

# FRIENDS NEWS



## 2016 SUMMER READING

Some likes, some dislikes, and a couple of grumbles made up this year's Adult Summer Reading Review. The final count was over 500 reviews, 20 pages of writing, and lots of variety. With very minor editing, we present:

Excellent book about the Kennedy family, and the one person in that family that most of us know extremely little about. This is the first time I've read a Kennedy biography that talks at length about the childhoods of the Kennedy children--and the reasons why certain decisions were made. It makes me want to learn more about Eunice Kennedy Shriver and her work with the Special Olympics. **Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter** by Kate Clifford Larson

I became interested in this book after hearing an NPR report about Liberia and the courageous women who were waging their own non-violent protest against the decade of civil war there. An amazing story about new and innovative ways to speak out for peace in war-ravaged areas. Highly recommended. **Mighty Be Our Powers: How Sisterhood, Prayer and Sex Changed a Nation at War** by Leymah Gbowee

Sheriff Joanna Brady's 13-year-old daughter is one of two Girl Scouts to find a dead body. When other bodies start to turn up and crime rises, the other girl seems to be the key to unraveling the whole thing. A good read--just like all of Jance's Joanna Brady series. **Paradise Lost** by J. A. Jance

This book is full of stories I've never seen or heard elsewhere, a great read. **Haints, Witches and Boogers** by Charles Edwin Price

If you are a legal thriller fan, then this

is a good one. It's not crazy suspenseful, but does have some twists and turns. **The Summons** by John Grisham

This book is a sort-of sequel to "My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry." It tells the story of what happens next in one of the character's lives. It's a story that shows that everyone has worth and can make a difference in others' lives. **Britt-Marie Was Here** by Fredrik Bachman

This book was on author John Green's list of "18 Great Books You Probably Haven't Read." And, of course, the book is about the Carter Family, the Bristol Sessions, and the history of East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. It was amazing. **Will You Miss Me When I'm Gone: The Carter Family and their Legacy In American Music** by Mark Zwonitzer and Charles Hirshberg

A well-researched, sympathetic, yet realistic portrait of John Henry Holliday. The novel's main focus is on Holliday's stay in Dodge City and his burgeoning friendship with a group of brothers, the Earps. It's still early days and the reader may be tempted to forget historical fact - that he died young of tuberculosis, never escaping those 30 odd seconds in Tombstone making it a bittersweet read. **Doc: A Novel** by Mary Doria Russell

A simple, but pleasant beach read for fans of TMZ or gossip magazines. **Movie Star: A Novel By Lizzie Pepper** by Hilary Liftin

This book is a fun read. It intertwines two different stories together in a way that ties the book together. It's a must read. **The Longest Ride** by Nicholas Sparks

Rogue Lawyer tells the story of Sebastian Rudd, a lawyer who is unconventional to say the least.

Sebastian's clients are some of the most undesirable people in town. I found the book to be entertaining and enjoyable to read. Some of the plot (an escape from death row) was a little far fetched, but interesting none the less. I recommend Rogue Lawyer! **Rogue Lawyer** by John Grisham

This is a very special book for anyone who has ever lost a special pet. The author shows us that it is alright to grieve for a special animal friend in any way we wish and for as long as we wish. It does not matter whether the animal is furry, feathered or even has fins or scales. Any animal can be special to someone who loves it. **Tears In The Lilies** by Teresa Ann Winton

An excellent collection of graphic short stories, centered around the idea of flight. **Flight Volume One** by Kazu Kibuishi

A graphic novel, illustrating glimpses of billions of years of history in one small spot, just (for many years, anyway) a corner of one room - showing how our lives are part of a very long, beautiful story. **Here** by Richard McGuire

Abby's best friend Gretchen is possessed by a demon. (As if high school wasn't difficult enough.) Wonderful horror story. **My Best Friend's Exorcism** by Grady Hendrix

A wickedly unique retelling of Snow White's fairy tale - one most definitely not for children. Excellent for fans of the t.v. show Once Upon a Time. **Poison** by Sarah Pinborough

Echo Park is an exciting book, which features a character named Harry Bosch. Bosch is a veteran detective who has been searching for answers on a case that began thirteen years ago. Echo Park is full of suspense, twists, and turns that

keep you guessing the entire way. **Echo Park** by Michael Connelly

No. Just. No. Did McMurtry need money in a hurry? I had to push myself to finish it - thinking that it would get better after every page. \*Spoiler Alert\* It doesn't. **The Last Kind Words Saloon** by Larry McMurtry

I love this play! It is so romantic and truly tells a story of love. **Romeo and Juliet** by William Shakespeare

This is a wonderful novel full of old fashioned love and romance. It proves that romance stories do not have to be full of sex and violence. You will find that it is a hard book to put down, in fact, I read over half of it the first night. **Two Tears of a Heart** by Teresa Ann Winton

An absolutely gorgeous retelling of ancient Norse mythology, from Loki's point of view. Highly recommended for fans of Norse mythology, those who like fairy tales retold, and those who enjoyed reading John Gardner's Grendel. **The Gospel of Loki** by Joanne M. Harris

Nowhere near the standard set by the first book in the series, Child 44. This sequel had a lot of action and suspense, but not as much mystery or detective work. **The Secret Speech** by Tom Rob Smith

An amazing journey through time and technology of this road. **Apache Trail** by Richard L. Powers

The book alternates chapters on philosophical theory and dialogues with Plato in a contemporary setting. It emphasizes Plato's thought process more than any philosophical theories or conclusions attributed to him. The book is a relevant challenge to anyone who thinks philosophy is irrelevant or lacks application to the modern world. **Plato at the Googleplex** by Rebecca Newberger Goldstein

### **FRIENDS BOOK SALE!**

The landscape is beginning to turn and our shelves are overflowing with many wonderful books in need of new hands and eyes. October is perfect for stocking up on murder and mayhem. Hardbacks are \$3.00. Paperbacks are \$1.00. The FOL bags are \$20.00.

**What: Friends of the Johnson City Public Library Fall Book Sale**

**When: Saturday, October 15**

**Where: Johnson City Public Library, Jones Meeting Rooms**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for the general public**

**Special Preview: Friday night, October 14, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for FOL members** Bring your membership card for admittance to the preview. If you can't find your card, we will have a members list at the door. If your membership has expired, you can renew it at the sale. Funds raised by the FOL book sales are devoted to support of your local library.

### **2015-16 STATISTICS**

The past fiscal year activity at the JCPL was again astounding. Unique visits through the door: 250,849. Items checked out: 527,498. READS selections: 84,587. Ancestry.com visits: 18,845. Youth program attendance: 31,235. Congratulations to the staff and volunteers of the library for another banner year.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDER**

for another "Library After Hours" event for Friday, November 11, 7-9:30 p.m.

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