New or Upcoming Psychological Thrillers

Although I read many different genres, psychological thrillers are my guilty pleasure. Just a month or two ago, I was recommending *The Glass Forest* by Cynthia Swanson, *The Liar’s Girl* by Catherine Ryan Howard, *Need to Know* by Karen Cleveland, and *Sometimes I Lie* by Alice Feeney. The unreliable female narrator, often represented in this genre, does not get old for me. Of course, the unreliable male narrator makes an appearance once in a while too. Here are some more titles in the psychological, domestic fiction category that you may want to consider for your next book discussion:

*The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware

After erroneously receiving a mysterious letter about a large inheritance, Hal attends the deceased’s funeral and realizes that something is very, very wrong.

*The House Swap* by Rebecca Fleet

Caroline and Francis’ hopes for a revitalizing week-long house swap are challenged by underlying marital tensions, a neighbor’s suspicious interest, and disturbing clues throughout the house that reveal that the residents know Caroline, and her secrets.

*Our Kind of Cruelty* by Araminta Hall

A less-than-reliable male narrator describes his emergence from a brutal childhood and devotion to the happiness of a woman who he believes is not returning his calls because she is playing games with him and only pretending to be getting married to someone else.

*The Perfect Mother* by Aimee Molloy

A group of new moms go to increasingly risky lengths to help one of their own when her six-week-old baby is kidnapped and the traumatized mother is subjected to invasive questions.

Summaries from the publishers. -Jean Simpson, Readers’ Services Librarian

Books may well be the only true magic.
—Alice Hoffman
New to Book Club in a Bag

Readers’ Services has added the following books to our Book Club in a Bag collection from the Consortium:

**Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman

A socially awkward, routine-oriented loner teams up with a bumbling IT guy from her office to assist an elderly accident victim, forging a friendship that saves all three from lives of isolation and secret unhappiness.

**Ginny Moon** by Benjamin Ludwig

Despite being placed in the ideal foster home, autistic fourteen-year-old Ginny Moon is intent on running back to her abusive, drug-addict birth mother, Gloria.

**Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng

When a custody battle divides her placid town, straitlaced family woman Elena Richardson finds herself pitted against her enigmatic tenant and becomes obsessed with exposing her past, only to trigger devastating consequences for both families.

**Beneath a Scarlet Sky** by Mark Sullivan

A teenage boy in 1940s Italy becomes part of an underground railroad that helps Jews escape through the Alps but is forced by his parents to enlist as a German soldier for his own protection, where he becomes a spy for the Allies.

Let us provide everything you need for a successful book discussion. We can supply you with 10 copies of the book and a discussion binder. The binder contains discussion questions, biographical information and critical material. Please contact Readers’ Services, 921-7161, ext 239 to reserve a book for your Book Club.

All summaries from the publishers.  

–Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian

Top Book Club Picks

The website [Bookmovement.com](http://Bookmovement.com) publishes lists of books that are popular with the more than 35,000 book clubs that are registered with the site. The following 10 books are currently* the most discussed titles by those groups.

1. **Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate
2. **Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng
3. **The Great Alone** by Kristin Hannah
4. **Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI** by David Grann
5. **Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman
6. **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles
7. **Educated: A Memoir** by Tara Westover
8. **The Woman in the Window** by A. J. Finn
9. **Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis** by J. D. Vance
10. **The Alice Network** by Kate Quinn

*as of June 11, 2018

–Sonia Grgas, Reference Librarian