

April - A book set in a place you want to visit/vacation!

STAFF PICKS!

A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus

"A really sweet story about three orphaned siblings trying to find their 'forever home' during the children's evacuation of London during WWII. While slightly predictable, I still teared up and it still managed to have a small twist towards the end that I didn't see coming. However, while I admit to having no love for rats and mice, I have been permanently scarred by the 'ratting' scene...so proceed with caution." - Bree

KID PICKS!

Disney's It's A Small World by Little Golden Books

"I liked seeing the Disney characters in the book and different countries and learning how to say hello in many languages. I can't wait to go to Disney World!" - M.L-D.

Lost in the Library by Josh Funk

"I want to go to New York and see Patience and Fortitude at the NY Public Library! My favorite part was when Fortitude finally found Patience." - W.G.

Mexikid by Pedro Martín

"I want to go to Mexico now!" - A.L.

Magic tree house: A Crazy Day with Cobras by Mary Pope Osborne

"I would like to visit Tajmahal in India like Jack and Annie did in this book!" - S.G.

I Survived the Japanese Tsunami of 2011 by Lauren Tarshis

"Thrilling and a good book if you like the I survived series." - C.P.

The Lion of Lark-Hayes Manor by Aubrey Hartman

"Magical and suspenseful. I loved Penelope and Sampson and now I can't wait to read The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe! It's a bit happy-sad at the end." - G.G.

Dragon Girls: Naomi the Rainbow Glitter Dragon by Maddy Mara

"I really liked this book because I've always dreamed of being able to fly, and the main characters are girls who turn into dragons when an orange leaf falls for them to grab and step into the Magic Forest. I also like that the Dragon Girls work together to defeat the Shadow Sprites who are trying to take over the Magic Forest with the Shadow Queen." - B.A.

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Patterson

"I loved this book and would LOVE to visit Terabithia! I really enjoyed that there were 2 good friends who discovered a super special secret place together and that they could only get there by swinging on a rope over the creek. It was cool that they built their own fortress in the woods and used their imaginations together; I'd love to have a secret hideout in the woods with my friends that only we know about, too!" - T.A.

Egypt by Aya Khali

"I want to visit Egypt to explore the exotic culture." - T.L.

The Troublemakers by Tamzin Merchant

"The Troublemakers is about a little girl named Cordelia Hatmaker. She is asked (by the princess) to make a Mind Changing hat so the king won't make the princess marry Prince Hector. When Cordelia finished the hat she did not notice a Turbidus Turbida seed sneak into the hat. When the king puts it on he bans all making and Cordelia was charged with treason and she, her father, and her two friends fled to St. Freerest but on the way Cordelia is kidnapped by the Troublemakers. While she is with the Troublemakers she finds out their true identity and that the admiral is committing piracy. So she goes back to London to tell everyone the truth." - A.M.

Clean Getaway by Nic Stone

"This book was about a kid and his grandma who go on a road trip across the south in an RV. I think that would be really fun. I think Scoob's G-Ma is really funny!" - E.D.

Jam, Too by JaNay Brown-Wood

"I liked all of the instruments. I liked the boy who danced at the end." - B.D.

Dork Diaries: Tales From A Not-So Posh Paris Adventure by Rachel Renée Russel

"After reading this book I wanted to go to Paris EVEN more. I love how it shows all the wonders of Paris such as the Eiffel Tower, the delicious pastries, etc." - S.B.

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park

"It was a very good book." - D.W.

A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga

"Best book ever!" - N.K.

The Pear Affair by Judith Eagle

"A fun mystery that takes you around Paris under the streets to find a missing friend and escape evil parents!" - G.P.

Magic tree house: High Tide in Hawaii by Mary Pope Osborne

"It was very adventurous!" - L.P.

Under Alaska's Midnight Sun by Deb Vanasse

"The sun stays up for 83 days long and the people and the animals of Alaska stay up all night under the midnight sun." - N.P.

Mommy's Hometown by Hope Lim

"I had fun reading this book with my mom. It was about a mom and her child going back to visit South Korea." - G.W.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

"I wanted to read this book because it is set in California and I would like to visit California." - J.W.

Heroes by Alan Gratz

"I really enjoy historical fiction, so I was excited to learn more about Pearl Harbor. Now I am going to try to convince my parents to take me to Hawaii for a fun trip (sadly my parents say it has to be educational too)." - E.H.

Sisters by Raina Telgemeier

"This book reminded me of my relationship with my sister. I have always wanted to go to California, maybe sometime I can go there with my sister." - J.H.

TEEN PICKS!

