

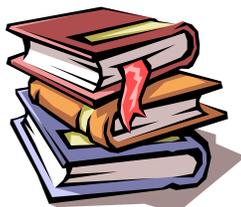
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## Director's note

Dear Folks,

November certainly brings a range of events and emotions to all of us, especially in 2020. We have a Presidential election with historical voter turnout. We have Veteran's Day, honoring all those who have served in order that our nation might survive. And then appropriately we round out the month with a season of Thanksgiving.

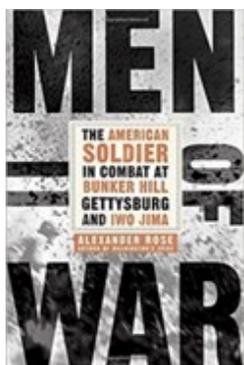


Let's practice kindness and respect for all of our neighbors and friends. We certainly are thankful for each of you and count you among our blessings here at the library.

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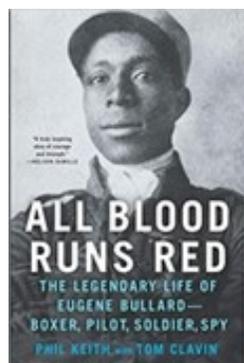
Linda

## Linda recommends



As Rose demonstrates, the most important factor in any battle is the human one: At Bunker Hill, Gettysburg, and Iwo Jima, the American soldier, as much as any general, proved decisive.

To an unprecedented degree, **Men of War** by **Alexander Rose**, brings home the reality of combat and, just as important, its aftermath in the form of the psychological and medical effects on veterans. As such, the book makes a critical contribution to military history by narrowing the colossal gulf between the popular understanding of wars and the experiences of the soldiers who fight them.



Eugene Bullard lived one of the most fascinating lives of the twentieth century.

Bullard joined the French Foreign Legion, where he went on to become the first African American fighter pilot in history. After the war, Bullard returned to Paris a decorated war hero and leveraged his celebrity to become a fixture of Parisian nightclub society. Hemingway and Fitzgerald drank champagne at his club. A young

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## Publishers Weekly

## Bestseller Lists

October 30, 2020

## FICTION

1. **A Time for Mercy**, by John Grisham
2. **The Return**, by Nicholas Sparks
3. **The Evening and the Morning**, by Ken Follett
4. **The Book of Two Ways**, by Jodi Picoult
5. **The Searcher**, by Tana French
6. **Anxious People**, by Fredrik Backman
7. **The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue**, by V E Schwab
8. **The Vanishing Half**, by Brit
9. **Troubles in Paradise**, by Elin Hilderbrand
10. **Leave the World Behind**, by Rumaan Alam

## NONFICTION

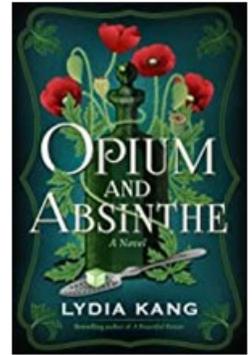
1. **Greenlights**, by Matthew McConaughey
2. **A Republic Under Assault, Vol. 3: The Left's Ongoing Attack on American Freedom**, by Tom Fitton
3. **Modern Comfort Food**, by Ina Garten
4. **Untamed**, by Glennon Doyle
5. **Hallmark Channel Countdown to Christmas: Have a Very Merry Movie Holiday**, by Caroline McKenzie
6. **This Just Speaks to Me: Words to Live by Every Day**, by Hoda Kotb
7. **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents**, by Isabel Wilkerson
8. **Dessert Person: Recipes and Guidance for Baking with Confidence**, by Claire Saffitz
9. **One Vote Away**, by Ted Cruz
10. **Killing Crazy Horse: The Merciless Indian Wars in America**, by Bill O'Reilly

## Leigh's pick—by Leigh Hornbake

New York City, 1899. Tillie Pembroke's sister lies dead, her body drained of blood and with two puncture wounds on her neck. Bram Stoker's new novel, *Dracula*, has just been published, and Tillie's imagination leaps to the impossible: the murderer is a vampire. But it can't be—can it? A ravenous reader and researcher, Tillie has something of an addiction to truth, and she won't rest until she unravels the mystery of her sister's death. Unfortunately, Tillie's addicted to more than just truth; to ease the pain from a recent injury, she's taking more and more laudanum...and some in her immediate circle are happy to keep her well supplied. Tillie can't bring herself to believe vampires exist. But with the hysteria surrounding her sister's death, the continued vampire type slayings, and the opium swirling through her body, it's becoming increasingly difficult for a girl who relies on facts and figures to know what's real—or whether she can trust those closest to her.

