

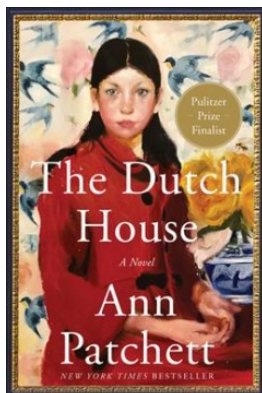


Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

Readalikes for *The Weight of Ink* Dundee Library Book Club, August 2021

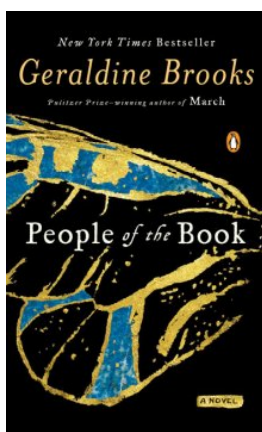
Books at the Dundee Library and/or Randall Oaks Library



The Dutch House

by Ann Patchett

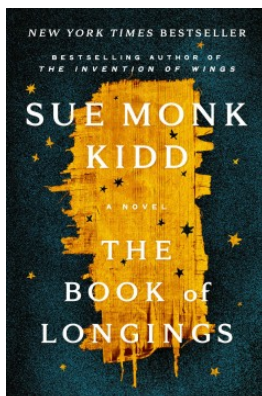
A tale set over the course of five decades traces the consequences of Cyril Conroy's purchase of a lavish Philadelphia estate for him, his wife, and his children, Danny and Maeve, who struggle to escape from poverty following his death.



People of the Book

by Geraldine Brooks

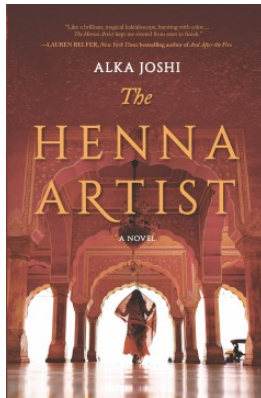
Offered a coveted job to analyze and conserve a priceless Sarajevo Haggadah, Australian rare-book expert Hanna Heath discovers a series of tiny artifacts in the volume's ancient binding that reveal its historically significant origins.



The Book of Longings

by Sue Monk Kidd

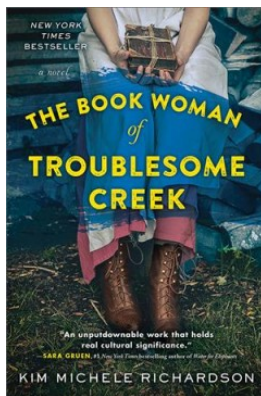
A first-century intellectual fights the limitations imposed on women before an encounter with an 18-year-old Jesus leads to their marriage, his dangerous public ministry and her flight to safety in Alexandria.



The Henna Artist

by Alka Joshi

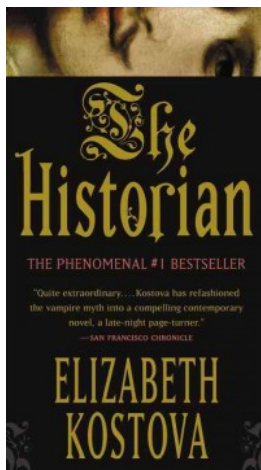
Escaping from an arranged and abusive marriage, seventeen-year-old Lakshmi makes her way alone from her 1950s rural village to the vibrant pink city of Jaipur. There she becomes the henna artist, and confidante, most in demand to the wealthy women of the upper class. But trusted with the secrets of the wealthy, she can never reveal her own



The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek

by Kim Michele Richardson

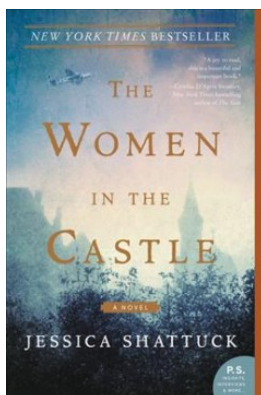
A last-of-her-kind outcast and member of the Pack Horse Library Project braves the hardships of Kentucky's Great Depression and hostile community discrimination to bring the near-magical perspectives of books to her neighbors.



