

Library Corner

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The best books I haven't read

I have a list of books, as I'm sure many of you do, of books people have strongly recommended but I never got around to reading.

I thought I would share my list with you, and hopefully motivate myself to read some of the titles, and motivate you to read some of the books on your list.

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Charbonnet Zevin.

Several people have told me I absolutely must read this book, so it's high on my list.

"When his most prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, is stolen, bookstore owner A.J. Fikry begins isolating himself from his friends, family and associates before receiving a mysterious package that compels him to remake his life."

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

Again, I keep hearing people say this book is beautifully written and not to be missed.

"A stunningly ambitious and beautiful novel about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II."

The Martian by Andy Weir.

I checked it out a year ago and didn't read it. Now it's a movie and of course I have to read the book first.

"Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there. After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded and completely alone with no way to even signal Earth that he's alive — and even if he could get word out, his supplies would be gone long before a rescue could arrive."

The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman.

I love Neil and how different his writing can be, and this book isn't very long, and many people have told me I need to read it, but I just haven't yet.

"It began for our narrator 40 years ago when the family lodger stole their car and committed suicide in it, stirring up ancient powers best left undisturbed. Dark creatures from beyond the world are on the loose, and it will take everything our narrator has

just to stay alive..."

Every Day by David Levithan.

Every once in a while, a library co-worker will bring this one up, asking "Have you read it yet? It's such a good book."

"Every morning A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon."

Thrive: The Third Metric to Redefining Success and Creating A Life of Well-being, Wisdom, and Wonder by Arianna Huffington.

I heard her speak on NPR and was really excited to read her book. However I have a hard time getting too excited about non-fiction when there is so much good fiction to read.

"In Thrive, Arianna Huffington makes an impassioned and compelling case for the need to redefine what it means to be successful in today's world. Our current definition of success is, as Thrive shows, literally killing us. We need a new way forward."

Revival by Steven King.

I love Steven King, and this book has ties to Tulsa. I can't tell you why I haven't read it.

"In a small New England town over half a century ago, Jamie meets the new minister, who with his beautiful wife will transform the church and the town. Then tragedy strikes, and this charismatic preacher curses God, and is banished from the shocked town. Jamie has demons of his own. Wed to his guitar from age 13, he plays in bands across the country, running from his own family tragedies, losing one job after another when his addictions get the better of him. Decades later, sober and living a decent life, he and Reverend Charles Jacobs meet again in a pact beyond even the Devil's devising, and the many terrifying meanings of Revival are revealed."

Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell.

Again, several of my library co-workers keep insisting that I read this one.

"Cath struggles to survive on her own in her first year of college while avoiding a surly roommate, bonding with a handsome classmate who only wants to talk about words, and worrying about her fragile father."



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