

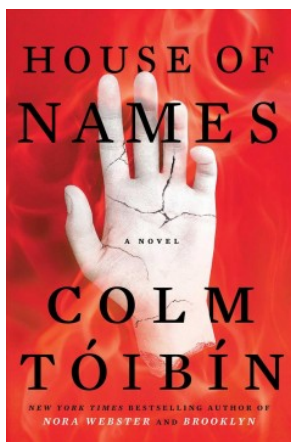


# Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

Readalikes for *Circe*  
Dundee Library Book Club, March 2022

## Books at the Dundee Library and/or Randall Oaks Library



### House of Names

by Colm Tóibín

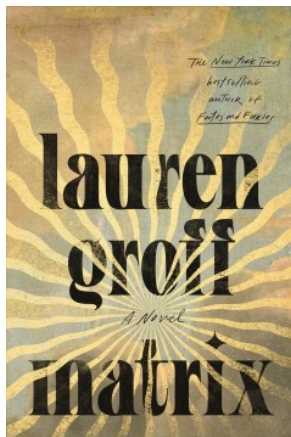
A retelling of the story of Clytemnestra and her children in the legendary Greek city of Mycenae, describes how at the side of her lover she plots to murder her long-absent husband for his betrayals and infidelities. By the award-winning author of *The Master*.



### Ariadne

by Jennifer Saint

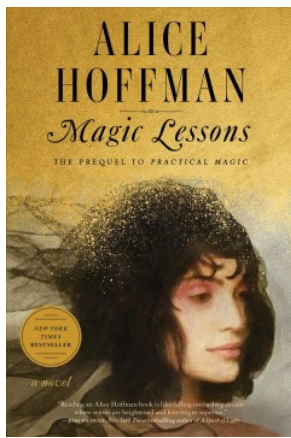
A feminist retelling of the Greek Myth of Theseus and the Minotaur follows Ariadne as she, defying the gods, betraying her family and country, and risking everything for love, helps Theseus kill the Minotaur.



### Matrix

by Lauren Groff

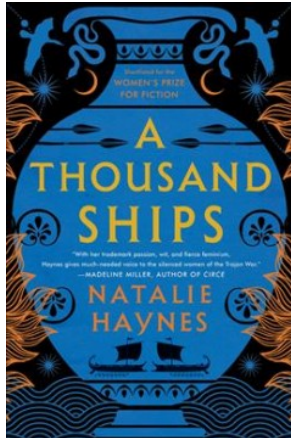
Cast out of the royal court, 17-year-old Marie de France, born the last in a long line of women warriors, is sent to England to be the new prioress of an impoverished abbey where she vows to chart a bold new course for the women she now leads and protects.



## ***Magic Lessons: The Prequel to Practical Magic***

by Alice Hoffman

A prequel to the movie-inspiring novel unveils the origin story of Maria Owens, who after being discovered as an abandoned baby in rural 17th-century Salem is taught in the “Unnamed Arts” before cursing her own family in love.



## ***A Thousand Ships: A Novel***

by Natalie Haynes

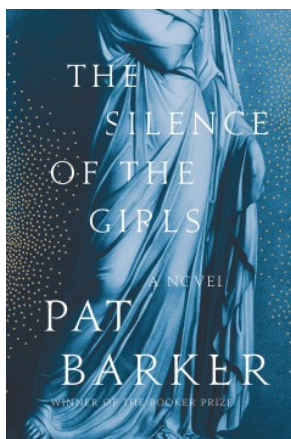
An award-winning retelling of the Trojan War from the perspectives of its women follows the stories of a vigil-keeping Penelope, an Amazon princess rival of Achilles and three goddesses whose feud sparks a tragic conflict.



## ***Home Fire***

by Kamila Shamsie

Given a chance to resume a deferred dream years after raising her troubled siblings, Isma worries about the influence of a powerful politician's son who drives the family to choose between love and loyalty, with devastating consequences. By the award-winning author of Broken Verses.



## ***The Silence of the Girls: A Novel***

by Pat Barker

The Booker Prize-winning author of the Regeneration trilogy reimagines The Iliad from the perspectives of the captured women living in the Greek camp in the final weeks of the Trojan War.

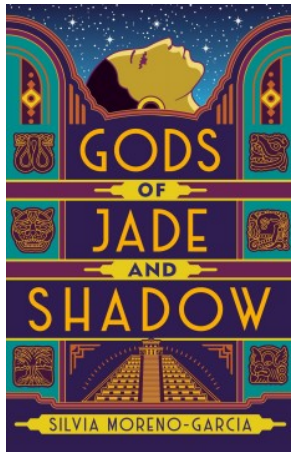


## **Lore**

by Alexandra Bracken

After her family was murdered, Lore Perseous turns her back on a hunt that is held every seven years to punish former Greek gods, but when a new hunt begins, Athena convinces Lore to form an alliance to end the hunt and stop the rise of a new more vengeful god.