The Historian

by Elizabeth Kostova

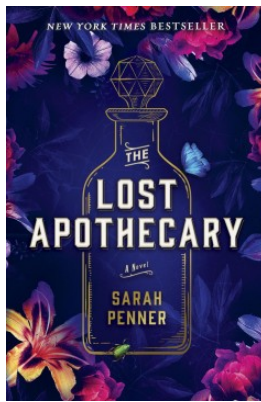
Discovering a medieval book and a cache of letters, a motherless American girl becomes the latest in a series of historians, including her late father, who investigates the possible surviving legacy of Vlad the Impaler, a quest that takes her across Europe and into the pasts of her father and his mentor.



The Women in the Castle

by Jessica Shattuck

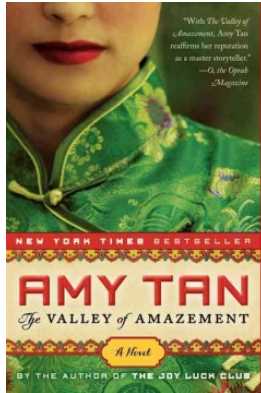
In a novel set at the end of World War II, in a crumbling Bavarian castle that once played host to all of German high society, three widows' lives and fates become intertwined.



The Lost Apothecary

by Sarah Penner

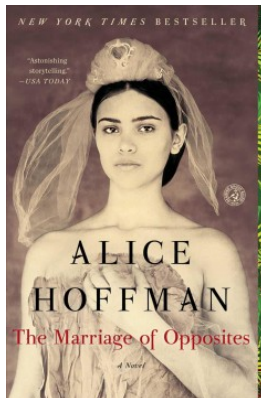
Secretly dispensing poisons to liberate women from the men who have wronged them, a London apothecary triggers unintended consequences that shape three lives across multiple centuries.



The Valley of Amazement

by Amy Tan

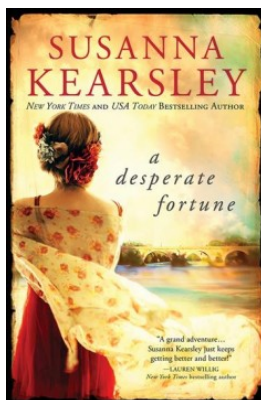
Violet Minturn, a half-Chinese/half-American courtesan who deals in seduction and illusion in Shanghai, struggles to find her place in the world, while her mother, Lucia, tries to make sense of the choices she has made and the men who have shaped her.



The Marriage of Opposites

by Alice Hoffman

Dreaming of an exotic life in Paris while coming of age in a St. Thomas refugee community, young Rachel is forced to marry a widower before falling scandalously in love and becoming the mother of Impressionist master Camille Pissarro.

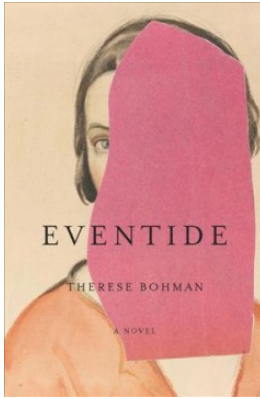


A Desperate Fortune

by Susanna Kearsley

Hired by a once-famous historian to crack codes in a 300-year-old journal that once belonged to a Jacobite exile, Sara Thomas encounters complications in the form of the journal's reclusive owner, a charming Parisian neighbor and the journal's own writer.

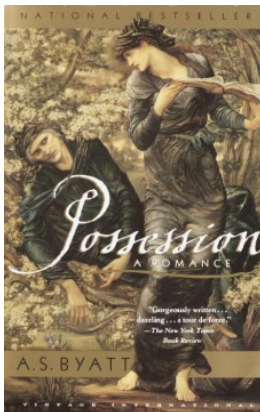
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Eventide

by Therese Bohman

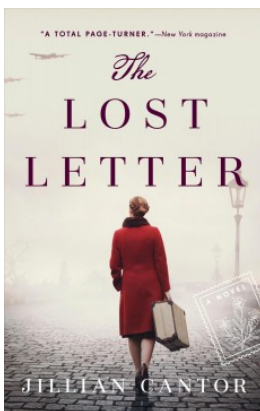
A Stockholm University art professor is embroiled in unexpected complexities in the academic world as she becomes entangled with a confident new postgraduate student who claims to have discovered new materials by a historical woman artist with the potential to change the historiography of the Swedish visual arts.



