

***Dream Land*, Sam Quinones.**

The author weaves together the stories of young men from Mexico, who sell black tar heroin in the United States and the story of Purdue Pharma, a company determined to corner the market on pain with its new and expensive miracle drug, OxyContin. Embroiled alongside the suppliers and buyers are DEA agents, local small-town sheriffs, and the US attorney from eastern Virginia who brought the case against Purdue Pharma and OxyContin.



***Clementine*, Sonia Purnell.**

Clementine tells the story of a complex woman struggling to maintain her own identity while serving as the conscience and principal adviser to one of the most important figures in history. By Winston's own admission, victory in the Second World War would have been impossible without her. Born into poor aristocracy, the young Clementine was the target of cruel snobbery. Many wondered why Winston married her, but their marriage proved to be an exceptional partnership.



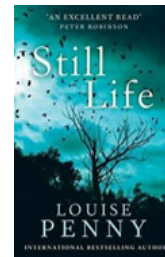
***Mozart's Starling*, Lyanda Lynn Haupt.** One day in May, 1784 as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart walked past a pet store he heard a bird singing the melody from his Piano Concerto Number 17 in G. He bought the starling who became a member of the Mozart household for three years. In 2013, Haupt rescued her own starling, Carmen. In this book Haupt explores the unlikely bond between one of history's most controversial characters and one of history's most notoriously disliked birds.

Grand Canyon PW Reading List

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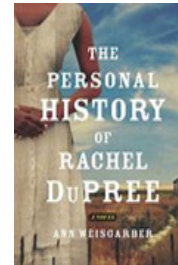
The criteria for the selection of the books were: to enlighten our minds, to nourish our spirits, to challenge our consciences, to entertain us. As you choose which ones you will read we hope we have met these goals, not all of them in one book, but in the whole of them.

FICTION



***Still Life*, Louise Penny.**

Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Surûté du Québec and his investigators are called to the scene of a murder in Three Pines, a mystical rural village south of Montreal. People of many diverse personalities populate Three Pines. They live in serenity while at the same time help in various degrees to solve murders. *Still Life* and the books that follow are delightful, refreshing, and inspiring.



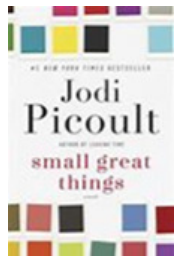
***The Personal History of Rachel DuPree*, Ann Weisgarber.**

Ann Weisgarber tells the little-known history of African American homesteaders in the Badlands of South Dakota. Rachel, while working in a boarding house in Chicago, falls in love with the owner's son. He promises to marry her if she will claim the 160 acres from the Homestead Act and give it to him to double their share. As homesteads begin to fail Rachel's husband demands great sacrifice from her.



***Flight of the Sparrow*, Ann Belding Brown.**

Based on the true story of Mary Rowlandson, the novel takes place in early America. With her home destroyed and her children lost, Mary is sold into slavery to a woman tribal leader. Mary had sometimes found herself in conflict with her rigid Puritan community. Living and suffering with the tribes, she finds a way of life that is more loving and joyful than her former life.



Small Great Things, Jodi Picoult.

Ruth Jefferson, an experienced labor and delivery nurse, begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another infant. The parents of the baby are white supremacists who don't want a black woman to touch their baby. The hospital complies with their orders. When the baby goes into cardiac arrest Ruth is blamed.



Before We Were Yours, Lisa W. Wingate.

Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shanty boat. When their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge. Before long officials arrive and take them to a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage. The facility's director is cruel and dishonest so Rill has to fight to keep her sisters and brother together. The novel is based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals.



The Practice Nurse, Laura McNeal.

Nineteen-year-old Aldine McKenna lives with her sister and aunt in a Scottish village in 1929 when two Mormon missionaries ring the doorbell. Aldine's sister marries one of them and moves to America. Aldine follows, hoping to find the life she's meant to lead and the person she's meant to love. In New York, Aldine answers an ad soliciting a teacher for a one room

school house in a place she cannot even imagine in drought-stricken Kansas. With no money and with too much pride to turn back, she lives uneasily with the family of Ansel Price, the charming, optimistic man who placed the ad.



The Knitting Circle, Ann Hood.

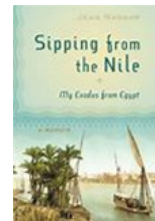
After the sudden loss of her only child, Mary Baxter joins a knitting circle as a way to fill the empty hours and lonely days. The women welcome her, each teaching Mary a new knitting technique and, as they do, revealing their own personal stories of loss, love and hope. Eventually Mary is able to tell her own story of grief and in so doing reclaims her love for her husband.

Nonfiction



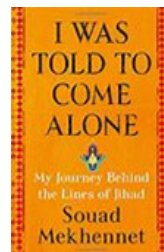
Five Presidents, Clint Hill.

Secret Service agent Clint Hill brings history to life as he reflects on his seventeen years protecting five presidents of the United States. Hill sheds new light on the character and personality of these five presidents, revealing their humanity in the face of grave decisions.



Sipping from the Nile, Jean Naggag.

Naggag describes her life as a privileged, protected child in 1950's Egypt. The nationalizing of the Suez Canal changed her life forever. Her family is quickly scattered far and wide. Naggag traces her personal journey through lost worlds and difficult transitions.



I Was Told to Come Alone, Souad Mekhennet.

For her whole life Souad, born and educated in Germany, had to balance the two sides of her upbringing--Muslim and Western. We accompany her, a reporter for *The Washington Post*, as she journeys behind the lines of jihad. In her travels across the Middle East and North Africa, she documents her chilling run-ins with various intelligence services.



The Nazi Officer's Wife, Edith Hahn Beer.

Edith was a young Jewish woman in Vienna when the Gestapo forced her into a ghetto and then into a slave labor camp. After her release she went into hiding where she met and married a Nazi officer. Despite the risk it posed to her life, Edith created a remarkable record of survival saving every document and the photos she took inside labor camps. All of

these are now part of the permanent collection at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. Several of them are included in this book.