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Recommended Books 2013

Fiction

Fagan, Jenni. Panopticon.

Like everyone else in the Panopticon, 15-year-old Anais Hendricks has been in and out of foster care practically since birth. "[B]orn in a nuthouse to nobody that was ever seen again," she had her only successful foster placement with a prostitute later stabbed to death (Anais found the body).

Hill, Joe. NOS4A2

?Victoria McQueen has a knack for finding things. Riding her bicycle through an old covered bridge, she always emerges where she needs to be.

Housseini, Khaled. And the Mountains Echoed

A novel about how people love, how they take care of each other,and how choices made today can resonate through future generations.

Jason. Lost Cat

Both a playful take on the classic detective story, and a story about how difficult it is to find a sister spirit, someone you feel a real connection to-- and what do you do if you lose that person?

Kent, Hannah. Burial Rites

Set against Iceland's stark landscape, Hannah Kent brings to vivid life the story of Agnes, who, charged with the brutal murder of her former master, is sent to an isolated farm to await execution.

Messud, Claire. The Woman Upstairs

Relegated to the status of schoolteacher after abandoning her dreams of becoming an artist, Nora advocates on behalf of a Lebanese student and is drawn into the child's family until his

mother's ambition leads to betrayal.

Meyer, Philipp. The Son

A novel set amid Oslo's hierarchy of corruption, from which one very unusual young man is about to propel himself into a mission of brutal revenge.

Ozeki, Ruth. A Tale for the Time Being

In Tokyo, sixteen-year-old Nao has decided there's only one escape from her aching loneliness and her classmates' bullying. But before she ends it all, Nao first plans to document the life of her great grandmother, a Buddhist nun who's lived more than acentury.

Penny, Louise. How the Light Gets In

In Three Pines, Chief Inspector Armand Gamacheinvestigates the disappearance of a woman who was once one ofthe most famous people in the world and now goes unrecognized by virtually everyone except the mad, brilliant poet Ruth Zardo.

Rindell, Suzanne. The Other Typist

It is 1923. Rose Baker is a typist for the New York City Police Department.

Rowell, Rainbow. Eleanor and Park

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.

Saunders, George. Tenth of December

A collection of stories that includes "Home," a wryly whimsical account of a soldier's return from war; "Victory Lap," a tale about an inventive abduction attempt; and the title story, in which a suicidal cancer patient saves the life of a young misfit.

Semple, Maria. Where?d You Go, Bernadette

Bernadette is a frightfully intelligent wife and mother whose intense allergy to Seattle specifically, and to people in general, has driven her to hire a virtual assistant in India to execute even her most basic tasks.

Wecker, Helene. The Golem and the Jinni

Chava, a golem brought to life by a disgraced rabbi,and Ahmad, a jinni made of fire, form an unlikely friendship on thestreets of New York until a fateful choice changes everything.

Non Fiction

Rushkoff, Douglas. Present Shock.

Zuckerman, Ethan. Rewire.

Fink, Sherri. Five Days at Memorial.

Lapsley, Phillip. Exploding the Phone: The untold story of the teenagers and outlaws who hacked Ma Bell.

Switek, Brian. My Beloved Brontosaurus: on the road with old bones, new science, and our favorite dinosaurs.

Federman, Mark Russ. Russ and Daughters: reflections and recipes from the house that herring built.

Brown, Daniel. Boys in the Boat.

Twain, Mark. Autobiography of Mark Twain.

Muller, Melissa. Anne Frank: the biography.

Guelzo, Allen. Gettysburg: the last invasion.

Goodwin, Doris Kearns. Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the golden age of journalism.

Lepore, Jill. Book of Ages: the life and opinions of Jane Franklin.

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