



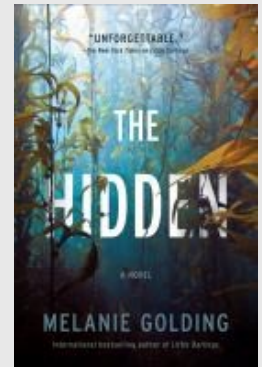
Staff Picks - October 2023

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Welcome to our monthly Staff Picks newsletter where we share with you what we are reading, listening to or watching!

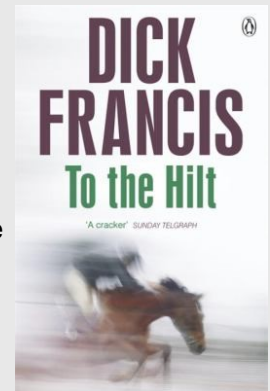
The Hidden Melanie Golding Book

While investigating the brutal attack on Gregor, a seemingly single man, DS Joanna Harper discovers that her estranged daughter Ruby is somehow involved in this case that is steeped in Celtic mythology.



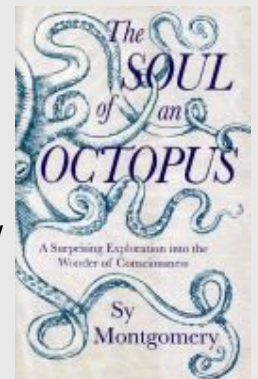
To The Hilt Dick Francis Book

Alexander Kinloch found solitude and a steady income painting in a bothy on a remote Scottish mountain. Until the morning the strangers arrived to rough him up, and Alexander was dragged reluctantly back into the real and violent world he thought he had left behind. Millions of pounds are missing from his stepfather's business. A valuable racehorse is under threat. Then comes the first ugly death and the end of all Alexander's doubts. For the honour of the Kinlochs he will face the strangers up to the hilt.



The Soul of an Octopus Sy Montgomery Book

If you've ever been drawn to the octopus exhibit at the aquarium, then this book is for you! Sy Montgomery – naturalist, documentary scriptwriter and author – explores the emotional and physical world of these complex cephalopods at the New England Aquarium and on dives around the world. More than a scientific journaling, this is also a love story to a remarkably bright creature.



Carrie Soto Is Back

Taylor Jenkins Reid

Book, Borrowbox eBook

Carrie Soto is fierce, and her determination to win at any cost has not made her popular. But by the time she retires from tennis, she is the best player the world has ever seen. She has shattered every record and claimed 20 Slam titles. And if you ask Carrie, she is entitled to every one. She sacrificed nearly everything to become the best, with her father as her coach. Javier - a former champion himself - has trained her since the age of two. But six years after her retirement, Carrie finds herself sitting in the stands of the 1994 US Open, watching her record be taken from her by a brutal, stunning player named Nicki Chan. At 37 years old, Carrie makes the monumental decision to come out of retirement and be coached by her father for one last year in an attempt to reclaim her record. Even if the sports media says that they never liked the 'Battle-Axe' anyway. Even if her body doesn't move as fast as it did. And even if it means swallowing her pride to train with a man she once almost opened her heart to - Bowe Huntley. Like her, he has something to prove before he gives up the game forever.

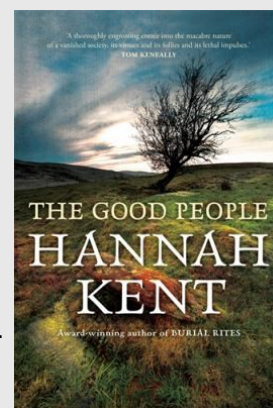


The Good People

Hannah Kent

Book, Borrowbox eAudiobook

In the year 1825, in a remote village in the mountains of south-west Ireland, three women are brought together by strange and troubling event. Nora Leahy has lost her daughter and her husband in the same year, and is now burdened with the care of her four-year-old grandson, Micheal. The boy cannot walk or speak, and Nora, mistrustful of the tongues of gossips, has kept the child hidden from those who might see in his deformity evidence of otherworldly interference. Unable to care for the child alone, Nora hires a fourteen-year-old servant girl, Mary, who soon hears the whispers in the valley about the blasted creature causing grief to fall upon the widow's house. Alone, hedged in by rumour, Mary and her mistress seek out the only person in the valley who might be able to help Micheal. For although her neighbours are wary of her, it is said that old Nance Roche has the knowledge. That she consorts with Them, the Good People. And that only she can return those whom they have taken.

