

Booklover's café 3/26/16

My Day

Columns by Eleanor Roosevelt

Wove into her great interest in national and international affairs. Thought it was so interesting! Enjoyed it very very much.

Learned a lot of new things- there was an attempt on FDR- he was in a parade and the person with him was killed. Eleanor had a lot of disappointments as a mother.

The Little Paris Bookshop

By Nina George

The main character is Jean Perdue (John Lost)

He has a barge that he's converted into a bookshop - he's a literary apothecary- he can read people and tell what type of books they need to read.

He has a love story as well- had a mistress who left 20 years ago- left a letter- he's so upset that she left that he never opened the letter.

So beautiful- Journey of love and healing.

Run

By Anne Patchet

Perfect breathtaking book- takes place in a 24 hour time period in Boston.

There's a family- father was married to a beautiful Irish girl- she had one child and then she died. Before she dies they adopt two little brothers they found sitting out on the curb.

After the kids have grown up - the dad is very political- they come out of a Jessie Jackson lecture during a snow storm. The younger boy turns around and backs off the curb and a woman knocks him out of the way of a massive SUV.

About family and how sometimes it's extended to people you don't even know yet. And about race and religion- absolutely astonishing book.

April is Poetry Month!

Kristin Lindquist - local poet and bird enthusiast

Kate Barnes

Elizabeth Tibbets

Rival Gardens

By Connie Wanek

Astonishing poems- a lot of Minnesota area subjects.

Girl and the horses

Start out beautifully written, but you get to the end and suddenly it turns into something quite different.

The Words I Chose

By Wesley McNair

An autobiography with poems throughout that explains how he became a poet.

Extremely well written and fascinating.

World War Z

By Max Brooks

Zombie apocalypse- premise is this guy is going around interviews various people around the world about how the rise of zombies has affected them. Talks about zombies as a societal problem.

A lot of it is the political response, the response of different governments.

Snow in August

By Pete Hamill

“Brooklyn, 1947. The war veterans have come home. Jackie Robinson is about to become a Dodger. And in one close-knit working-class neighborhood, an eleven-year-old Irish Catholic boy named Michael Devlin has just made friends with a lonely rabbi from Prague.

Snow in August is the story of that unlikely friendship -- and of how the neighborhood reacts to it.”

Chronicler of the Winds

By Henning Mankel

Takes place in an African country under siege by terrorists- young boy ends up in a city.

Takes place in 9 days.

Young unusual boy, becomes leader of a group of street children.

One boy is taking care of him after he gets shot. Characters are absolutely incredible.

Affected me so deeply. A tribute to the human spirit.

In Other Words

by Jhumpa Lahiri

“In Other Words, an autobiographical work written in Italian, investigates the process of learning to express oneself in another language, and describes the journey of a writer seeking a new voice.”