

NANOOSE LIBRARY NEW BOOK SYNOPSES - MAY 2021

FICTION

David Baldacci

A gambling man

The 1950s are on the horizon and Archer is in dire need of a fresh start. So he hops on a bus to California. Along the way, he stops in Reno, where fortune delivers him a wad of cash, a 1939 convertible and a new travelling companion. Archer's first stop is a P.I. office where he is hoping to apprentice with a legendary private eye and former FBI agent named Willie Dash. He lands the job, and immediately finds himself in the thick of a potential scandal: a blackmail case involving a wealthy well-connected politician running for mayor that soon spins into something even more sinister.

Harlan Coben

Win

Over twenty years ago, the heiress Patricia Lockwood was abducted during a robbery of her family's estate, then locked inside an isolated cabin for months. Patricia escaped, but so did her captors and the stolen items were never recovered. Until now. On the Upper West Side, a recluse is found murdered in his penthouse apartment, alongside two objects of note: a stolen Vermeer painting and a leather suitcase bearing the initials WHL3. For the first time in years, the authorities have a lead.

Francesca Ekwuyasi

Butter honey pig bread

Spanning three continents, the book tells the interconnected stories of three Nigerian women: Kambirinachi and her twin daughters, Kehinde and Taiye. Kambirinachi believes that she is an Ogbanje, or an Abiku, a non-human spirit that plagues a family with misfortune by being born and then dying in childhood to cause a human mother misery. She has made the unnatural choice of staying alive to love her human family but lives in fear of the consequences of her decision.

John Grisham

Sooley

17 year old Samuel Sooleymon gets the chance of a lifetime: a trip to the United States with his South Sudanese teammates to play in a showcase basketball tournament. He has never been away from home. The opportunity to be scouted by dozens of college coaches is a dream come true. During the tournament, Samuel receives devastating news from home: civil war is raging across South Sudan, and rebel troops have ransacked his village. His father is dead, his sister is missing, and his mother and two younger brothers are in a refugee camp. Samuel desperately wants to go home, but it's just not possible.

Mick Herron

Down Cemetery Road

When a house explodes in a quiet Oxford suburb and a young girl disappears in the aftermath, Sarah Tucker, a young married woman, bored with domestic life, becomes obsessed with finding her. Accustomed to dull chores in a childless household and hosting her husband's wearisome business clients for dinner, Sarah suddenly finds herself questioning everything she thought she knew, as her investigation reveals that people long believed dead are still among the living, while the living are fast joining the dead.

Carl Hiaasen

Squeeze me

The book is set among the landed gentry of Palm Beach. A prominent high-society matron has gone missing at a swank gala. When the wealthy dowager, Kiki Pew Fitzsimmons, is later found

dead in a concrete grave, panic and chaos erupt. The President immediately declares that Kiki Pew was the victim of rampaging immigrant hordes. This, as it turns out, is far from the truth.

Darby Kane ***Pretty little wife***

Lila Ridgefield lives in an idyllic college town, but not everything is what it seems. A student vanished months ago. Now, Lila's husband, Aaron, is also missing. At first these cases are treated as horrible coincidences until it's discovered the student is really the third of three unexplained disappearances over the last few years. The police are desperate to find the connection.

William Kent Krueger ***This tender land***

In the summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River, the Lincoln Indian Training School is a pitiless place where Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, are sent to be educated. It is also home to orphans Odie and Albert O'Banion, the only white faces among the hundreds of Native American children at the school. After committing a terrible crime, Odie and Albert are forced to flee for their lives along with their best friend, Mose, a mute young man of Sioux heritage. Out of pity, they also take with them a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy. Together, they steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi in search for a place to call home.

Clare Mackintosh ***After the end***

Max and Pip are the strongest couple you know. They're best friends, lovers, unshakable. But then their son gets sick and the doctors put the question of his survival into their hands. For the first time, Max and Pip can't agree. They each want a different future for their son. What if they could have both?

Debbie Macomber ***A walk along the beach***

The Lakey sisters are perfect opposites. After their mother died and their father was lost in grief, Willa had no choice but to raise her sister, Harper, and their brother, Lucas. Then, as an adult, she put her own life on hold to nurse Harper through a terrifying illness. Now that Harper is better, Willa has realized her dream of running her own bakery and coffee shop in her home town. Harper, having overcome her illness, does not intend to waste her new lease on life. However, when she announces her plan to summit Mount Rainier, Willa fears she may be pushing herself too far.

James Patterson ***The red book***

For Detective Billy Harney, the newest member of Chicago PD's elite strike force, Special Operations Section, getting shot in the head, stalked by a state's attorney, and accused of murder by his fellow cops is all part of breaking a case. So when a drive-by shooting on the Chicago's west side turns political, he leads the way to a quick solve.

NON-FICTION

Mark Carney ***Value(s): building a better world for all***

As an economist and former banker, Carney has spent his life in various financial roles, in both the public and private sector. He examines the short-comings and challenges of the market in the past decade which he argues has led to rampant, public distrust and the need for radical change.

Focusing on four major global crises: finance, health, climate change and the 4th industrial revolution, Carney proposes tangible action plans for leaders, companies and countries to transform the value of the market back into the value of humanity.

Angel Rafael Colon ***Tincture of time: a concise history of medicine***

The book surveys the forces that shaped the evolution of Western medicine. The study progresses chronologically in its examination of ancient medical practices, the classical period, Byzantium, Arabic and monastic medieval medicine, annihilating epidemics and plagues, the Renaissance and the Enlightenment periods, hospital centred 19th century medicine, women in medicine and the spectacular advances of 20th century medicine.

Alexandra Morton ***Not on my watch: how a renegade whale biologist took on Governments and industry to save wild salmon***

Alexandra Morton came from California in the early 1980s, following her first love, the northern resident orca. In remote Echo Bay, in the Broughton Archipelago, she found the perfect place to settle into all she had ever dreamed of: a lifetime of observing these mammals. Then, in 1989, industrial aquaculture moved into the region, chasing the whales away. Her fisherman neighbours asked her if she would write letters on their behalf to government explaining the damage the farms were doing to the fisheries. Soon Alex had shifted her scientific focus to documenting the infectious diseases and parasites that pour from the ocean farm pens of Atlantic salmon into the migration routes of wild Pacific salmon, and then to proving their disastrous impact on wild salmon and the entire ecosystem of the coast.

Dr. Bruce Perry ***What happened to you?: conversations on trauma,***
Oprah Winfrey ***resilience, and healing***

Through deeply personal conversations, Oprah Winfrey and renowned brain and trauma expert Dr. Bruce Perry offer a groundbreaking shift from asking “What’s wrong with you?” to “What happened to you?” Our earliest experiences shape our lives far down the road, and this book provides powerful scientific and emotional insights into the behavioural patterns so many of us struggle to understand.

Sharon Stone ***The beauty of living twice***

Actress Sharon Stone suffered a massive stroke that cost her not only her health, but her career, family, fortune, and global fame. The book chronicles her efforts to rebuild her life and about her slow road back to wholeness and health. In a business that doesn’t accept failure, in a world where too many voices are silenced, Stone found the power to return, the courage to speak up, and the will to make a difference in the lives of men, women, and children around the globe.