

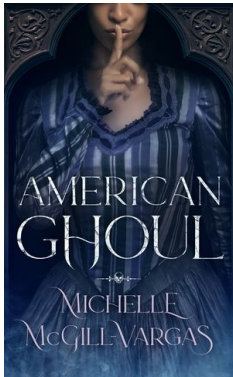


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Readalikes for *Lone Women* Dundee Library Book Club, October 2025

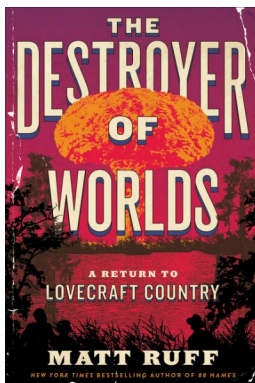
Books at the Dundee Library and/or Randall Oaks Library



American ghoul

by Michelle McGill-Vargas

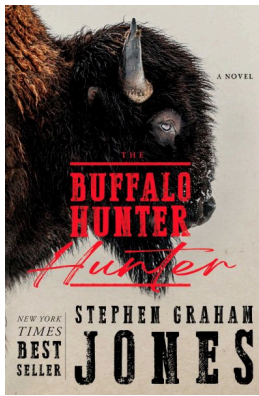
"You can't kill someone who's already dead. That's what Lavinia keeps telling her jailer after--allegedly--killing her mistress, Simone Arceneau. But how could Simone be dead when she was taking callers just a few minutes before? And why was her house always so dark? Lavinia, a recently freed slave, met Simone, a recently undead vampire, by chance on a plantation in post-Civil War Georgia. With nothing remaining for either woman in the South, the two form a fast friendship and head north. However, Lavinia quickly learns that teaming up with this white woman may be more than she bargained for. Simone is reckless and impulsive--which would've been bad enough on its own, but when combined with her particular diet, Lavinia finds herself in way over her head. As she is forced to repeatedly compromise her morals and struggles to make lasting human connections, Lavinia begins to wonder, is she truly free or has she merely exchanged one form of enslavement for another? As bodies start to pile up in the small Indiana town they've settled in, people start to take a second look at the two newcomers, and Simone and Lavinia's relationship is stretched to its breaking point ..." - (dust jacket)



The destroyer of worlds : a return to Lovecraft country

by Matt Ruff

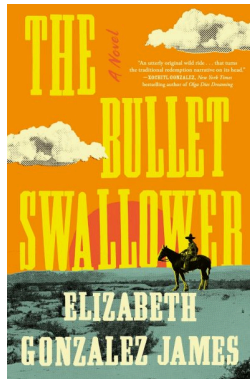
Set In 1957, this masterful blend of historical fiction and fantastical horror, returning to the world of Lovecraft Country, explores the meaning of death, the hold of the past on the present and the power of hope in the face of uncertainty. 75,000 first printing.



The buffalo hunter hunter

by Stephen Graham Jones

In 1912, a Lutheran pastor documents the chilling confessions of Good Stab, a Blackfeet vampire seeking justice for a historical massacre, intertwining themes of revenge, survival and haunting truths on the Blackfeet reservation.

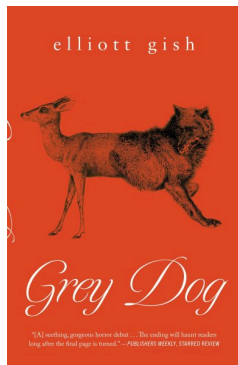


The bullet swallower : a novel

by Elizabeth Gonzalez James

In 1964, when Jaime Sonoro, Mexico's most renowned actor and singer, discovers a book telling of the horrific crimes committed by his ancestors, he must pay for their crimes unless he can uncover the truth about his grandfather, the legendary bandido El Tragabalas, The Bullet Swallower.

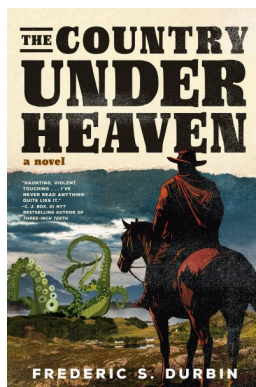
Books at other libraries in our consortium



Grey dog

by Elliott Gish

In 1901, Ada Byrd accepts a teaching post in isolated Lowry Bridge where she sees a future in the small farming community, but when she witnesses strange and grisly phenomena, which both beckon and repel her, her grip on reality loosens and she wonders if the real horror is her. Original.

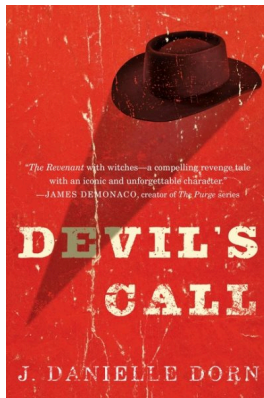


The country under heaven : a novel

by Frederic S. Durbin

"Set in the 1880s, the story follows Ovid Vesper, a former Union soldier who has been having enigmatic visions after surviving one of the Civil War's most gruesome battles, the Battle of Antietam. As he travels across the country following those visions, he finds himself in stranger and increasingly more dangerous encounters with other worlds hidden in the spaces of his own mind, not to mention the dangers of the Wild West. Ovid brings his steady calm and compassion as he helps the people of a broken country, rapidly changing but, like himself, still reeling and wounded from the war. He assists with matters of all sorts, from odd jobs around the house, to guiding children back to their own universe, to hunting down unnatural creatures that stalk the night--all the while

