

2016 Staff Recommendations

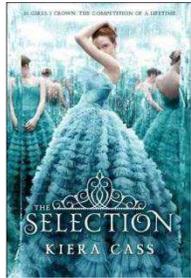
From new books to classics and those in-between – these are the titles that the Brown Deer Library staff loved reading this year.

Harry Potter (series)

By J.K. Rowling

MS ROWLING

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.



The Selection

By Kiera Cass

YA CASS

America Singer is chosen to compete in the Selection--a contest to see which girl can win the heart of Illea's prince--but all she really wants is a

chance for a future with her secret love, Aspen, who is a caste below her.

The Hunger Games

By Suzanne Collins

YA COLLINS

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

Sweet

By Emmy Laybourne

YA LAYBOURNE

The luxurious celebrity cruise launching the trendy new diet sweetener Solu should be the vacation of a lifetime. It takes a horrifyingly wrong turn when the gig becomes an expose on the shocking side effects of Solu.

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

By Ransom Riggs

YA RIGGS

After a family tragedy, Jacob feels compelled to explore an abandoned orphanage on an island off the coast of Wales, discovering disturbing facts about the children who were kept there.

Shades of Grey: the road to High Saffron

By Jasper Fforde

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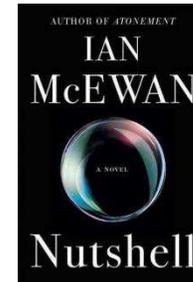
Welcome to Chromatacia, where the societal hierarchy is strictly regulated by one's limited color perception. And Eddie Russet wants to move up. But his plans to leverage his better-than-average red perception and marry into a powerful family are quickly upended. Juggling inviolable rules, sneaky Yellows, and a risky friendship with an intriguing Grey named Jane who shows Eddie that the apparent peace of his world is as much an illusion as color itself, Eddie finds he must reckon with the cruel regime behind this gaily painted façade.

Nutshell: A Novel

By Ian McEwan

F McEWAN Ian

Trudy has betrayed her husband, John. She's still in the marital home--a dilapidated, priceless London townhouse--but John's not here. Instead, she's with his brother, the profoundly banal Claude, and the two of them have a plan. But there is a witness to their plot: the inquisitive, nine-month-old resident of Trudy's womb.



A Darker Shade of Magic

By V. E. Schwab

F SCHWAB Victoria

Kell is one of the last Travelers--magicians with a rare, coveted ability to travel between parallel universes--as such, he can choose where he lands. Officially, Kell is the Red Traveler, personal ambassador and adopted Prince of Red London, carrying the monthly correspondences between the royals of each London. Unofficially, Kell is a smuggler, servicing people willing to pay for even the smallest glimpses of a world they'll never see--a dangerous hobby, and one that has set him up for accidental treason.

American Vampire. [1]

By Scott Snyder

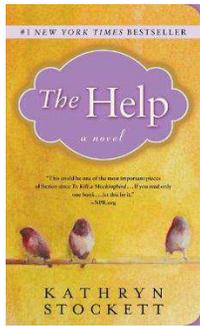
A GRAPHIC SNYDER

A new vampire for a new century. Cunning, ruthless, and rattlesnake mean, Skinner Sweet has a reputation for cussedness as long as he is ornery. As the first vampire conceived on American soil, however, he's not your usual creature of the night.

The Help

By Kathryn Stockett

F STOCKETT



In Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, there are lines that are not crossed. With the civil rights movement exploding all around them, three women start a movement of their own, forever changing a town and the way women--

black and white, mothers and daughters-- view one another.

Cutting for Stone

By Abraham Verghese

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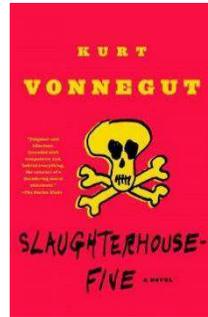
Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution.

Slaughterhouse-five

By Kurt Vonnegut

F VONNEGUT

Slaughterhouse-Five, an American classic, is one of the world's great antiwar books. Centering on the infamous firebombing of Dresden, Billy Pilgrim's odyssey through time reflects the mythic journey of our own fractured lives as we search for meaning in what we fear most.



Beyond Belief : my secret life inside Scientology and my harrowing escape

By Jenna Miscavige Hill with Lisa Pulitzer

299.936 HIL

The niece of controversial Scientology leader David Miscavige presents a tell-all memoir about her life in the Church of Scientology.

