

April Staff Picks

Eileen



***Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova**

Richard lives for his career as an internationally known concert pianist. His ex-wife Karina blames him for her own stunted musical career. Then Richard is diagnosed with ALS and there's only one person willing to care for him as his disease worsens - Karina. The author, Lisa Genova, is a Harvard-educated doctor of neuroscience and has done her research. What I like best about her books, however, are the deeply real characters.

Sarah

***Passengers* (DVD) featuring Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt**



Jim and Aurora awaken 90 years out from the slated arrival date when the hibernation pods malfunction on their spaceship which is transporting 5,000 passengers to a new home on another planet. Both Jim and Aurora face the unfathomable likelihood of living out their lives as the only two humans awake on the ship unless they can fix the ship, save their fellow passengers, and save themselves. This is a taut psychological thriller with a bit of romance and it successfully plays with the old question: who you would want to be stranded on a desert island with? Grab your popcorn and the edge of your seat because this is a wild ride!

Cheryl

***Breaking Wild* by Diane Les Becquets**

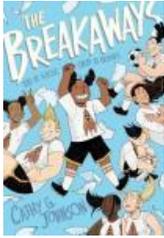


Local author Diane Les Becquets (SNHU) writes a complex story of survival as Amy Raye Latour, a skilled hunter, wife and mother, sets out for a weekend wilderness getaway in the remote and rugged terrain of Colorado. When Amy disappears and does not return to camp her companions notify the local authorities. Ranger Pru Hathaway and her dog Kono begin a missing person search. With winter snowstorms setting in and few leads, the search takes us on a journey of sheer endurance, persistence and skilled determination.

Although adventure thrillers are not typically my kind of book, I found myself “reading fast”! Admittedly hunting details slowed me down, but the suspense and urgency of the search kept me anxiously turning pages!

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Kelly H.



***The Breakaways* by Cathy G. Johnson**

Middle school soccer player Faith has been recruited to join her school's C Level soccer team; The Bloodhounds. She hopes to play the sport she loves alongside a like-minded team, and bring home some wins but not all goes as planned. Faith is one of the youngest players on the team that consists of players whose minds couldn't be further from their sport. Sodacan and Marie who just wanna rock out, talented Jalissa and coach's daughter Huong, bratty and boy-obsessed Bulldog and Warthog, sturdy goalie Yarelis, brave Sammy, the bullied V, and a distant girl named Zoe make up the team of misfits. Despite their commitment to the team, the members of the group each have their own struggles. Boy troubles, grades, fading friendships, new passions, gender and sexuality struggles, anger issues, and young love remain on the players' minds on and off the field. Even Faith, committed player and good sport, lets her mind drift away to a fantasy land she's created in which she travels with medieval messenger Mathilda. This book begs the question; is teamwork really the only thing that matters?

Kelly R.

***Victoria & Abdul* (DVD) featuring Judi Dench and Ali Fazal**



Victoria and Abdul tells the true story of a very unusual friendship between Queen Victoria and a visiting young clerk from India. Abdul, not truly understanding royal protocol and with innocent honesty, endears himself to the aging monarch. Victoria begins to rely on Abdul's counsel a bit too much in the eyes of her inner circle of royal staff and family members and they set out to put an end to Abdul's access to their queen. A very well done period film that gave a wonderful look into the daily life of Queen Victoria and who can go wrong with Dame Judi Dench in the starring role?

Katherine

This is Katherine's last staff pick with BPL!

She is leaving us after many years of service.

Stop in to wish her farewell before the end of April.

We will miss her!



***So Far So Good: Final Poems: 2014-2018* by Ursula K. LeGuin**

Poetry – I haven't historically been much of a poetry reader. I haven't (quite) gotten the point. Sometimes, I almost get the point. Here, I definitely got it. After this, maybe, I'll be a lot more into poetry. It shows the magic of words and how they can play together. Le Guin will be missed.