We Ship It by Lauren Kay

"*We Ship It* by Lauren Kay was a great read! The story follows 17-year-old Olivia (Liv) Schwartz from New York and her 10-day surprise cruise trip that her parents planned. Liv would rather be at home researching and making a presentation about cardiology. After she makes new friends on the cruise she finally decides to have fun. From this novel, I learned that having fun is okay because Liv used to always research cardiology and never have fun. In the end, she realized that it was okay to have fun." - P.M.

Ra, The Mighty Cat Detective by A.B. Greenfield

"I was not a fan of the book and the fact of a dung beetle and cat being friends seemed very strange to me." - M.G.

This Winter by Alice Oseman

"I thought it was such a cute book and I loved the different pov's that we don't see in the main Heartstopper graphic novels :)" - C.P.

The Beast Player by Nahoko Uehashi

"I thought it was a really good book with very interesting characters. I loved how determined the main character was to do what she thought was right, even if it put her in danger." - H.R.

Ice Dogs by Terry Lynn Johnson

“Great adventurous book about the untamed wilderness of Alaska. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to get away and go on a wild ride of ups and downs.” - M.P.

Warriors: Legends of the Clans by Erin Hunter

“It was sad at parts but the cats were awesome and I liked knowing the background of some cat I know from the other series.” - A.G.

ADULT PICKS!

Adelaide by Genevieve Wheeler

“I got this one through Book of the Month Club, and was very happy I picked it!” - E.P.

The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner

“Set in London 1700’s and present day bounces between the two settings. They intertwine to make a great story connecting past and present! I loved this book and read it in a day and a half!” - S.V.

Dry by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman

“While the story takes place in Southern California, which I would love to visit, I would not like to be there at the time of this book. This is a fictional account of what could happen if we are not careful with our resources. Southern California runs out of water, and everyone is trying to survive but many will not. Told through the eyes of teens trying to work together and survive, emotions run high and the reader cannot predict what will happen next.” - C.G.

The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley

“A good twisty thriller. There were a number of reveals I hadn't guessed by the end.” - S.G.

The Tuscan Child by Rhys Bowen

“Hugo, a wounded British pilot during WW II is forced to parachute out of his plane after it was hit by enemy fire. He lands in the small village of San Salvatore in Tuscany. He hides in a monastery where Sofia, a local woman, tries to help him heal from his wounds. Thirty years later, after he dies, his daughter Joanna finds an unopened letter addressed to Sophia among his personal belongings that leaves her with questions regarding her father's past. She sets off for Tuscany to see if she can find the answers. I enjoyed this book!” - L.S.

Before The Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

“Beautiful experiment on time and relationships.” - A.P.

The Tuscan Child by Rhys Bowen

“This novel has it all...mystery, interesting characters, relationship woes...all set in two eras with a somewhat unpredictable but satisfying ending. The historical setting is aptly described. I'm ready to visit Tuscany!” - L.P.

The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles

"I love Paris and I love books about Paris and WW2...and especially libraries! ...but this one was so slow. I was very bored and felt nothing for any of the characters." - A.G.

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

"I was hesitant at first to read some chapters from the perspective of an octopus, but it was fascinating how the author used it to connect pieces to the story." - A.R.

The Flight Risk by Macon Leigh

"A love story with a lot of twists and turns. This one really got me at the end. It starts and ends at the bottom of the Grand Canyon." - E.R.

The Guest List by Lucy Foley

"Re-read this for the second time! As someone who would love to go back to Ireland this book did not disappoint. Found new clues reading this time around and could not stop reading this page turner!" - C.G.

Pet Sematary by Stephen King

"This book is the perfect example of creepy, off the beaten path small town. Classic!" - J.G.

Echo Burning by Lee Child

"This book takes place in Texas where two of my 3 children live! I am so very anxious to visit there and explore!" - M.G-L.

The Beautiful Mystery by Louise Penny

"No outsiders are ever admitted to the monastery of Saint-Gilbert-Entre-les-Loups, hidden deep in the wilderness of Québec. Doesn't this statement entice you to go." - F.F.

Every Day in Tuscany by Frances Mayes

"I read Frances Mayes's book, *Under the Tuscan Sun*, and enjoyed every word. This book, *Every Day in Tuscany*, describes her life in a 13th century home in Tuscany complete with gardens, local shops, beautiful scenery and access to outstanding artwork, churches and culture in this beautiful area of Italy. Now I want to see it for myself!" - F.D.

Half Life by Jillian Cantor

"Explores alternative life Marie Curie may have had if she had chosen love (stay in Poland) over Science (go to Paris and study at Sorbonne)." - K.H.

Many Things Under a Rock by David Scheel

"I would love to go and see the octopuses in many of the places this scholar studied!" - E.H.

