

Book Recommendations from USNA 66 Ladies Group

May 19, 2021

Topic	Title	Author
Novel. A poignant and charming novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined.	Anxious People	Fredrick Backman
Murder mystery about DNA and two of the results that can happen. This is the most recent in a series of (now) 17 books.	Tangled Roots	Marsha Talley (Husband, Barry, was director of music at USNA, and her books have many USNA links)
Fiction. An American chaos story about a climate-changed future...hilarious yet tender; absurd yet chillingly realistic, nostalgic yet prescient.	A Children's Bible	Lydia Millet
Historical Fiction. Unfolding over the course of one day in 1927, 4 characters' different lives intersect in powerful ways. Guest appearances by Ernest Hemingway, Josephine Baker and Gertrude Stein.	The Paris Hours	Alex George
Fiction. A radical re-imagining of the New Testament that reflects on women's longing and silencing and awakening.	The Book of Longings	Sue Monk Kid
Fiction. Virginia pioneer woman's incredible, true escape from Indian captivity.	Follow the River	James Alexander Thom
Biography from a woman's perspective that examines myths with mirth, making colonial history not just fascinating but relevant.	You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington	Alexis Coe
Fiction. Deeply compelling central character and story full of raw emotion and suspense.	Sooly	John Grisham
Historical Fiction about the Dust Bowl migration. A story of love, courage, and sacrifice.	The Four Winds	Kristin Hannah
Biography of one of the game's best-loved but most unappreciated legends.	Stan Musial: An American Life	George Vecsey
Nonfiction about one of the most gigantic sporting swindles in the history of America.	Eight Men Out: The Black Sox and the 1919 World Series	Eliot Asinof
Fiction. Gripping, complexly plotted thriller set within the halls of the US Supreme Court.	While Justice Sleeps	Stacey Abrams
Historical Fiction. Love triangle set in the heart of Rome in the creeping shadow of fascism.	Eternal	Lisa Scottoline
Historical Fiction. Absorbing true account of one of SC's preeminent historical figures.	The Indigo Girl	Natasha Boyd
Biography using new sources to paint Truman as a complex and thoroughly American figure.	The Accidental President: Harry S Truman and the Four Months that Changed the World	AJ Baime

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Memoir. Moving and inspiring story of her adventurous life with John.	Stronger: Courage, Hope and Humor in My Life with John McCain	Cindy McCain
Nonfiction. A page turning look into the world of elite influence, true crime and a systemic coverup in Newport, RI.	Homicide at Rough Point: The Untold Story of How Doris Duke, The Richest Woman in America, Got Away With Murder	Peter Lance
Memoir that makes one appreciate schooling, freedom, and normal relationships by explaining the family difficulties she had to break free of so that she could get her own education.	Educated: A Memoir	Tara Westover
Biography. Candid but sympathetic page-turner about the author of Gone With the Wind.	Road to Tara: The Life of Margaret Mitchell	Ann Edwards
Novel about a web of unsolved murders in New York's Gramercy Park and the singular woman who makes them her obsession. #1 of a series of 12 books.	Mallory's Oracle	Carol O'Connell
Mystery. Penny's deceptively simple style masks the complex patterns of a well-devised plot. #1 in a series of 17 books.	Still Life: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel	Louise Penny
Historical Fiction. Unique (to Western readers) WWII venue; it weighs free will vs. destiny (from an Eastern perspective) and explores compromises which trigger especially painful consequences in wartime.	The Gift of Rain	Tan Twan Eng