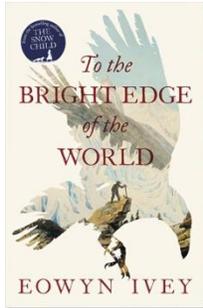


Fall Staff Picks

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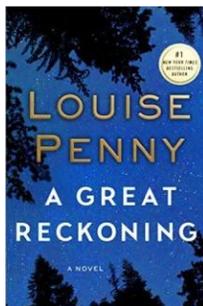
Jill's picks!



To the Bright Edge of the World

by Eowyn Ivey (historical fiction)

Eowyn Ivey is my new favorite author. As in her previous novel, Pulitzer Prize finalist *The Snow Child* we find ourselves in Alaska. It's 1885 as we follow the story of Colonel Allen Forrester and his pregnant wife, Sophie. Colonel Forrester sets out to blaze a trail through the center of Alaska, while feminist Sophie stays behind in a Vancouver military barracks unexpectedly finding her true self. They are each tested by months of separation and magical forces real and imagined and beyond their control, they will never look at nature the same way again.



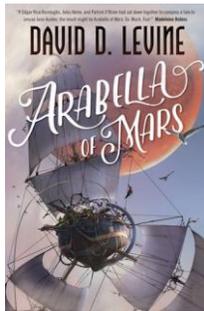
A Great Reckoning

by Louise Penny (mystery)

One of my favorites in the Armand Gamache mystery series set in Three Pines, a small village not found on any map, just south

of Quebec. Gamache comes out of retirement, a mysterious map is found in the walls of the B&B, of course there's a murder, and enemies conspire. This time the twists and turns reveal themselves in a splendid ending.

Laura's pick!

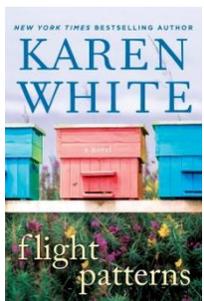


Arabella of Mars

by David D. Levine (scifi/fantasy)

This is the Regency Mars science fiction sailing adventure I never knew I needed. Read this if you loved Jim Butcher's *The Aeronaut's Windlass* and want something lighter (and shorter!) that slyly references Georgette Heyer, Jules Verne, and Edgar Rice Burroughs.

Amy's pick!



Flight Patterns

by Karen White (fiction)

A wonderful story about family secrets, from a writer who really captures the ambiance and culture of her Southern settings (this one takes place in Apalachicola, Florida). Two sisters must navigate the murky waters of their family history before they can try to repair their own troubled relationship. Why does their mother refuse to talk? Where did the bee-pattern china come from? The long-held secrets of three

generations must be laid bare in order to find forgiveness and the courage to move forward.

Kim's picks!



A Murder in Time

by Julie McElwain (time travel fiction)

Kendra Donovan is a bright and promising FBI agent who enters a staircase in the present day and emerges at the top in 1815. She must use all her present day training without her modern gadgets to solve a murder. This is a fast paced book that any fan of forensic mysteries will love.

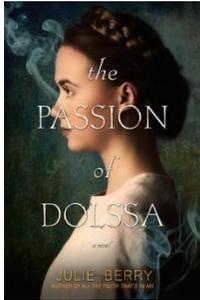


A Curious Beginning

by Deanna Raybourn (mystery)

This book is a mystery set in Victorian England. It has a strong female lead character in Veronica Speedwell. The book opens with Veronica planning a trip. She ends up experiencing quite an adventure complete with a traveling circus, a swim in the Thames and the Queen's Golden Jubilee. This is a light entertaining read with lots of twists and turns.

Kat's pick!



The Passion of Dolssa
by Julie Berry (teen fiction)

The book takes place in Medieval France after a time of war and devastation has ended. Now there is peace but there are a lot of people who lost their homes and family during the takeover.

Before the war mystics and those that said they heard the voice of God, along with those that appeared to have healing powers could come out in the open and practice. But now that the Catholic Church is in charge they claim that anyone who has these abilities are heretics and are going against god and will be burned at the stake. Dolssa a young girl in a small village hears the voice of God and begins to speak to neighbors and family. The Church finds out and now she is on the run. This is a YA book but adults will love the history and the thrill of being brought back in time.