

## Bookworms and Their Diets Rapid City, South Dakota Fall 2015

### NON-FICTION

**Bryson, Bill** [A Walk in the Woods](#) An interesting trip discovering America on the Appalachian Trail (recently released as a movie with Nick Nolte and Robert Redford)

**Evans, Richard Paul** – [The Four Doors](#) – Inspirational for everyone to read to put focus in their lives.

**Fey, Tina** [Bossypants](#) Fey tells how a nerdy but self-confident half-Greek girl entered theatrical life, performed in 'Saturday Night Live' and what it's like to be a woman in comedy (harder than you think but not as hard as coal mining).

**Halvorsen, Gail S.** [The Berlin Candy Bomber](#) After World War II the United States and Britain airlifted food and supplies into Russian-blockaded West Berlin. This is a love story-how two sticks of gum from kind US Air Force Lieutenant Gail S. Halvorsen eased the suffering of German children. He began dropping chocolate and gum by parachute. This grew into an epic of goodwill spanning the globe and touching the hearts of millions in both Germany and America.

*Youth copy* Ages 9-12 **Tunnell, Michael** [The Candy Bomber](#)

**Kilmeade, Brian and Yaeger, Don** [George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring That Saved the American Revolution](#) Culper Spy Ring, five brave men and one woman, smuggled information about British plans and troop movements to General George Washington.

**Miffiin, Margot** – [The Blue Tatoo: The Olive Oatmen Story](#) - In 1851 Olive Oatman was a thirteen-year old pioneer traveling west toward Zion, with her Mormon family. Within a decade, she was a white Indian with a chin tattoo, caught between cultures.

**Millard, Candice** [The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey](#) True story of Theodore Roosevelt's harrowing exploration of the Amazon, one of the most dangerous rivers on earth.

**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.

**Quindlen, Anna** – [Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake](#) - An irresistible memoir by Anna Quindlen who writes about a woman's life, from childhood memories to manic motherhood to middle age, using the events of her life to illuminate ours.

**Sandoz, Maria** [Crazy Horse: The Strange Man of the Oglala](#) His life story and the general activities of the Lakota (Sioux) after the Civil War.

**Sheehy, Gail** [Passages](#) – A roadmap of adult life and its development through the different stages of life.

**Smith, Joanne Huist** "[The 13<sup>th</sup> Gift: A True Story of a Christmas Miracle](#)" Author's family dealing with the death of her husband and her children's father, receive mystery Christmas gifts that help thaw their grief and come together again as a family.

**Steinbeck, John-** [Travels With Charley](#) – John and his dog Charley travel the loop of America back in the '60's.

### Fiction

**Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi** [Americanah](#) A Nigerian immigrant woman in America and her true love in London face culture shock, racism and hardships being black in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They face immigration problems, dislocation and loneliness.

**Fay, Juliette** [The Shortest Way Home](#) After 20 years as a male nurse in third world countries, he returns home for a short visit. His family situations change his life.

**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.

**Genova, Lisa** [Left Neglected](#) [Traumatic brain injury](#) changes Sarah Nickerson's life.

[Inside the O'Briens](#) A young police officer and his family struggle with the impact of his *Huntington's disease*, a lethal neurodegenerative disease with no treatment and no cure.

[Still Alice](#) Accomplished professor diagnosed with *Alzheimer's disease* learns that her worth is comprised of more than her ability to remember.

**Hawkins, Paula** [The Girl on the Train](#) Rachel takes the same train into London every day, daydreaming about the lives of the occupants in the homes she passes. But when she sees something unsettling from her window one morning, it sets in motion a chilling series of events that make her question whom she can really trust.

**Jewell, Lisa** [The House We Grew Up In](#) Lorelei Bird raised her four children and husband in a happy, picturesque home in Cotswold, England. So how is it that her life ended starving, alone, and surrounded by junk and her surviving children narrating their struggles with adulthood?

**Kingsbury, Karen** [Angels Walking](#) God's messengers intervene to give a washed up national baseball player a second chance. (1<sup>st</sup> of a series)

**Kroeger, William Kent** [Ordinary Grace](#) Told from Frank Drum's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, a moving account of a young boy trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

**Maloy, Kate** [Every Last Cuckoo](#) Sarah Lucas, a 75 year old widow, opens her big empty home to a variety of wayward souls and the unruly flock become a family of sorts.

**Michener, James A.** [Recessional](#) A group of five passionate, outspoken residents in a Florida nursing home refuse to accept the passive roles that both society and family have handed them. Humorous in places.

**Ng, Celeste** [Everything I Never Told You](#) Casts a powerful light on the secrets that have kept an American family together — and that finally end up tearing it apart.

**Reichl, Ruth** [Delicious](#) – A story of a young girl with special tasting talents going to New York to work on Delicious, a premier food magazine. Descriptions of food and tastes are detailed and well described by the author who happens to be editor-in-chief of the magazine, Gourmet.

**Revoyr, Nina** [Wingshooters](#) Michelle LeBeau has a white father and a Japanese mother, but lives with her grandparents in Deerhorn, Wisconsin. Rejected and bullied by peers and adults she spends her time reading, avoiding fights and roaming the countryside with her dog. A black couple moves to town and Michelle becomes good friends with them as the three have a commonality.