Outliers : the story of success

By Malcolm Gladwell

302 GLA

The best-selling author of *Blink* identifies the qualities of successful people, posing theories about the cultural, family, and idiosyncratic factors that shape high achievers, in a resource that covers such topics as the secrets of software billionaires, why certain cultures are associated with better academic performance, and why the Beatles earned their fame.

UnSlut: A Diary and a Memoir

By Emily Lindin

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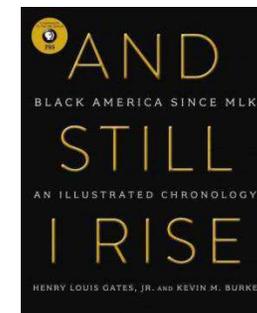
The author revisits her middle school diary, commenting on her experiences with bullying, crushes, popular culture, and what it means to be labeled a "slut."

And Still I Rise: Black America since MLK

By Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

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Beginning with the assassination of Malcolm X in February 1965, *And Still I Rise*: From Black Power to the White House explores the last half-century of the African American experience. More than fifty years after the passage of the Civil Rights Act and the birth of Black Power, the United States has both a Black president and Black CEOs



running Fortune 500 companies-- and a large Black underclass beset by persistent poverty, inadequate education, and an epidemic of incarceration. Harvard professor and scholar

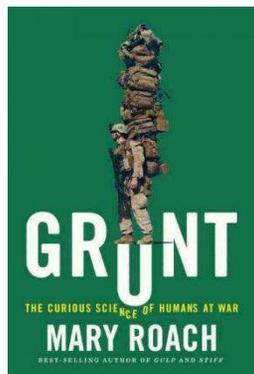
Henry Louis Gates, Jr. raises disturbing and vital questions about this dichotomy. How did the African American community end up encompassing such profound contradictions? And what will "the Black community" mean tomorrow?

Grunt: the curious science of humans at war

By Mary Roach

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Grunt' tackles the science behind some of a soldier's most challenging adversaries --



panic, exhaustion, heat, noise -- and introduces us to the scientists who seek to conquer them. And why is DARPA interested in ducks? How is a wedding gown like a bomb suit? Why are shrimp more dangerous to sailors than sharks? Take a tour

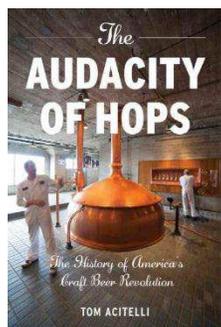
of duty with Roach, and you'll never see our nations defenders in the same way again.

The Audacity of Hops : the history of America's craft beer revolution

By Tom Acitelli

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Charting the birth and growth of craft beer across the United States, Tom Acitelli offers an epic, story-driven account of one of the most inspiring and surprising American grassroots movements. In 1975, there was a



single craft brewery in the United States; today there are more than 2,000. Now this once-fledgling movement has become ubiquitous nationwide--there's even a honey ale brewed at the White House. This book not only

tells the stories of the major figures and

businesses within the movement, but it also ties in the movement with larger American culinary developments. It also charts the explosion of the mass-market craft beer culture, including magazines, festivals, home brewing, and more. This entertaining and informative history brims with charming, remarkable stories, which together weave a very American business tale of formidable odds and refreshing success.

The Checklist Manifesto: how to get things right

By Atul Gawande

658.45 GAW

Reveals the surprising power of the ordinary checklist now being used in medicine, aviation, the armed services, homeland security, investment banking, skyscraper construction, and businesses of all kinds.

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes : & other lessons from the crematory

By Caitlin Doughty

921 DOUGHTY Caitlin

The blogger behind the popular Web series Ask a Mortician describes her experiences working at a crematory, including how she sometimes got ashes on her clothes and how she cared for bodies of all shapes and sizes.

Born a Crime : stories from a South African childhood

By Trevor Noah.

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Noah's path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Born to a white Swiss

father and a black Xhosa mother, at the time such a union was punishable by five years in prison. As he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist, his mother is determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life. With an incisive wit and unflinching honesty, Noah weaves together a moving yet searingly funny portrait of a boy making his way through a damaged world in a dangerous time.

In Order to Live: a North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom

By Yeonmi Park with Maryanne Vollers.

951.93 PAR

Park has told the harrowing story of her



escape from North Korea as a child many times, but never before [now] has she revealed the most intimate and devastating details of the repressive society she was raised in and the enormous price she paid to escape.

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