

# BiblioBites

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## Director's note

Dear Folks,

While we have said goodbye to most of our northern visitors, we have forged ahead with many activities and some new opportunities for you.

We are participating full force in Patterson Suncoast Remake Learning Days. Starting Saturday, April 30, we will have five opportunities for you to participate with us as a family in special activities designed to make learning fun. We will have escape rooms, robots, monsters, food demonstrations and a Van Wezel artist, just to name a few. Check our Face Book page or stop by to learn all the details.

Our Heartland Library Cooperative has received a grant that will enable us to put a mobile library on the road. Even though the supply chain is delaying the delivery of our new van, we are beginning with another vehicle available to us. DeSoto will have the mobile library the second Monday of each month. Look for our schedule and come see us.

We are also working on reaching out to our community through small give one, take one DeSoto Sharing Libraries strategically placed around the community. If you would like to sponsor and or steward a library, please talk with us. It is a great way to volunteer at your convenience and positively influence literacy in our community.

Come see us and join the fun.

Linda

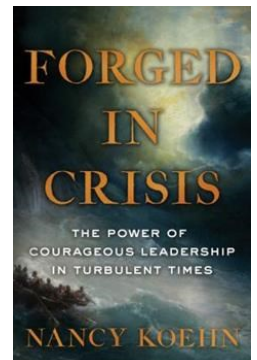
Link to all DeSoto County SRLD events schedule—

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## Linda recommends

This “engaging, unusually rewarding book...[which] will foster a new appreciation for effective leadership and prompt many readers to lament the lack of it in the world today” (Kirkus Reviews, starred review), *Forged in Crisis* by celebrated Harvard Business School historian **Nancy Koehn**, examines five masters of crisis: explorer Ernest Shackleton; Abraham Lincoln; abolitionist Frederick Douglass; Nazi-resisting clergyman Dietrich Bonhoeffer; and environmental crusader Rachel Carson.



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## Publishers Weekly Bestseller Lists April 29, 2022

### FICTION

1. *The Investigator*, by John Sandford
2. *Run, Rose, Run*, by James Patterson and Dolly Parton, Author
3. *Sea of Tranquility*, by Emily St. John Mandel
4. *What Happened to the Bennetts*, by Lisa Scottoline
5. *The Paris Apartment*, by Lucy Foley
6. *The Recovery Agent, 1*, by Janet Evanovich
7. *The Sacred Bridge: A Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito Novel*, by Anne Hillerman
8. *Shadows Reel*, by C J Box
9. *The Diamond Eye*, by Kate Quinn
10. *The Match*, by Harlan Coben

### NONFICTION

1. *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak: Lessons on Faith from Nine Biblical Families*, by Shannon Bream
2. *Half Baked Harvest Every Day: Recipes for Balanced, Flexible, Feel-Good Meals*, by Tieghan Gerard
3. *Freezing Order: A True Story of Money Laundering, Murder, and Surviving Vladimir Putin's Wrath*, by Bill
4. *Brunch with Babs: A Year of Menus: From Her Recipe Box to Your Family Table*, by Barbara Costello
5. *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience*, by Brené Brown
6. *Arrive and Thrive: 7 Impactful Practices for Women Navigating Leadership*, by Lynn Perry Wooten, Janet Foutty, and Susan Brady
7. *Brighter by the Day: Waking Up to New Hopes and Dreams*, by Robin Roberts
8. *I Guess I Haven't Learned That Yet: Discovering New Ways of Living When the Old Ways Stop Working*, by Shauna Niequist
9. *Hello, Molly!: A Memoir*, by Molly Shannon and Sean Wilsey
10. *Recessional: The Death of Free Speech and the Cost of the Free Lunch*, by David Mamet

## Liz likes—Liz Coronado

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?

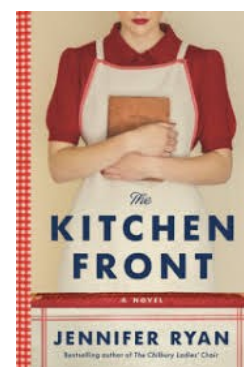
In *The Midnight Library*, by **Matt Haig** is an enchanting blockbuster novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.



## Bookmarked—Jolaine Konstantinidis

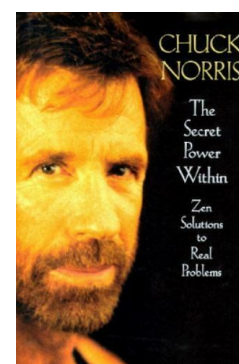
One thing I have observed from our weekly book chats is that many people are gravitating to books of a lighter, “feel good” nature, probably prompted by the serious, overwhelming real-life stories and events befalling us today. As a lover of historical fiction, it is often difficult to find such comforting reads. Fortunately, *The Kitchen Front* by **Jennifer Ryan** caught my eye. I had read *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by the same author about five years ago and remembered it as giving me an uplifting feeling. Both novels are set in Kent, England during WWII and the characters are predominately women who are working on the home front trying to maintain the country's morale under extremely difficult circumstances: bombings, food shortages, rationing, billeting, etc.

