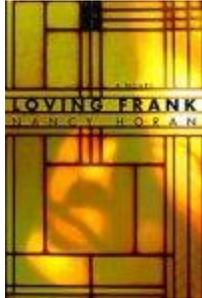


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Eileen

***Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan**

I liked it so much, I read it twice! What was it about Frank Lloyd Wright that made Mamah Borthwick Cheney abandon her husband, 2 children, and her literary ambitions? What was it about her that made him abandon his 20 year marriage and 6 children? And did it make them happy? I truly enjoy these sneak peeks into fictionalized versions of famous people from history.

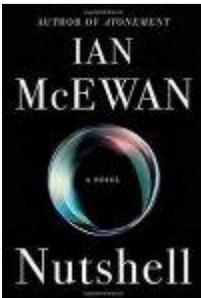
For fans of Paula McLain, Melanie Benjamin, and Marie Benedict.



Katherine

***Six Wakes* by Mur Lafferty**

It's a classic closed-room murder mystery.... in space! With clones! A wonderful blend of two very different genres, and not like anything I've read before. If you like Poirot and Star Trek, you might like this. Or if you want something fun, intelligent, and different.



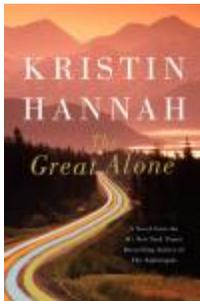
Sarah

***Nutshell* by Ian McEwan**

An unborn child overhears a secret plot between his adulterous mother and his uncle, but being unborn what can he do? In the meantime he becomes a connoisseur of fine wine, continues to listen in on his mother's daily life, ruminates on his fate and the powers he has to alter it, starts to develop opinions about his duplicitous relatives, and begins to plot. Ian McEwan nails this ingenious riff on Shakespeare's Hamlet and while the tone is dark, it is leavened with plenty of tongue-in-cheek

humor. Absurd and brilliant and unlike anything I have read.

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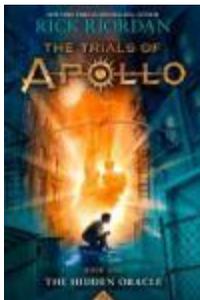


Cheryl

***The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah**

This book takes you to remote regions of Alaska when a Vietnam veteran impulsively moves his family to a property left to him by a fallen comrade. It is not a gentle book – war is not gentle, and the Allbrights, Cora, Ernt, and thirteen year old daughter Leni turn to Alaska to escape the brokenness of their world. As the family arrives in Alaska unprepared for living rough, Ernt continues to plummet into the darkness of PTSD.

This is a story of survival of family, and of a love that is never free from the emotional scars of war.



Kelly

***The Trials Of Apollo: The Hidden Oracle* by Rick Riordan**

Apollo is known as the Greek god of music, archery, the sun, medicine... what can't this guy do? In the eyes of his godly father, Zeus, the one thing he can't do is behave. In this novel, the multifaceted god is kicked from his immortal home on Mount Olympus and into the world of mortals after he betrays his father one too many times. The once handsome, brave, talented (need I go on) god is sentenced to life as a curly-haired, acne-faced teenager named Lester Papadopoulos. He concludes that he

must find a way to gain back his father's love, so he sparks up a partnership with the powerful street rat Meg McCaffrey and sets his sights on Camp Half-Blood. After his perilous journey, (featuring meeting his own children and fighting giant ants), he discovers that campers have been disappearing. Lester decides to take it upon himself to save them from their captor; the vicious immortal, Emperor Nero.