

## **Magpie**

By Elizabeth Day

Annette's Pick

*Single White Female* meets *The Perfect Nanny* in this taut suspense novel about a perfect couple and their seemingly perfect roommate— who is threatening to destroy everything they've worked hard to create.

## **Lessons In Chemistry**

By Bonnie Garmus

Susan's Pick

It's the early 60's and chemist Elizabeth Zott 's all-male team at Hastings Research Institute take an unscientific view of equality. Except for Calvin, the lonely, brilliant, Nobel nominee who falls in love with--of all things—Elizabeth's mind.

## **We Were Dreamers: an immigrant superhero origin**

By Simu Liu

Raquel's Pick

Marvel's newest recruit Simu Liu shares his inspiring story as an immigrant who has battled everything from parental expectations to cultural stereotypes, as he struggled to forge a path for himself, rising from a failed accounting career to become Shang-Chi.

## **The Red Lotus**

By Chris Bohjalian

Mary Pat's Pick

Alexis and Austin are on a romantic getaway in Vietnam when Austin vanishes. As Alexis grapples with this loss, she uncovers a series of lies that force her to wonder: Where did Austin go? Why did he really bring her to Vietnam? And how much danger has he left her in?

## **Yoga Pants Nation**

By Laurie Gelman

Natalie's Pick

Jen Dixon is used to juggling a lot, but when the PTA president throws her a mandate to raise \$10,000, unflappable Jen is going to need more than a spin class to get her through this year.

## **The Murder Rule**

By Dervla McTiernan

Dot's Pick

They think the young, idealistic law student is passionate about reforming a corrupt and brutal system. They think she wants to save an innocent man on death row. They're wrong. She's going to bury him.

## **The Wife Between Us**

Hendricks and Pekkanen

Mary Pat's Pick

When you read this book, you will assume you are reading about a jealous ex-wife, obsessed with her replacement – a beautiful, younger woman who is about to marry the man they both love. Assume nothing.



# **Waldwick Public Library**

## **Staff**

## **Picks**

## **Summer 2022**

## **The Lifeguards**

By Amanda Eyre Ward

Annette's Pick

The bonds between three picture-perfect, viciously protective mothers and their close-knit sons are tested one unforgettable summer when the boys share a secret--news that will shatter the perfect world their mothers have so painstakingly created.

## **Listening Still**

By Anne Griffin

Susan's Pick

Jeanie Masterson has a gift: she can hear the recently dead and give voice to their final wishes and revelations. Inherited from her father, this gift has enabled the family of undertakers to flourish in their small Irish town. But Jeanie is beginning to doubt the choice she made to leave school seventeen years ago, leaving her life in London and her charismatic love.

## **Hotel Nantucket**

By Elin Hilderbrand

Dot's Pick

After a tragic fire in 1922 killed 19-year-old chambermaid, Grace Hadley, The Hotel Nantucket fell into disrepair until recently purchased and renovated top to bottom by London billionaire, Xavier Darling. Xavier hires Nantucket sweetheart Lizbet Keaton as his general manager, and Lizbet, in turn, pulls together a charismatic, if inexperienced, staff who share the vision of turning the fate of the hotel around.

## **City On Fire**

By Don Winslow

Alison's Pick

Two criminal empires together control all of New England. Until a beautiful woman comes between the Irish and the Italians igniting a war that rages from the gritty streets of Providence to the glittering screens of Hollywood to the golden casinos of Las Vegas, and will leave only one standing to forge a new dynasty.

### **Pati Jinich Treasures of the Mexican Table**

By Pati Jinich

Raquel's Pick

Called the "buoyant and brainy Mexican cooking authority" Pati Jinich brings the treasures of the Mexican culinary world to life in this beautiful cookbook.

### **Barefoot**

By Elin Hilderbrand

Natlie's Pick

Visiting Nantucket for the summer, three women cope with the challenges in their lives--from marriage, infidelity, motherhood, scandal, tragedy, and illness when into their world steps twenty-two-year-old Josh Flynn. Will Josh be the cure to all their problems?

### **The Last Cuentista**

By Donna Barba Higuera

Kristen's Pick

When Earth is hit by a comet, Petra and her family are chosen to escape to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to this new planet – and the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth. A sinister Collective has taken over the ship during its journey, bent on erasing the sins of humanity's past.

### **Nine Lives**

By Peter Swanson

Lori's Pick

Nine strangers receive a list with their names on it in the mail. Nothing else, just a list of names on a single sheet of paper. None of the nine people know or have ever met the others on the list. They dismiss it as junk mail, a fluke—until very, very bad things begin happening to people on the list.

### **Cleanness**

By Garth Greenwell

Alexander's Pick

Bulgaria stirs with hope and upheaval. Soviet buildings crumble and political protesters flood the streets with song. In this atmosphere of disquiet, an American teacher navigates a life transformed by the discovery and loss of love. As he prepares to leave the place he's come to call home, he grapples with the intimate encounters that have marked his years abroad, each bearing uncanny reminders of his past.

### **Sister Stardust**

By Jane Green

Alison's Pick

From afar, Talitha's life seemed perfect. In her twenties, and already a famous model and actress, she moved from London to a palace in Marrakesh, with her husband Paul Getty, the famous oil heir. But beneath Talitha's glamourous facade lurks a darkness few can understand.

### **Mirror Made of Rain**

By Naheed Phiroze Patel

Kristen's Pick

Noomi, a successful, modern woman and journalist in Mumbai falls in love with Veer, who appreciates her for who she is. When they decide to marry, Noomi must observe a host of patriarchal wedding rituals at the behest of her in-laws and soon realizes that her worst fears have come to pass.

### **The Maid**

By Nita Prose

Pat's Pick

In a fancy hotel, a guest lies dead, and the main suspect is Molly, a maid struggling with social skills whose devotion to her work is matched only by her love for her deceased grandmother. Let the locked-room hijinks begin in this heartwarming journey of the spirit!

### **Verity**

By Colleen Hoover

Lori's Pick

Lowen is a struggling writer on the brink of ruin when she accepts a job ghostwriting for bestselling author Verity Crawford. She discovers one of Verity's unpublished manuscripts revealing bone-chilling admissions, including Verity's recollection of the night her family was forever altered.

### **Teacher Man**

By Frank McCourt

Loretta's Pick

Featuring his irreverent wit and compelling honesty, McCourt records the trials, triumphs and surprises he faced in the classroom. Teacher Man shows McCourt developing his unparalleled ability to tell a great story as he worked to gain the attention and respect of unruly, hormonally charged or indifferent adolescents.

### **Last House On the Street**

By Diane Chamberlain

Pat's Pick

When Kayla's husband dies in an accident while building their dream house, she knows she has to stay strong for their daughter. But the trophy home in Shadow Ridge, a development in Round Hill, NC will always hold tragic memories. When she is confronted by an odd woman telling her not to move in, she almost agrees.

### **A Hundred Lovers: a book of poetry**

By Richie Hoffman

Alexander's Pick

A book of love poems that consciously and subversively hearken back to Shakespeare's sonnets, marking Hofmann's position as one of our necessary poets of erotic desire. These short lyrics come together in their discussion of geography, painting, sculpture, and classical music as if to say that love (that queer love!) is indeed as immortal as a poem.