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2023 Library Committee Member Picks

Each month a Library Committee member selects a new book for our collection and provides a brief description. This month Susan W. chose the following title:

Humanly Possible: Seven Hundred Years of Humanist Freethinking, Inquiry, and Hope by Sarah Bakewell. Humanism is a tradition of thought that places shared humanity, cultural vibrancy, and moral responsibility at the center of our lives. This sweeping new history illuminates the personal and individual matter of humanism and brings together humanists across history from Erasmus to Zora Neale Hurston.

355: The Women of Washington's Spy Ring (LP) by Kit Sargean. A fast-paced, suspenseful and meticulously researched tale of three women which effectively conveys the irony of how society's disregard for a woman's relevance beyond marriage and family set them up to be successful clandestine operatives. Deals with family, duty, love, and betrayal.

If You Leave Me by Crystal Kim. The unforgettable saga of two ill-fated lovers in Korea and the heartbreaking choices they're forced to make in the years surrounding the civil war. A portrait of war and refugee life, a timeless romance, and one woman's longing for autonomy in a changing world.

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Murder: A Revolutionary War Mystery by Karen Swee. A tavern mistress in 1777 unravels a puzzle that involves stolen diplomatic letters, spies and avaricious traitors, while trying to find the killer of an overnight guest.

A Man Without Words by Susan Schaller, a twenty-four-year-old graduate student, who encountered Ildefonso, a 25-year-old deaf mute Mexican Indian, where he sat isolated in a class for the deaf. Schaller conveys the challenge, the frustrations, and the exhilaration of opening the mind of a congenitally deaf person to the concept of language.

The Many Daughters of Afong Moy by Jamie Ford. Through an experimental treatment designed to mitigate inherited trauma, Dorothy connects with past generations of women in her family but there is also a stranger searching for her in each of the time periods. Dorothy endeavors to break the cycle of pain and abandonment to finally find peace.

Murder is No Picnic by Amy Pershing. July 4th is coming and for Cape Cod foodie Samantha it's all about the picnic including finding the best blueberry buckle recipe. Celebrity chef Clara agreed to a buckle baking lesson but died in a home fire sending suspicious Samantha in search for her killer.

Murder on the Water by L.L. Abbott. Old remains are found on an isolated island which appear to be a victim of an accidental drowning but Constable George does not think all is what it appears to be. As a cold case is revisited, the serene cottage lives of five friends are tossed upside down and they will do whatever it takes to keep their secret hidden.

The Ride of Her Life: The true story of a woman, her horse, and their last-chance journey across America by Elizabeth Letts. In 1954, 63-year-old Annie Wilkins had no money or family, just lost her Maine farm, and was given 2 years to live. But wanting to see the Pacific Ocean before she died, Annie set out with her ex-racehorse, Tarzan, faithful mutt, Depeche Toi, and her belief that Americans would treat a stranger with kindness. She rode, more than 4,000 miles, straight into a world transformed by the rapid construction of modern highways and met both ordinary people and celebrities including Andrew Wyeth.

Zorrie by Laird Hunt. Orphaned in 1930s rural Indiana, Zorrie drifts west finding a position at a radium processing plant but when Indiana calls her home, she discovers her trials have only begun against the backdrop of 20th century events. An empathetic and poetic novel reminiscent of Willa Cather.

Series/Prolific Authors

Grafton - <i>"N" Is for Noose (LP)</i> Lovesey - <i>Diamond Dust (LP)</i>	Patterson – <i>Private Moscow (LP)</i> Roberts – <i>First Impressions, Summer Pleasures</i>
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