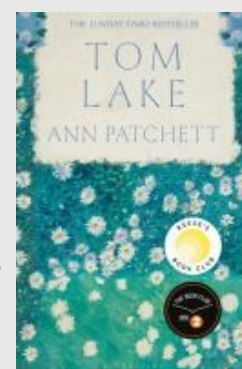


Tom Lake

Ann Patchett

Book

In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theatre company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew. This novel is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents lead before their children are born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart.

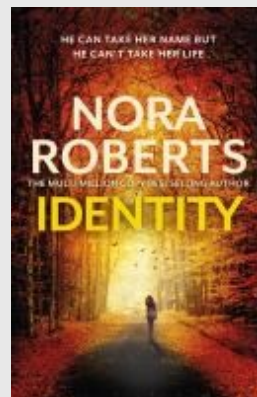


Identity

Nora Roberts

Book

Former Army brat Morgan Albright has finally planted roots near Baltimore. Her friend and roommate Nina helps her make the mortgage payments. But after they host their first dinner party - attended by Luke, the flirtatious IT guy - her world is shattered. Nina lies dead on the floor. Soon, a horrific truth emerges: 'Luke' is a cold-hearted con artist named Gavin who targets a particular type of woman, steals her assets and identity, and then commits his ultimate goal: murder. But Nina wasn't his type. Morgan is. Nina was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Morgan must flee to her mother's home in Vermont. She struggles to build something new, and meets another man, Miles Jameson. He isn't flashy or flirtatious, and his family business has deep roots in town. But Gavin hasn't forgotten the one who got away.



Places We Swim

Caroline Clements

Book

From lap pools to ocean pools, rockpools to hot springs, Places We Swim covers the breadth of Australia, bringing you the 60 best places to swim, dive, jump, paddle and float around the country. You'll discover just what makes each swimming spot unique, learn the best time to go, gain some useful local knowledge and find out the best things to see and do in the area. With destinations ranging from the neighbourhood city pool to remote outback waterfalls, this book is a celebration of not just these magnificent swimming spots, but of the diverse landscapes and communities that make up Australia.

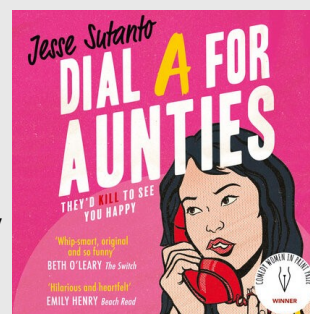


Dial A For Aunties

Jesse Sutanto

Borrowbox eAudiobook

A humorous story about accidentally killing your date that your Mum set up for you while she was impersonating you on a dating app. Then involving your Aunties to help out. This family sticks together, even when a dead body is involved.



Seriously Red

DVD

MA 15+

Red is a vivacious, clumsy but, at times, misguided red head who trades her job in real estate for a new career as a Dolly Parton impersonator.





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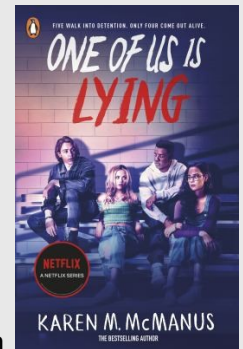
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One Of Us is Lying

Karen M. McManus

Borrowbox eBook and eAudiobook, Book

Yale hopeful Bronwyn has never publicly broken a rule. Sports star Cooper only knows what he's doing in the baseball diamond. Bad body Nate is one misstep away from a life of crime. Prom queen Addy is holding together the cracks in her perfect life. And outsider Simon, creator of the notorious gossip app at Bayview High, won't ever talk about any of them again. He dies 24 hours before he could post their deepest secrets online. Investigators conclude it's no accident. All of them are suspects. Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you'll go to protect them.



