly handle their most intimate problems.

Shumock, Joe – “A Letter to Die For” (Book 1 in the Letter Series)). Carey Ann Warren in searching for clues in a 25 year old accident (or was it murder) faces danger from powerful people.

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