The author, originally from Kent, researched some of the wartime stories which she grew up hearing from her grandmother. Some of the characters are loosely based on real people and situations of the time like the music teacher Margaret Dryburgh, the home economist Marguerite Patten and TV chef Fanny Cradock. Ryan has researched the foods that were available during wartime 1940s, and includes actual recipes from the era at the end of each chapter. Just as the women in *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* find their individual and collective voices, those women who are participating in *The Kitchen Front* cooking contest likewise find their talents and solidarity as well. Ryan concentrates on the strength and spirit of these women living in difficult times in a way that becomes more heartwarming than heartbreaking for the reader.



## Robert recommends—Robert Anders

If you don't take *The Secret Power Within: Zen Solutions to Real Problems* seriously at first maybe read a little further. Readable prose by **Chuck Norris**—who wields a pen as deftly as a throwing star in a Bradock movie. Fighting in Korea in the mid 60s led Norris to a career teaching martial arts and then performing on the large and small screen. And on the way he picked up and shared a little insight, wisdom and a few jokes and stories. If you like Chuck Norris and/or Zen this book is a short enjoyable read is perfect for an afternoon under a shade tree.

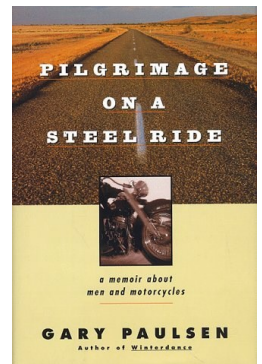


## Editor's choice—by Karen Smoke

**Gary Paulsen** is one of my favorite authors. *Pilgrimage on a Steelride: A Memoir About Men and Motorcycles* is a book about the things that save a man's life, beginning with a motorcycle. At the age of fifty-seven, looking over his shoulder at heart disease Gary Paulsen acquired his first Harley-Davidson. He decided to ride long—from his home in New Mexico to Alaska—and it turns out to be a trip in time as well as space. Through Minnesota and the Rockies to the Alaska Highway, Paulsen travels through the landmarks of his life. There were the people who wouldn't let him give in, the challenges that pushed him to the limit, the days of pure sweat and muscle. Amid the silence and beauty of running the road on his Harley, Paulsen celebrates hard work, constant challenge, and ultimately the ride.

Although he was never a dedicated student, Paulsen developed a passion for reading at an early age. He also developed a passion for adventure. He combined the two into a legacy that will long be remembered.

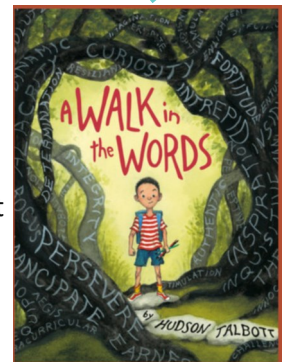
Paulsen, who died Oct. 13, 2021, at the age of 82 is best remembered for his 1986 Newberry Honor-winning young adult adventure book, *Hatchet*, whose lead character—13-year-old Brian Robeson—continues to teach kids that they might just survive in the wild. Even reluctant readers burn through its pages faster than a fire kindled by Brian Robeson himself. The book went on to sell more than 4.5 million copies, prompting Paulsen to write four additional books featuring Brian's trials in the wilderness. Paulsen was the author of more than 200 books primarily for young adults and teens.



## Choice for children—Kara Illguth

When the **Hudson Talbott** author of *A Walk in the Woods* was a little boy, he loved drawing, and it came naturally to him. But reading? No way! One at a time, words weren't a problem, but long sentences were a struggle. As his friends moved on to thicker books, he kept his slow reading a secret. But that got harder every year. He felt alone, lost, and afraid in a world of too many words.

Fortunately, his love of stories wouldn't let him give up. He started giving himself permission to read at his own pace, using the words he knew as stepping-stones to help draw him into a story. And he found he wasn't so alone—in fact, lots of brilliant people were slow readers, too. Learning to accept the fact that everyone does things in their own unique way, and that was okay, freed him up and ultimately helped Hudson thrive and become the fabulous storyteller he is today.



## What I like in a book—Spring Pace, age 12

First of all, I love DRAGONS!!! If there are no dragons, I am going to need authors to hone in on the following criteria. I find that a book holds more intrigue and suspense, if it has at least two main characters that get separated and have to find their way back together again. There should always be some kind of twist, for instance a character you trust that betrays you in the 9th book out of a 20 book series.

I personally just adore long series! *Wings of Fire* is still surprising me with new ideas, and I am on the 15th book! Conflict is essential. Intertribal love, prophecies, and ancient wars can really spice up a book. A character that says something humorous keeps a book from being boring. I usually read third person, but first person makes me connect to a character, like they are speaking to me. I appreciate it when authors give a backstory to the bad guys instead of just saying “they're evil!” It's cool when a character is given a story to read, and the author actually puts that story in the main book, so you are reading at the same time as the character. Of course, I could go on and on.



Thank you for reading!

Spring recommends *The Dragonet Prophecy, Wings of Fire* #1 by Tui T. Sutherland



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Wednesday & Friday

8:30—6:00

Saturday:

9:00-2:30

Closed Sunday and Monday



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## Book Chat notes—

Join us Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m.

Local author **Nancy Humphrey** and co-authors, pictured here at a book signing at the Villages in Orlando, together have written a memoir of their adventures that have spanned more than 20 years. Their book, ***Mountains Along Our Path***, was pleasantly reviewed at our latest library Book Chat meeting and we hope another book signing will take place at DeSoto County Library soon!