Possession

by A. S. Byatt

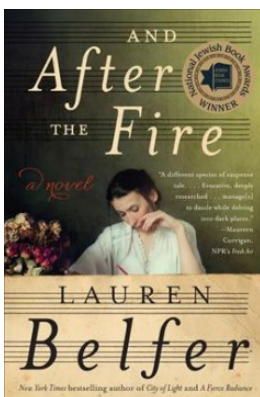
A young academic couple's attempt to trace the relationship between two turbulent, romantic, and superstitious Victorian poets reveals uncanny parallels with their own lives and culminates in the exhumation of a poet's corpse.



The Lost Letter

by Jillian Cantor

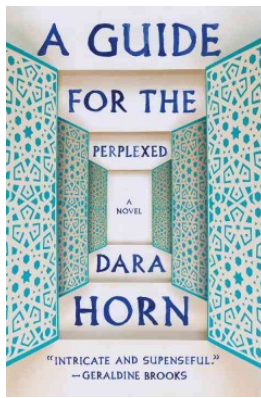
A young apprentice stamp engraver works secretly for the Austrian resistance in World War II and resolves to save the fiery daughter of his Jewish mentor, a story that is found decades later by a descendant who investigates an unusual stamp on an old love letter.



And After the Fire

by Lauren Belfer

A tale inspired by historical events traces the experiences of two women, one European and one American, whose lives are transformed by a mysterious Johann Sebastian Bach choral masterpiece.

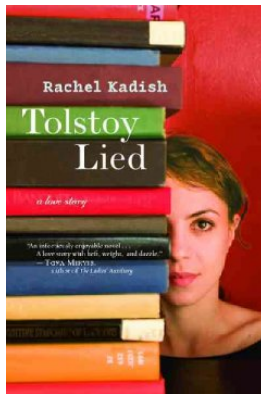


A Guide for the Perplexed

by Dara Horn

While consulting at an Egyptian library, software prodigy Josie Ashkenazi is kidnapped and her talent for preserving memories becomes her only means of escape as the power of her ingenious work is revealed, while at home, her jealous sister Judith takes over her life at home.

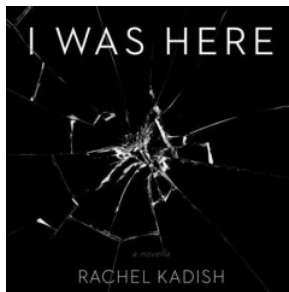
Other books by Rachel Kadish:



Tolstoy Lied: A Love Story

by Rachel Kadish

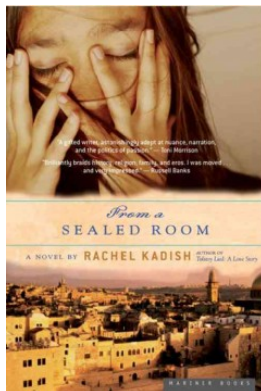
Contentedly single and headed for tenure at a major university, thirty-three-year-old Tracy Farber is determined to demonstrate that Tolstoy is wrong in his argument that only unhappiness is interesting by setting out to prove that happiness and the search for happiness are complicated—in literature, love, and real life.



I Was Here

by Rachel Kadish

In a working-class town, the abuse of a young girl is hushed up by a community more interested in civility than justice. Twenty years later, a series of obscene texts revives that old injustice and ten seemingly unconnected lives are pulled into an intricate and dangerous swerve toward tragedy.



From a Sealed Room

by Rachel Kadish

The life stories of three very different women--Tami, Maya, and Shifra--trapped within the sealed walls of war, bound by horrific memories of the past and a sense of a perilous present, intertwine, in a debut novel that follows their individual struggles to break free of their confinement.