**Opium and Absinthe** by Lydia Kang is not the kind of book I have recommended in the past but it was excellent. A mixture of historic fiction, mystery, and the macabre, it makes for a very fascinating novel. Thoroughly enjoyed this one.

ENJOY!



## Wendy's bookshelf—by Wendy Farris

Facebook has allowed me to be "friends" with several of my favorite authors. One is Dean James who writes as Miranda James. Recently I learned that he also had written under the pen name **Jimmie Ruth Evans**. His first book under this name is **Flamingo Fatale**. Wanda Nell Culpepper works two jobs and lives in a trailer park. She is accused of killing her no-account ex, Bobby Ray, with a flamingo lawn ornament. With the help of her best friend, she decides to solve the mystery and save her own skin. She also learns who her real friends are and finds some new ones.

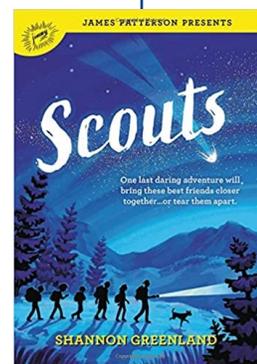


*"You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend."*

~ Paul Sweeney

## Pre-teen read—by Liz Coronado

*Stranger Things* meets *The Goonies* in this suspenseful yet heartwarming adventure story about kids who set out to find a crashed meteor, but find mystery and danger instead as their friendships begin to fracture. **Scouts** by **Shannon Greenland** is a coming of age/growing up adventure story. Annie, Beans, Rocky, and Fynn are the Scouts, best friends who do everything together. It's 1985, and the summer before seventh grade is just beginning. The Scouts decide to secretly climb Old Man Basinger's silo to watch a meteor shower, and when one meteor seems to crash nearby, the Scouts know they have to set out on their next adventure and find it. But their fun overnight jaunt through the woods soon takes a turn for the worst when they discover a series of disturbing clues about the meteor and suddenly find themselves on the run from the wild, violent Mason clan. Bonds are tested when new kids join their adventure and the group's true feelings are revealed. Will the Scouts survive this journey together or will their unbreakable friendships prove vulnerable after all?



## Editor's suggestion—by Karen Smoke

In 1911, Carrie Strahorn wrote a memoir entitled *Fifteen Thousand Miles by Stage*, (available on Kindle) which shared some of the most exciting events of 25 years of traveling and shaping the American West with her husband, Robert Strahorn, a railroad promoter, investor, and writer. In ***Everything She Didn't Say*** author **Jane Kirkpatrick** imagines Carrie nearly ten years later as she decides to write down what was really on her mind during those adventurous nomadic years. Her portrayal of this pioneer woman brings out the emotions of living—the laughter and pain, the love and loss—to give readers a window into the past. Kirkpatrick's skills at character building no doubt come from her understanding of the human mind as a mental health professional, and also her own experiences with the hardships of 'pioneering'—she and her husband settled in a remote area of Oregon in the 1880's. That story is told in her 1991 non-fiction book ***Homestead***, which I'm reading now. I definitely want to read more historical fiction by this author, and have checked out ***A Name of Her Own***.



*"Our favorite book is always the book that speaks most directly to us at a particular stage in our lives."*

~Lloyd Alexander

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Closed Sunday and Monday



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Langston Hughes worked as a busboy. He counted Picasso, Josephine Baker and Man Ray as friends.

At the dawn of World War II, Bullard became a French spy, drawing Nazi soldiers to his club and conducting crucial surveillance for the Allies. After fleeing Paris he joined the Resistance before being safely smuggled onto a ship bound for America. He lived out the rest of his life in Harlem with his daughters, working as an assistant for Louis Armstrong.

**All Blood Runs Red** by **Phil Keith** with **Tom Clavin** is the dramatic untold story of an American hero, a thought-provoking survey of the twentieth century and a portrait of a man who came from nothing and by his own courage, determination, gumption, intelligence and luck forged a legendary life.