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-Belzhar by Meg Wolitzer on Tues, Aug 8 2017 at 7:30 PM
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Monthly Newsletter

Enticing Book Club Picks

After completing a webinar on New Book Group Reads, I compiled a great list for the fall. There were too many to list here, so I narrowed it down to my top six. Here are the fiction and nonfiction titles that may interest your book group as well:

The Best Kind of People by Zoe Whittall  Release Date: 8/11/17

When a celebrated teacher is arrested for sexual impropriety at an elite prep school, his wife and children are rendered social outcasts throughout an impossible defense proceeding that causes them to question their memories and motives. {For Fans of Defending Jacob}

Caroline by Sarah Miller  Release Date: 9/19/17

Authorized by the Little House estate, a retelling of the early pioneering journeys of the Ingalls family is told from the perspective of a pregnant Caroline, who in the frigid winter of 1870 leaves the safety of Wisconsin for a life of hazards and promise in unsettled Kansas Indian Territory.

The Last Days of Café Leila by Donia Bijan

A woman, Noor, visits her native Iran for the first time in three decades with her sulky rebellious teenage daughter Lily, who becomes caught up in the dangerous balance between grace and brutal violence that have taken hold of Tehran. {For Fans of A Thousand Splendid Suns}

Nomadland by Jessica Bruder  Release Date: 9/26/17

The author chronicles her time embedded in a pool of transient older Americans who — finding that social security has come short— have taken to the road by the tens of thousands in late-model RVs, travel trailers and vans, forming a growing community of nomads: migrant laborers who call themselves “workampers.” {For Fans of Hillbilly Elegy}

The Other Alcott by Elise Hooper  Release Date: 9/5/17

A tale inspired by the life of Louisa May Alcott’s youngest sister finds young May longing to study art outside of the confines of her Concord home before turning down a marriage proposal and pursuing an identity in contrast to the spoiled and worldly character of Amy in her sister’s famed novel.

The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg  Release Date: 11/21/17

Making daily visits to the grave of his beloved wife, Arthur forges unexpected relationships with a nosy neighbor and a troubled teen who dubs him “Truluv” before the trio discovers healing and family togetherness. {For Fans of A Man Called Ove}

All Summaries from Publishers. Jean Simpson, Readers’ Services Librarian

“The great thing is to be always reading but not to get bored - treat it not like work, more as a vice!

-C. S. Lewis
August 2017 will mark 20 years since Princess Diana was tragically killed in a car crash in a Paris tunnel while trying to escape the ever present paparazzi. Despite being one of the most photographed women in the world, Princess Diana was the “People’s Princess”, having a unique ability to connect with the sick and the less fortunate. A devoted mother who was fiercely protective of her sons, Princess Diana was a breath of fresh air when the British monarchy needed it the most.

Here are some titles written about Princess Diana that are currently available at the Syosset Public Library:

- *Untold Story: A Novel* by Monica Ali
- *After Diana: William, Harry, Charles and the Royal House of Windsor* by Christopher Andersen
- *The Diana Chronicles* by Tina Brown
- *All the Beloved Ghosts: Stories* by Allison MacLeod
- *Diana: Her True Story, In Her Own Words* by Andrew Morton
- *The Way We Were: Remembering Diana* by Paul Burrell

Princess Diana’s legacy lives on in her children and now her grandchildren. May she rest in eternal peace that she do desperately sought while she was alive.

—Lisa Jones, Readers’ Services Librarian

### American Library Association Conference – Recommended Books For Fall Reading

I was in Chicago from June 22-June 26 for the American Library Conference (ALA). At the conference I was lucky enough to meet many authors and receive signed copies of books that will be coming out in the fall. The following titles that I am looking forward to reading are:

**Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng. From the bestselling author of *Everything I Never Told You*, a riveting novel that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives. (September 12, 2017)

**Artemis** by Andy Weir. The bestselling author of *The Martian* returns with an irresistible new near-future thriller—a heist story set on the moon. (November 14, 2017)

**The It Girls** by Karen Harper. From New York Times bestselling author comes a novel based on the lives of two amazing sisters . . . One sailed the Titanic and started a fashion empire . . . The other overtook Hollywood and scandalized the world . . . Together, they were unstoppable. (October 24, 2017)

**Love & Other Consolation Prizes** by Jamie Ford. A half-Chinese orphan whose mother sacrificed everything to give him a better chance is raffled off as a prize at Seattle’s 1909 World’s Fair, only to land in the ownership of the madam of a notorious brothel where he finds friendship and opportunities, in a story based on true events. By the best-selling author of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. (September 12, 2017)

If you are interested in reading any of the above books please ask a Readers’ Services Librarian at the second floor Readers’ Services Desk to place the book on hold for you.

—Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian