

<b>Book Babes 2021-2022... Nominations</b>						
<b>Who Recommended</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Highlights/Synopsis</b>	<b>Something Special about this</b>	<b>Total Votes for book</b>
Ann Rawsky	<i>Nomad land</i>	Jessica Bruder	Documentary	author follows a woman who has lost her husband, home, job. She chooses to live as a nomad- traveling to support herself W part time jobs across US. You meet fellow travelers and learn about their stories.		
Kay Gross	<i>The Prince of FrogTown OR Ana's Man</i>	Rick Bragg	"Biography"	Both are stories of important men in Rick Bragg's life and he weaves the harsh truth of their lives into how he became the man he is.	Gary loved these books too :) So perhaps these are books we could read and talk about with important men in our lives...	
Kay Gross	<i>Vesper Flights</i>	Helen MacDonald	Nature/Non-Fiction	Intriguing essays about unique aspects of nature... particularly bird migrations and how landscapes influence our view of the world	Also wrote <i>H is for Hawk</i>	
Kay Gross	<i>The Book of Longings</i>	Sue Monk Kidd	Historical Fiction	Fictionalized account of the life of Jesus' wife (Ana); meticulously researched story of the times and "...an inspiring and unforgettable account of one women's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her..."		
Mary Roy Sullivan	<i>The mystery of Mrs. Christy</i>	Marie Benedict	Historical Fiction	Tells the story of Agatha Christies myserious 11-day disappearance in 1926;	By the author of <i>The only woman in the room</i>	
Mary Roy Sullivan	<i>Carnegie's Maid</i>	Marie Benedict	Historical Fiction	..Story of a young immigrant woman who becomes maid! for Andrew Carnegis and transforms him from a ruthless industrialist into the world's first true philanthropist. Many may have already read it.		
Nancy Hillard	<i>Eight Perfect Murders</i>	Peter Swanson	Mystery	Narrator is a bookstore owner; the mystery is interwoven with many references and ties-ins, with many mystery novels. Lots of twists and turns. A book lovers mystery in a bookstore!		
Nancy Hillard	<i>City of Girls</i>	Elizabeth Gilbert	Historical Fiction	State of 1940's NYC theatre world, told by a woman looking back on her life. Great character development, struggles of women living in their own; and lots of fodder for discussion.	Nominated in 2020 too!	
RuthAnn Uggen	<i>The Girl with the Louding Voice</i>	Abi Dare	Fiction	The inspiring story of a teenage girl in a rural Nigerian village who longs to get an education so she can speak for herself. Heartbreaking and triumphant about the power of fighting for your dreams		
RuthAnn Uggen	<i>Know my name</i>	Chanel Miller		Book by a brave young woman assaulted by swimmer, Brock Turner on Stanford's campus halted by two bystanders. To become the face of this issue is a bold courageous		
Sally Pitt-VanBuren	<i>The Art Forger</i>	B.A. Shapiro.	Fiction	Intriguing book about a woman who paints copies of famous paintings for reproductions.com. Markel, who owns an art gallery, becomes her lover, and asks her to paint a copy of After the Bath, Degas, which was stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum a number of years ago. There are many subplots.		
Sally Pitt-VanBuren	<i>Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family</i>	Robert Kolker	Non-fiction	Heartrending story of family of 12 children with 6 boys diagnosed as schizophrenic. Author weaves an engaging story of the family and the children along with multiple issues with understanding of this disease and how this family and others helped determine a better understanding of and more effective treatment for this disease.		
Stevie Brinkerhoff	<i>the Four Winds</i>	Krinten Hannah	Historical Fiction			
Stevie Brinkerhoff	<i>The women of Copper County</i>	Mary Doria Russell	Historical Fiction		Martha Schinderle's great grandmother was in the Calumet Italian Hall disaster described in this book	
Stevie Brinkerhoff	<i>News of the World</i>	Paulette Jiles	Historical Fiction		Movie with Tom Hanks is available on Netflix.. Pretty good (KLG)	
Susie Carter	<i>Such a fun age</i>	Kiley Reid	Fiction	was an interesting literary fiction: racial, socioeconomic situations, assumptions, etc. It had many discussion topics.		
Susie Carter	<i>Soul of an Octopus</i>	Sy Montgomery	Nature/Non-	For those who have enjoyed watching <i>My Octopus Teacher</i>		
Tara LaRose	<i>Love with an Open Heart</i>	Torre deRoche	Memoir	a funny, irresistible, offbeat tale about the risks and rewards of living and loving with an open heart		
Tara LaRose	<i>The Midnight Library</i>	Matthew Haig	Fantasy	Between life and death there is a library with infinite choices about a life you could have lived...		
Tara LaRose	<i>The Vanishing Half</i>	Brit Bennett	Historical Fiction	Twins from a small black town in Mississippi take separate paths as adults, when one passes for white. Covers period from 1950-1999		
Tara LaRose	<i>Eliza Hamilton</i>	Susan Holloway Scott	Historical Fiction	this novel is <b>historical</b> fiction — because even Susan Holloway Scott wasn't in the room where it happened — <b>Eliza's</b> story is based on true events and showcases a powerful example of a real-life, fierce boss lady.		
Valli McDougle	<i>The Woman Who Smashed Codes: A true Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America's Enemies,</i>	Jason Fagone	Biography Mystery?	In 1916, a young Quaker schoolteacher and poetry scholar named Elizebeth Smith was hired by an eccentric tycoon to find the secret messages he believed were embedded in Shakespeare's plays. But the urgencies of war quickly transformed Elizebeth's mission, forcing her to apply her skills to an exciting new venture: codebreaking—the solving of secret messages without knowledge of the key.	A movie on PBS' American Experience?	
Valli McDougle	<i>America's First Daughter</i>	Stephanie Dray, Cassandra Campbell et al	Historical Fiction	Story of Jefferson's oldest daughter and the role she played in his life after her mother's death. She travels with him to Paris and there experiences the tumult of the French Revolution and learns of her father's liaison with Sally Hemings. Patsy falls in love with her father's protege, William Short, a staunch abolitionist and ambitious diplomat and becomes torn between love, principles, and the bonds of family..		
Valli McDougle	<i>A suitable Vengeance</i>	Elizabeth George	Mystery	An early glimpse into the lives of Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley, forensic scientist Simon Allcourt-St. James, and Lady Helen Clyde in a superlative mystery that is also a fascinating inquiry into the crimes of the heart. ... the savage murder of a local journalist is the catalyst for a lethal series of events that shatters the calm of a picturesque Cornwall village and embroils Lynley and St. James in a case far outside their jurisdiction—and a little too close to home.	A series on PBS	
Martha Schinderle	<i>The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo</i>	Taylor Jenkins Reid	Novel-Summer read	Reclusive Hollywood icon Evelyn Hugo's ready chooses unknown magazine reporter Monique Grant to tell her story. Evelyn tells a tale of ruthless ambition, unexpected friendship, forbidden love and her life with seven husbands (1950-1970)	Best books of summer by Good Reads, People, Cosmo, Glamour, BuzzFeed	