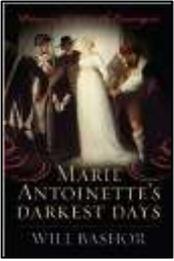


APRIL STAFF PICKS



AMBER'S PICK:

Marie Antoinette's Darkest Days

by Will Bashor * Stack Location: 944.035 BASH

Will Bashor explores the final days of the former queen, examining her frame of mind during her prison stay and trial, as well as the attitudes and actions of the royalists and revolutionaries.



AMANDA'S PICK

Mrs. Pargeter's Package

by Simon Brett * Stack Location: M BRET

Mrs. Pargeter is such a fun character! She's witty and resourceful – using her late husband's rolodex of shady characters to solve mysteries. This book is part of a series, but all of Brett's book can be enjoyed independently.

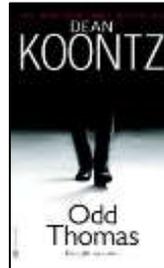


CHARLOTTE'S PICK:

Everything You Want Me to Be

by Mindy Mejia * Stack Location: M MEJI

I didn't expect to love this book, but from the first page I did! From three different viewpoints, it tells of the murder of small town senior Hattie Hoffman. This book stayed with me days after it ended. The setting is a small town and there is a twist on every page.



MATT'S PICK

Odd Thomas by Dean Koontz

Stack Location: SF KOON

Meet Odd Thomas, the unassuming young hero that works as a fry cook in California. He has a huge secret that only his girlfriend, police chief, and an eccentric author knows about. Odd sees and converses with ghosts. He also has premonitions about the future. He uses these talents to help the police chief solve and prevent crimes.



REBEKAH'S PICK

A Ghost in the Machine

by Caroline Graham * Stack Location: M GRAH

Fans of British mystery will be delighted by Caroline Graham's deceptively charming Cotswold world. Postcard-perfect bucolic villages become the unwitting foil for furious passions, vicious jealousies, and bloody ends, brought about by alarmingly creative and violent means. It is Inspector Barnaby, that bastion of unflinching composure and acerbic wit, however, who provides the heartbeat of this series, and inspired Midsomer Murders, the UK's longest running detective series.

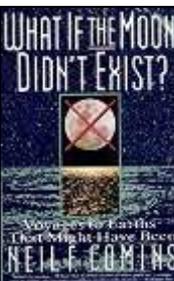


RENE'S PICK: ***The Dry***

by Jane Harper

Stack Location: M HARP

I enjoy discovering new authors and Jane Harper's debut thriller, *The Dry*, reads as if it was penned by a seasoned writer. Small towns are usually full of poorly kept secrets and Kiewarra, a farming community in Australia, has more than its share. Federal Agent Aaron Falk returns to Kiewarra after a 20 year absence to investigate the apparent suicide of his best friend. Full of plot twists and well-developed characters, this was a quick read that I suspect will have a strong following. Available on Overdrive too.



CRYSTAL'S PICK

What If the Moon Didn't Exist

by Neil F. Comins

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"What if the moon didn't exist?" Have you spent sleepless nights plagued with questions such as this? Do you drift into a seemingly weightless space as you daydream of the possible scenarios in which our solar system was laid out differently? Relief is here! Astronomer Neil Comins gracefully leads his readers through ten galactic situations that radically change our outlook of the universe and our attitude of gratitude for reality. A must-read for any stargazing citizen. *Disclaimer: the controversial topic of Pluto's removal from the planet classification is NOT addressed within Comins' writings.



ALLISON'S PICK

The Bear and the Nightingale

by Katherine Arden

Stack Location: SF ARDE

This was a fascinating retelling of a Russian folktale, with added historical and cultural aspects. Vasya grows up wild and willful, able to see the household spirits around her. When a new stepmother and priest attempt to banish these magical creatures, Vasya will have to summon all of her courage to defeat the coming darkness and ally herself with the winter's king.