Fiction

All The Ever Afters by Danielle Teller: This is the untold story of Cinderella’s stepmother, Agnes. If you are looking for a light, charming tale that explains “the rest of the story”, this book is for you. The author pulls off the spell-binding trick of turning an easy-to-hate character into a strong and likable female lead. A once one-dimensional person is understood at a whole new level. - Linda

The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin: In 1969, the four Gold children sneak in to see a gypsy who tells them the exact day each will die. These revelations inform the next half-century, taking Simon, Klara, Daniel and Varya toward destinies they may or may not control. Excellent story-telling and insight into the power of belief and the space between reality and illusion. - Sara

The Paper Magician by Charlie N. Holmberg: Ceony Twill arrives at the cottage of Magician Emery Thane with a broken heart. Having graduated at the top of her class from the Tagis Praff School for the Magically Inclined, Ceony is assigned an apprenticeship in paper magic despite her dreams of bespelling metal. And once she’s bonded to paper, that will be her only magic… forever. Yet the spells Ceony learns under the strange yet kind Thane turn out to be more marvelous than she could have ever imagined—animating paper creatures, bringing stories to life via ghostly images, even reading fortunes. But as she discovers these wonders, Ceony also learns of the extraordinary dangers of forbidden magic. - Carrie

The Wonder by Emma Donoghue: Set in rural Ireland of the 1850s, an 11 year-old girl stops eating, pitting religious fundamentalism versus medical science. Part historical novel and part psychological thriller, the book provokes thoughtful questions as the story details are revealed. Written by the author of The Room. - Davonne

Libriomancer by Jim C. Hines: Gifted with the ability to draw objects out of books, Isacc Vainio, a Libriomancer, seeks assistance from a Harley-riding dryad after a number of vampire attacks are reported by other members of his secret magic organization. - Carrie

Swamp Bones by Kathy Reichs: Since Halloween is flying towards us, I decided to read about Dr. Temperance Brennan in Swamp Bones. Dr. Brennan has taken a much needed vacation to Florida, away from her profession as a forensic anthropologist. While observing the head of the Smithsonian Feather Identification lab studying deceased birds from the Everglades, Dr. Brennan finds human remains inside one of the birds. She realizes her vacation is over. Will Dr. Brennan be able to identify the bones? And will the community of the Everglades help or put her in danger? - Laura

Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park: In 1985 Sudan, Salva becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan who searches for his family and a safe place to live. In 2008 Sudan, Nya fetches water from a pond that is a two hour walk from her home; she makes two trips to the pond every day. The alternating tales become interconnected in the conclusion. A well-told and moving story based on true events. (Children’s fiction) - Marie
**Non-Fiction**

*Blindsided, Surviving a Grizzly Attack and still loving the Great Bear* by Jim Cole: What book could be better than one about an inspirational person fighting for and living a life he wants? Studying Bears in Montana and Alaska, Jim stands by the fact that the grizzlies just want to live their lives in peace. Jim wasn’t mauled once, but twice by grizzlies, the second time being the worse and causing him to lose the sight in one eye. Jim Cole shows an undying appreciation, love and protection for the very thing that almost killed him. An awesome book about a man’s passion and passion dispelling myth about wilderness and bears. - **Rebecca**

*How to Break Up With Your Phone* by Catherine Price: This self-help guide offers insights into the deliberately addictive qualities of smartphones and how they affect our lives and relationships. It then challenges us to question the amount of time we spend using them. Some of the tips for controlling phone use seem somewhat extreme, but they could be adapted to individual circumstances. - **Davonne**

*The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row* by Anthony Ray Hinton: An amazingly optimistic memoir of an innocent man on death row for 30 years, who is finally released as one of Bryan Stevenson’s clients in the Equal Justice Initiative. Race, poverty and inadequate legal representation are all factors contributing to Hinton’s incarceration, yet he never becomes bitter, instead focusing on the realization that – to quote Bryan Stevenson, “each of us is more than the worst thing we’ve done.” Hinton’s story begs the question – how many other innocent people are or have been on death row? - **Dee**

*Robin* by Dave Itzkoff: An excellent biography of one of America’s comic icons. From his early days of rapid-fire stand-up comedy riffs to his television and motion picture performances, Robin Williams was an accomplished and beloved man. The book introduces his family life, his widespread group of friends and a life filled with conflicting emotions and great depth of character. “Robin is a fresh and original look at a man whose work touched so many lives.” - **Linda**

*Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America’s Shining Women* by Kate Moore: A heart-wrenching and infuriating rendition, juxtaposing corporate greed against human suffering. This historical account outlines the painful lives and experiences of the brave girls and women who worked in the radium dial factories and their fight for recognition and justice. - **Davonne**

*The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls: Read the book before you watch the movie! A story of triumph against all odds, but also a tender, moving tale of unconditional love, this book is a captivating memoir about a young girl who beat the odds and made something of herself, despite the ideals and stubborn nonconformity of her parents. Imagine being moved from state to state in search of something better, when it often turned out to be much worse. Jeanette and her siblings were always promised a Glass Castle by their dreamer father, Rex. In the end, Jeanette did finally get her “Castle” in the form of success with this book and movie by the same name. - **Diane**