Her Darkest Nightmare by Brenda Novak

"Set in Alaska, *Her Darkest Nightmare* is about a psychiatric facility/prison for convicted serial killers. The book had a promising start, but the plot got repetitive and lost its momentum. It definitely fell short of a "thriller" as advertised." - K.D.

The Patron Saint of Second Chances by Christine Simon

"Based in a small town in Italy, this book was entertaining. It was easy to read, funny and tough to put down." - S.P.

Moshi Moshi by Yoshimoto Banana

"I've wanted to visit Japan since I was a kid. Although I have mixed feelings on the story itself, I loved the depiction of the small Tokyo prefecture where the story is set." - C.T.

The Vegetarian by Han Kang

"Set in South Korea, this is a beautifully written book." - B.W.

Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay

"The subject matter was sad given that it was about WW2 & the atrocities committed. I never knew how the French helped commit some of these until reading this book. I grabbed it because I've wanted to visit France since my 7th grade French class started. The story talks a lot about Paris & the sophistication of the city but it also goes into the state of the city during their occupation by Nazis. It was a great book." - R.B.

This Bird Has Flown by Susanna Hoffs

"This was a unique and quirky tale of a musician embarking on a new life in England. Easy read and different - great for someone who wants a book with interesting twists." - K.P.

Happy Place by Emily Henry

"I really enjoyed this one! A trip with friends to a coastal town in Maine during the summer sounds amazing. Great read with a satisfying ending." - S.M.

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"Taking place in Maine, this seaside story left me ready for a weekend getaway. The story follows a former couple as they try to navigate the yearly, week-long trip they take with their friends, all of whom believe they are still together. The story is told in two timelines - flashbacks throughout their relationship and the present day." - H.B.

One Italian Summer by Rebecca Serle

"A mother/daughter trip to Italy sounded perfect, but I was unsure about the "magical" aspect of the story. The author pulled it off beautifully! It was very touching and uplifting - and yes, I teared up. I'm also craving food, wine and seaside adventures!" - S.C.

The Bookshop of Second Chances by Jackie Fraser

"This romance makes me want to move to Scotland and work in a quaint cozy bookshop. The story follows a woman who moves to Scotland to start over and finds herself working in a second-hand bookshop with the handsome, grumpy shop owner." - K.B.

Last Love Note by Emma Grey

"Sweet romcom after grief set in Australia." - R.F.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling

"While I unfortunately cannot visit Hogwarts, I would love to visit London / England some day."
- M.S.

Ogunquit (Then and Now) by Kathryn Severson

"One of my favorite places to visit is Ogunquit, ME. It was very interesting seeing what the town looked like in the past compared to the areas we enjoy now." - B.H.

Convenience Store Woman by Sayaka Murata

"While this book was set in Japan, it only exhibited a slice of day to day life in a convenience store in this country. I enjoyed exploring the topic of how we spend so much of our time doing what we think we "should" be doing rather than what we truly want." - C.J.

Where Eagles Dare by Alistair MacLean

"It's an exciting, if not a little predictable, espionage thriller about British special forces infiltrating a Nazi stronghold in the Alps." - T.G.

The Hunter by Tana French

"I'd love to stay in rural Ireland (but preferably with less crime than in this book)." - A.G.

Dune by Frank Herbert

"I was amazed with how well thought out and explained the universe was! There was nothing predictable or boring in the plot, it kept you engaged with every twist and turn." - R.A.

Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir

"Come for the thrilling space adventure to save our sun and planet. Stay for the bromance between a high school physics teacher/astronaut and a space spider." - J.J.

Four Thousand Paws by Lee Morgan

"A must read for anyone curious about Alaska and the Iditarod." - M.C.

Dead Man's Wake by Paul Doiron

"Set in parts of Maine I've never visited, I've found every book in this Mike Bowditch series to be so engaging that I read them in a few days (they are thrillers/mysteries). In this one, Mike leaves Maine and heads to Medway, flying into and out of Franklin. That was weird and bugged me, but I still enjoyed the book and look forward to the next one, coming out soon. - M.L.

The Daughters of Block Island by Christa Carmen

"I have visited BI several times, but I would like to go back soon. Of course, this book made me think of the Island as a sinister character, so I may not be able to shake that feeling for a while. The novel was good, I kept turning pages, but some sections were overly wordy." - M.S.

Small as an Elephant by Jennifer Richard Jacobson

"As one who grew up in the northeastern part of the US, I love summers in Maine. The setting of this middle grade book is the southern coast of Maine from Bar Harbor all the way down to York. Well-written, a suspenseful page-turner, I loved how so many real places in Maine were used in this story. Reading this makes me want to visit the Maine beaches!" - P.M.