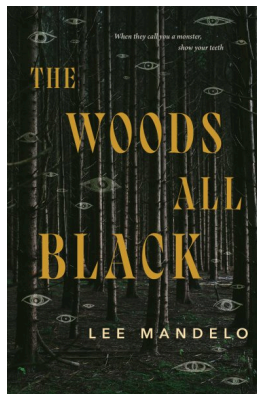
seeking his own personal resolution and peace from his visions. Ovid's epic journey across the American West with a surprising cast of characters blends elements of the classic Western with historical fantasy in a way like no other"



Devil's call

by J. Danielle Dorn

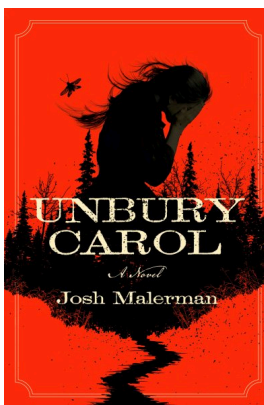
When her husband is murdered by a band of highwaymen, one of whom is a possible supernatural entity, the pregnant Li Lian, who hails from a long line of witches, sets out across the country on a mission to avenge his death



The woods all black

by Lee Mandelo

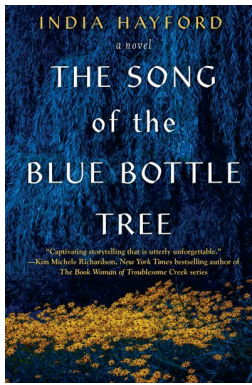
A novel that is equal parts historical horror, trans romance and blood-soaked revenge is set in 1920s Appalachia.



Unbury Carol : a novel

by Josh Malerman

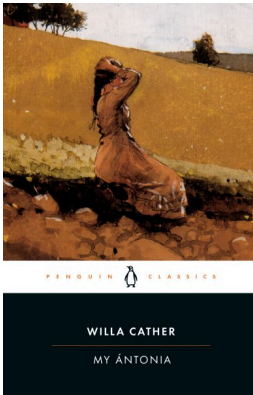
A woman prone to secret temporary comas that make her appear to be dead receives protection from a redemption-seeking former lover who would save her from being buried alive by her fortune-hunting husband. By the best-selling author of Bird Box.



The song of the blue bottle tree

by India Hayford

Wandering spirit Genevieve Charbonneau returns to her grandmother's Arkansas farmhouse, where a meeting with a haunted Vietnam vet rekindles lost family ties and sparks transformations in a struggling community, forcing her to confront her need for connection and freedom. Original.



My Ántonia

by Willa Cather

The reminiscences of a New York lawyer, Jim Burden, about his boyhood in Nebraska, particularly a young Bohemian girl named Antonia Shimerda, are set against the backdrop of the American assimilation immigrants

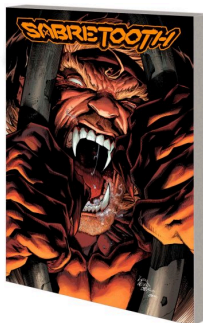


The second bell

by Gabriela Houston

"In a world which believes her to be a monster, a young striga fights to harness the power of her second heart, while her mother sacrifices everything to stop her"

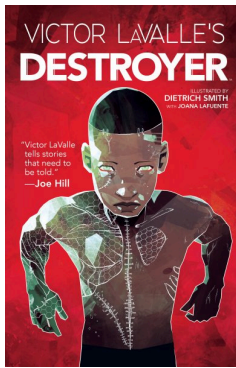
Also by Victor LaValle



Sabretooth : the adversary

by Victor LaValle

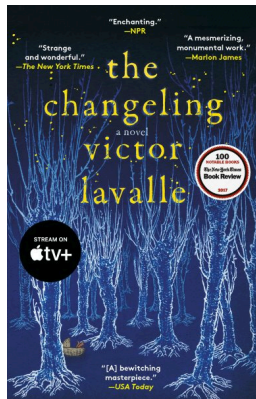
"The island nation of Krakoa has ushered in a bright new era for mutantkind--paradise after years of persecution. But even mutants must deal with monsters in their midst, and Victor Creed is perhaps the worst. One of the first acts of the Krakoa Quiet Council was to exile the savage Sabretooth to the pit beneath Krakoa, locked away in an endless darkness for his countless crimes against both mutants and humans. Now, you're about to find out what Sabretooth has been up to since he was banished...and it's not what you expect!"



Victor LaValle's Destroyer

by Victor LaValle

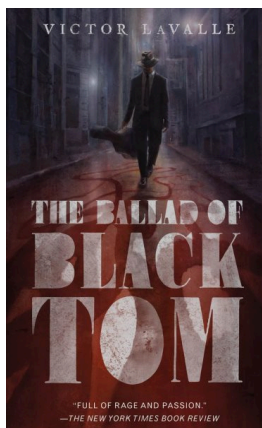
Book Annotation



The changeling : a novel

by Victor D. LaValle

"The wildly imaginative story of one man's thrilling odyssey through an enchanted world to find his wife, who has disappeared after having seemingly committed an unforgivable act of violence, from the award-winning author of *The Devil in Silver* and *Big Machine*"



The ballad of Black Tom

by Victor D. LaValle

In jazz age New York City, Charles Thomas Tester delivers an occult book to a reclusive sorceress in Queens that opens the door to deeper realm of magic, and in the process gets the unwanted attention of things that should not be disturbed