**Stradel, J. Ryan** [Kitchens of the Great Midwest](#) A young woman with a once-in-a-generation palate becomes the iconic chef behind the country's most coveted dinner reservation; about missed opportunities and joyful surprises; quirky, hilarious, and vividly sensory

**Tyler, Anne** [A Spool of Blue Thread](#) Story of 4 generations of Whitshanks, as their lives unfold in and around the sprawling, lovingly worn Baltimore house that has always been their anchor. Tender, touching and funny.

**Vergheze, Abraham** [Cutting For Stone](#) Marion and Shiva Stone, orphaned twin brothers whose fates are forever intertwined, share a fascination with medicine as they come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. An unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles.

### **HISTORICAL FICTION**

**Leveen, Lois** [The Secrets of Mary Bowser](#) Based on the true story of a freed, educated, African American slave, Mary Bowser, who returned to Virginia at the onset of the Civil War to spy on the Confederates at the risk of her own freedom to bring freedom to millions of slaves.

**Kidd, Sue Monk** [The Invention of Wings](#) True in 1803, Charleston, South Carolina, 11 year old Sarah Grimke says “no” to be given a 10 year old slave girl, Hetty Handful but must accept her. Story covers the next 35 years of their lives (some fiction). True, Sarah and her sister became the first women as published abolitionists before Civil War.

**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.

**McCullough, David** – [The Wright Brothers](#) - the dramatic story-behind-the-story about the courageous brothers who taught the world how to fly: Wilbur and Orville Wright.

**McLain, Paula** – [Circling the Sun](#) - Beryl Markham was a British-born Kenyan aviator, adventurer, racehorse trainer and author. During the pioneer days of aviation, she became the first woman to fly solo across the [Atlantic](#) from east to west. McClain brings her alive!

**O'Brian, Patrick** – [Master and Commander #1](#) in the **Aubrey–Maturin series**, a sequence of nautical historical novels—20 completed and one unfinished, set during the Napoleonic Wars and centering on the friendship between Captain Jack Aubrey of the Royal Navy and his ship's surgeon Stephen Maturin, a physician, natural philosopher, and intelligence agent.

### **RELIGIOUS**

**Burpo, Todd** [Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back](#) – A 4 year old Nebraska boy emerges from life-saving surgery with remarkable stories of his visit to Heaven.

**Dekker, Ted** [A.D..30](#) – A historical novel about a woman who rises to lead her people when she is shown the way by Jesus. Also, [A.D. 33](#)— the sequel about Maviah, the queen of the outcasts to be published October, 2015.

**Peterson, Eugene** – [The Message](#) - The Bible in contemporary language – a direct translation from the Greek and Hebrew.

**Piper, Don** [90 minutes in Heaven](#) After a semi-truck collided with Don Piper's car, he was pronounced dead at the scene. For the next ninety minutes, he experienced the glories of heaven. Back on earth, a passing minister felt led to stop and pray for the accident victim even though he was told Piper was dead. Miraculously, Piper came back to life, and the pleasure of heaven was replaced by a long and painful recovery.

### **MYSTERY**

**Camilleri, Andrea** – Mysteries with Inspector Montalbano in Sicily-many in series by Camilleri, considered one of the greatest Italian writers of both 20th and 21st centuries.

**Horowitz, Anthony** [Moriarty](#) Story explores what really happened when Sherlock Holmes and his arch nemesis Professor Moriarty tumbled to their doom at Reichenbach Falls. (Book sanctioned by the Conan Doyle estate.) Other titles- [The House of Silk](#) for young adults; [Foyle's War](#) and [Midsomer Murders](#)

**Gilman, Dorothy** – [Mrs. Pollifax Series](#) – A widow and grandmother, Mrs. Pollifax tires of the garden and joins the CIA- Enjoyable listening for while you are traveling.

**Leon, Donna** – A series of mysteries set in Venice involving police commissioner, Guido Brunetti

**Penney, Louise** [Still Life](#) is the first in a series of Chief Inspector Gamache mysteries. Louise Penny is a Canadian author of mystery novels set in the Canadian province of Quebec centered on the work of Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec.

**Neal, Toby** [Blood Orchids](#), [Rip Tide](#) Two of the Lei Crime Series which are about Hawaiian crimes and written by Neal who is a sociologist turned writer raised on Kauai. Suspense and romance

**Roberts, Nora** [The Collector](#) Murder – Faberge Eggs – Love all rolled into one.

**Smith, Barbara Burnett** [Bead on Trouble](#) Murder at a bead craft camp. (Kitzi Camden Mysteries, Book 1)

**Walker, Martin** [Bruno, Chief of Police: A Novel of the French Countryside](#) Meet Benoît Courrèges, aka Bruno, a policeman in a small village in the South of France in the region of Perigord where truffles grow. He retired as a soldier and would prefer cooking and a quiet life, but gets involved in numerous mysteries. No special order of the books once you have met Bruno.

**Webb, Debra** – [Bone Deep](#) Jill's twin sister has been framed in the murder of her husband. As they slowly unravel a web of lies that go back three generations, Jill and Dr. Phillips uncover bone deep secrets that will rock the town of Paradise—if they can survive long enough to tell.

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