



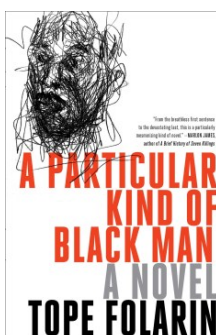
Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

Readalikes for *Transcendent Kingdom*

Dundee Library Book Club, March 2025

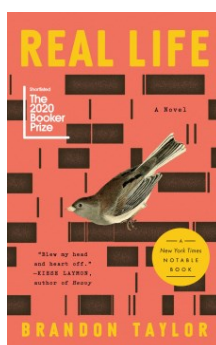
Books at the Dundee Library and/or Randall Oaks Library



A particular kind of black man

by Tope Folarin

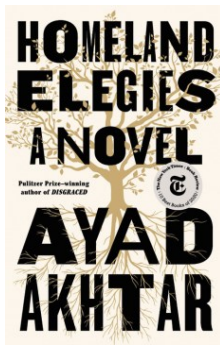
A Rhodes Scholar and winner of the Caine Prize for African Writing offers a novel about a Nigerian family living in Utah and their uncomfortable assimilation into American life.



Real life

by Brandon Taylor

Keeping his head down at a lakeside Midwestern university where the culture is in sharp contrast to his Alabama upbringing, an introverted African-American biochem student endures unexpected encounters that bring his orientation and defenses into question.

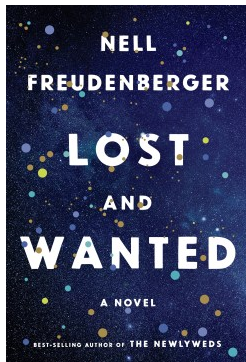


Homeland elegies

by Ayad Akhtar

A deeply personal work about identity and belonging in a nation coming apart at the seams, *Homeland Elegies* blends fact and fiction to tell an epic story of longing and dispossession in the world that 9/11 made. Part family drama, part social essay, part picaresque novel, at its heart it is the story of a father, a son, and the country they both call home. Ayad Akhtar forges a new narrative voice to capture a country in which debt has ruined countless lives and the gods of finance rule, where immigrants live in fear, and where the nation's unhealed wounds wreak havoc around the world. Akhtar attempts to make sense of it all through the lens of a story about one family, from a heartland town in America to palatial suites in Central Europe to guerrilla lookouts in the mountains of Afghanistan, and spares no one--least of all himself--in the process.

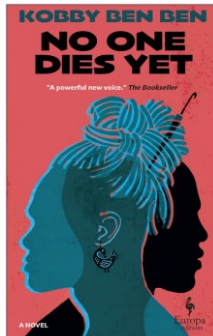
Books at other libraries in our consortium



Lost and wanted

by Nell Freudenberger

Receiving an unsettling phone call from her late college roommate, a rationally minded MIT professor reflects on their once-close friendship, her friend's tragic death and her own rediscovered feelings for a fellow scientist.



No one dies yet

by Kobby Ben Ben

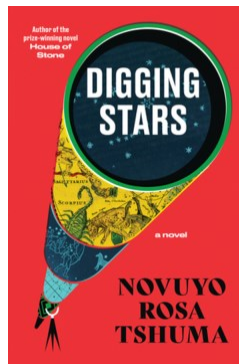
Arriving from America to explore Ghana's colonial past, Elton, Vincent and Scott, hoping to experience the country's underground queer scene, find themselves in the grip of two very different people—Kobby, their guide to Accra's privileged queer circles and Nana, the voice of tradition and religious principle.



Imagine me gone

by Adam Haslett

Electing to marry the fiancé who is hospitalized for depression, a woman commits to decades of love and faith involving their brilliant musical eldest son, their responsible daughter and a tightly controlled younger son who helps her care for her increasingly troubled husband.

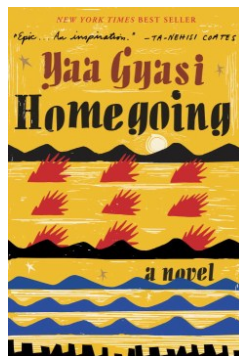


Digging stars

by Novuyo Rosa Tshuma

Joining the ranks of America's smartest in The Program, an elite interdisciplinary graduate cohort at the forefront of astronomy and technology, Rosa finds her classmates challenging her understanding of identity, personhood, the ethics of technology, and most painfully, the adulation of her famous astronomer father's legacy.

Also by Yaa Gyasi



Homegoing

by Yaa Gyasi

Two half-sisters, unknown to each other, are born into different villages in 18th-century Ghana and experience profoundly different lives and legacies throughout subsequent generations marked by wealth, slavery, war, coal mining, the Great Migration and the realities of 20th-century Harlem.