Leopold Blue

Rosie Rowell

Book

Meg Bergman is fifteen and fed up. She lives in a tiny town in rural 1990s South Africa - a hot-bed of traditionalism, racial tension and (in Meg's eyes) ordinariness. Meg has no friends either, due largely to what the community sees as her mother's interfering attempts to educate farm workers about AIDS. But one day Xanthe arrives - cool, urban, feisty Xanthe, who for some unknown reason seems to want to hang out with Meg. Xanthe arrives into Meg's life like a hurricane, offering her a look at a teenage life she never knew existed. But cracks quickly begin to show in their friendship when Meg's childhood friend Simon returns from his gap year travels. Leopold Blue is an emotionally taut and beautifully-written story from a debut author with a mesmerising voice.

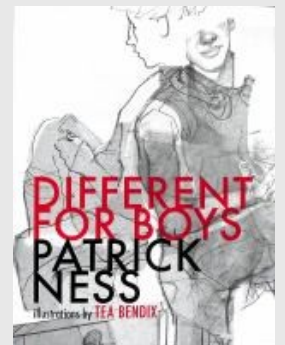


Different For Boys

Patrick Ness

Book

Ant Stevenson has many questions, like when did he stop being a virgin? Are there degrees of virginity? And is it different for boys? Especially for boys who like boys? Ant tries to figure out the answers to his questions as he balances his relationships with three very different boys: Charlie, who is both virulently homophobic and yet close friends with Ant; Jack, whose camp behaviour makes him the target of Charlie's rage; and finally Freddie, who just wants Ant to try out for the rugby team.





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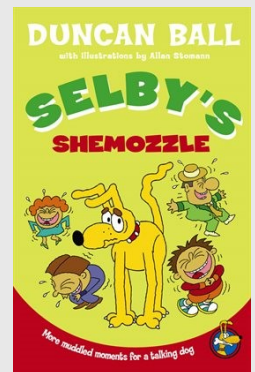
Welcome to our monthly Staff Picks newsletter where we share with you recommendations for our favourite childrens' content.

Selby's Shemozzle

Duncan Ball

Hoopla eBook

Between being coated in chocolate and almost eaten by those horrible brats Willy and Billy, falling in love with the world's first talking cat, pretending to be a seeing-eye dog and maybe - just maybe - changing the recipe of Dry-Mouth Dog Biscuits, Selby is in a right shemozzle. But the biggest shemozzle of all is when he becomes invisible...This hilarious collection of stories in the bestselling Selby series is guaranteed to leave you gasping with laughter.

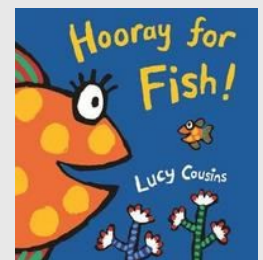


Hooray for Fish!

Lucy Cousins

Picture Book

Swim with Little Fish and meet all his fishy friends in this splishy, splashy riot of color and rhyme under the sea.

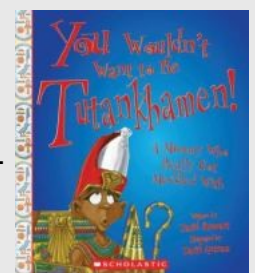


You Wouldn't Want to Be Tutankhamun!

David Stewart & David Antram

Book

You're an Egyptian prince living in a time of turmoil and change. Your father Akhenaten has abandoned the old gods, and the priests and the people are unhappy. One day all this will be yours. Tutankhamun! It's too sad!



Small Things

Mel Treginning

Graphic Novel

On the cusp of having everything slip from his grasp, a young boy has to find a way to rebuild his sense of self. The best art gives a voice to the voiceless parts of our lives, and this book does so with heartfelt precision. An ordinary boy in an ordinary world. With no words, only illustrations, this book tells the story of a boy who feels alone with his worries, but who learns that help is always close by. A universal story, told simply and with breathtaking beauty, about dealing with sadness, anxiety, depression, heartache or loss, and finding your way in the world.

