Fox River Valley Libraries

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Readalikes for *Dominicana*

Dundee Library Book Club, April 2023

Books at the Dundee Library and/or Randall Oaks Library

Caramelo, or, Puro cuento : a novel

by Sandra Cisneros

During her family's annual car trip from Chicago to Mexico City, Lala Reyes listens to stories about her family, including her grandmother, the descendant of a renowned dynasty of shawl makers, whose magnificent striped shawl has come into Lala's possession

Shanghai girls : a novel

by Lisa See

Forced to leave Shanghai when their father sells them to California suitors, sisters May and Pearl struggle to adapt to life in 1930s Los Angeles while still bound to old customs, as they face discrimination and confront a life-altering secret.

A woman is no man : a novel

by Etaf Rum

Three generations of Palestinian-American women in contemporary Brooklyn are torn by individual desire, educational ambitions, a devastating tragedy and the strict mores of traditional Arab culture.

Circa

by Devi S. Laskar

On the cusp of her eighteenth birthday, Heera and her best friends, siblings Marie and Marco, tease the fun out of life in Raleigh, North Carolina, with acts of rebellion and delinquency. They paint the town's water towers with red anarchy symbols and hang out at the local bus station to pickpocket money for their Great Escape to New York. But no matter how much Heera defies her strict upbringing, she's always avoided any real danger--until one devastating night changes everything. In its wake, Marco reinvents himself as Crash and spends his days womanizing and burning through a string of jobs. Meanwhile, Heera's dream to go to college in New York is suddenly upended. Over the years, Heera's and Crash's paths cross and recross on a journey of dreams, desires, jealousies, and betrayals.

Infinite country : a novel

by Patricia Engel

Moving their family to what they believe will be a safer but temporary home in Houston, two young parents are forced to choose between an undocumented status in America and returning to the violence of war-torn Bogatá.

Girl in translation

by Jean Kwok

Emigrating with her mother from Hong Kong to Brooklyn, Kimberly Chang begins a secret double life as an exceptional schoolgirl during the day and sweatshop worker at night, an existence also marked by a first crush and the pressure to save her family from poverty.

The kinship of secrets : a novel

by Eugenia Kim

From the author of The Calligraphers Daughter comes the story of two sistersone raised in the United States, the other in South Koreaand the family that bound them together even as the Korean War kept them apart.

And the mountains echoed

by Khaled Hosseini

The best-selling author of The Kite Runner and A Thousand Splendid Suns presents a story inspired by human love, how people take care of one another and how choices resonate through subsequent generations.

Books at other libraries in our consortium

How the García girls lost their accents

by Julia Alvarez

Forced to flee their native Caribbean island after an attempted coup, the Garcias--Carlos, Laura, and their four daughters--must learn a new way of life in the Bronx, while trying to cling to the old ways that they loved

Also by Angie Cruz

How not to drown in a glass of water

by Angie Cruz

Forced back into the job market after losing her factory gig during the Great Recession, 50-something Cara Romero narrates the story of her life to her career counselor and confronts her darkest secrets and regrets.

Let it rain coffee

by Angie Cruz

Leaving her home in the Dominican Republic to pursue the glamorous American lifestyle, Esperanza struggles with the realities of everyday hardships in a cramped apartment where she lives with her husband, children, and critical father-in-law, who blames her for her family's ties to Trujillo's regime.

Soledad

by Angie Cruz

Leaving Washington Heights and her Dominican roots to pursue her dreams of becoming an artist, Soledad says good-bye to her family and heads to New York University never to return, but when her mother is taken ill, she must return home and attempt to keep her family together while maintaining her individuality.