

HPL Book Club Update and Suggestions - 4/8/2020

Hello All,

I hope this finds you all healthy and well. In a time when we are self-isolating it's the perfect time to pick up all those books we have at home that we haven't read in a long time. If we are still in the same situation next month, I'll try to set up a Zoom meeting for us. (Book Club meetings are normally the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Library. All are welcome to join us.)

So here are some suggestions to help with your reading addictions:

- The Hopewell Public Library has online books available:
<https://www.redlibrary.org/ebooks.html>
- The Mercer County Library system also will allow you to create an online account for the duration of the virus and you can download books from there:
<https://www.mcl.org/online-registration>
- Perhaps you're so busy weeding your garden that you need something hands free? Audible has a selection of free audio books kids and young adults:
<https://stories.audible.com/discovery>
- Or maybe you're up to your elbows in sourdough and need a cooking podcast:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/27/arts/podcasts-about-food.html>
- What about some poetry? Rupi Kaur (of *Milk and Honey* fame) has been hosting a live writing workshop on her Instagram page, you can follow along and write something inspirational:
<https://www.instagram.com/rupikaur/>
- Need a physical book but don't want to go to a store? The Bear and the Book is still open and is happy to order anything you need, for children or adults, call 609-466-1166 and talk to Bobbie.

And here are some young adult fiction suggestions (I have been spending a lot of time listening to stories with my son):

- *Wolf Hollow*: A post World War I tale of a war veteran and social inequality set in Pennsylvania; gripping and sad, but beautifully written.
- *Squire*: Part of the *Protector of the Small* collection, a lady knight takes on unfair challenges in life and succeeds in changing people's opinions of women as knights.
- *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*: A coming of age story set in a suburban town, about a boy who seems happy, but under the surface is really not. It sounds depressing, but has an ending that was worthy of reading.

Plus some awesome murder mysteries:

- *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*: Sherlock Holmes is retired and takes on an unlikely student, a young lady named Mary. It's fun and fast paced and fascinating, and there are many more in the series.
- *Murder in Mesopotamia*: Agatha Christie at her best: intrigue, drama, last minute twists!

So tell me my book loving friends, what have you been reading?
I miss you all, and can't wait to hear what you have been reading.

Much love,
Ellie
(HPL Book Club Moderator)