

BOOKMARKS

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Drumroll please...

Mary's Favorite Books read in 2014

ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE by Anthony Doerr
An amazing novel about a blind Parisian girl and a young German soldier whose lives intersect at the time of the Allied bombardment of Saint-Malo, France in 1944. 27.00

THE GOLEM AND THE JINNI by Helene Wecker
A creature of clay and a creature of fire live in 1899 in New York City. They try to pass as humans, denying their true natures. 15.99

THE SECRET ROOMS by Catherine Bailey
A true story of a haunted castle, a plotting duchess and a family secret 16.00

LIFE AFTER LIFE by Kate Atkinson
Kind of a cross between the book *The Time Traveler's Wife* and the movie *Groundhog Day*, this novel set during the World War II years explores what ifs. 18.00

ARCADIA by Lauren Groff
A beautifully written novel about a man, who grew up on a commune, saw its creation and demise and the effects this unusual upbringing had on the rest of his life. 16.00

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE HARRY QUEBERT AFFAIR by Joel Dicker
A thriller about a writer, his protégé, and the disappearance of a fifteen year old. It has numerous and amazing plot twists. 18.00

THE BOYS IN THE BOAT by Daniel James Brown
The real story of the University of Washington crew team who won the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. 17.00

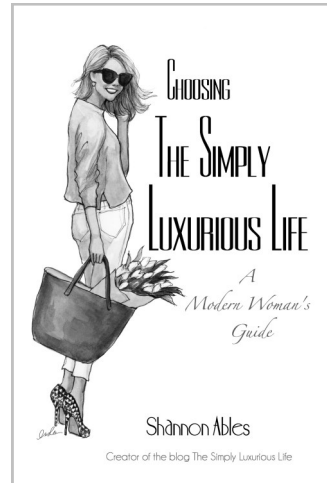
GEMINI by Carol Cassella
A novel set in the Pacific Northwest that is a medical thriller as well as an examination of moral and ethical dilemma. (See review below) 15.99

THE GLASS SENTENCE by S.E. Grove
In a world where time and space have become separated, a young girl and her "cartologist" uncle set out to rescue her parents. 17.99

EGG & SPOON by Gregory Maguire
Combining elements of the Russian folk tale, Baba Yaga and *The Prince and the Pauper*, this delightful and funny novel looks at how much bounty the world contains and why we choose to share or withhold. 17.99

BOOK SIGNING

with Shannon Ables, author of
Choosing the Simply Luxurious Life
Saturday, March 28th from 1 to 3PM



Don't miss this celebration for Enterprise High School graduate, Shannon Ables who has written a modern woman's guide to living a satisfying, fulfilling and yes, luxurious life. She proposes that women take charge of their lives and make wise decisions based on their true desires and not on what the media, modern culture or even family thinks. By becoming clear and selective about goals, and self-reliant

in working toward these goals, a luxurious quality of life can be attained without necessarily having a wealthy income.

Shannon has been blogging about her ideas since 2009 and offers specific and helpful advice on everything from designing a life of purpose, maintaining a healthy mind and body, building relationships, creating a signature style, designing a comfortable home, traveling in comfort and style, to discovering simple daily pleasures.

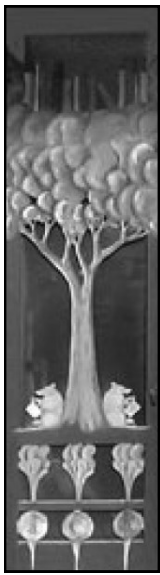
I wish someone had given me a book like this 30 years ago and will be sending it to all five of my nieces! It is perfect for any modern woman seeking advice on how to curate the life of her dreams. 19.95

Good reads now in paperback

FLORA AND ULYSSES by Kate DiCamillo
Not only was this one of my top 10 books from 2013, but it won the Newbery award for children's literature. It is a charming story of a young girl and a squirrel with magical powers. 8.99

ASTORIA: ASTOR AND JEFFERSON'S LOST PACIFIC EMPIRE, A TALE OF AMBITION AND SURVIVAL ON THE EARLY AMERICAN FRONTIER by Peter Stark
This history of high adventure and incredible hardship tells of the explorations of two parties who set out in 1810 to settle the wild, unclaimed western coast of North America. 15.99

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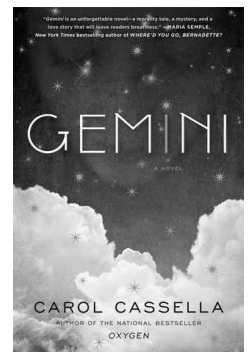
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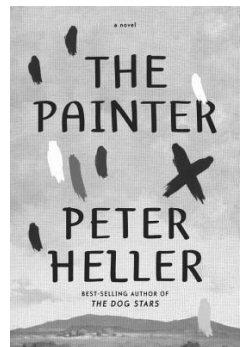
GEMINI by Carol Cassella

Dr. Charlotte Reese works in the intensive care unit of a hospital in Seattle. One night a “Jane Doe” patient in dire condition is flown in from the Olympic peninsula. She is a hit-and-run victim and while the police try to figure out her identity and who hit her, her medical condition deteriorates. Days go by with no more information about the crime and oddly no one has come forth to identify her. As Dr. Reese continues to treat “Jane”, she starts to lose her professional distance from the case. When she enlists the help of her boyfriend, a medical journalist, her life and the patient’s become even more entwined. This was a great read, both as a medical thriller and as an interesting look at moral and ethical dilemmas. 15.99



THE PAINTER by Peter Heller

Much like his previous book, *The Dog Stars*, Heller has written a novel that delves deeply into the soul of a man who is trying to find his way through a difficult life. Jim Stegner is an artist and a fisherman who relates equally well to a beautifully crafted poem as he does to harsh acts of violence. His life has been full of losses and he is angry. While he can lose himself in the creative process of painting or casting for fish on a mountain stream, he can also lose himself in anger that he lets “wash through me like warmed oil...I moved smoother, cleaner than I had in weeks”. This contrast between the artist and the out-of-control man forms the narrative tension of the novel. It is a fine balance that he must maintain between the creativity this fire inspires and the horrific results of his violent acts. The novel likewise shifts from lovely, peaceful descriptions of landscape to page-turning tension as the actions escalate. There are interesting shifts between the heat of his rage and the cool waters where he fishes. Which is the source of his artistic outpourings? Though not for everyone, this powerful book was thought-provoking and would inspire great discussions on not only violence, but also art, passion and choice. Are our lives predestined by our life circumstances or do we make choices based on those life events? 15.95



Books of local interest

We now have two pamphlets by Arnold Schaeffer of Wallowa, former owner of Lapover Pack Station. Each booklet contains one of his stories about his many experiences. ***OL’ MACK THE INCREDIBLE MULE*** and ***A RIDE INTO THE PROMISED LAND OF WALLOWA COUNTY*** are 5.00 each.

BOUND FOR THE BACKCOUNTRY II by Richard Holm

This author wrote a book a few years ago about the history of Idaho’s remote airstrips, also called *Bound for the Backcountry*. But the new volume is all about our area: the Wallowas, Hells Canyon and the Lower Salmon River. Beside all of the information about the airstrips and their construction, the book contains lots of pictures and stories about homesteaders, ranchers, hunters, river rafters, and hikers. 29.95