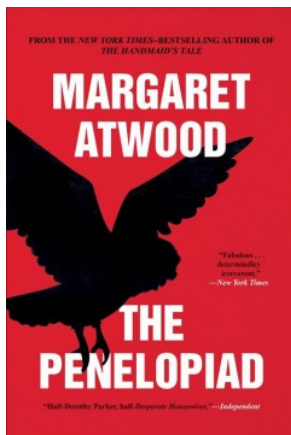
## **Books at other libraries in our consortium**



## **Gods of Jade and Shadow**

by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

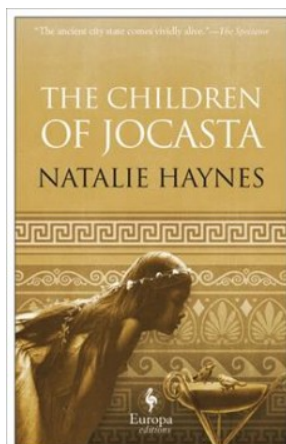
A dark fairy tale inspired by folklore is set against the Jazz age in Mexico's underworld, where a young dreamer is sent by the Mayan God of Death on a life-changing journey. By the award-winning author of Signal to Noise.



## **The Penelopiad**

by Margaret Atwood

The author of The Handmaid's Tale and The Blind Assassin presents a cycle of stories about Penelope, wife of Odysseus, through the eyes of the twelve maids hanged for disloyalty to Odysseus in his absence.



## **The Children of Jocasta**

by Natalie Haynes

A feminist reimagining of Sophocles' classic plays explores the firsthand experiences of the queen Jocasta and the grieving Ismene in a Thebes overshadowed by plague, scandal and murderous competition. By the author of The Amber Fury.

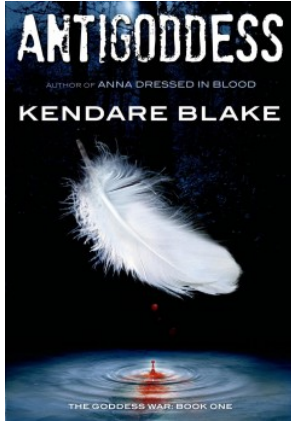




## *The Witch's Heart*

by Genevieve Gornichec

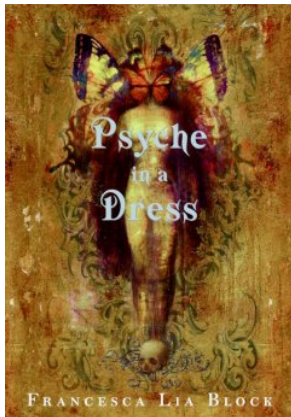
A subversive reimagining of Norse mythology traces the experiences of a banished witch whose unexpected passionate relationship with the trickster Loki produces three remarkable offspring before her family is targeted by wrathful gods. A first novel.



## *Antigoddess*

by Kendare Blake

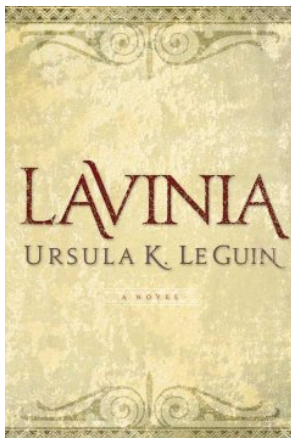
When she begins to sprout invasive feathers beneath her skin at the same time Hermes manifests a flesh-eating fever, Athena embarks on a quest for a cure that leads her to new friends and old enemies, including a former prophetess and an evil queen of the gods who is waging a war against other immortals.



## *Psyche in a Dress*

by Francesca Lia Block

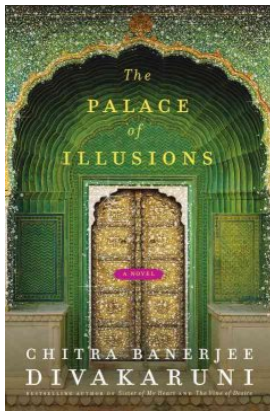
Yearning to be transformed by love, Psyche, who is plagued by self-doubt, desires to become immortal and must overcome the challenges and temptations that the gods and demons throw her way as she embarks on a perilous quest to reclaim herself.



## *Lavinia*

by Ursula K. Le Guin

Growing up in ancient Italy, Lavinia is on the verge of a betrothal to Turnus, the handsome king of nearby Rulli, when a fleet of Trojan ships, under the command of Aeneas, sails up the Tiber, and Lavinia sets out to control her own destiny and find the love of her life, in a historical novel that puts a female twist on Virgil's classic, The Aeneid.



## ***The Palace of Illusions: A Novel***

by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

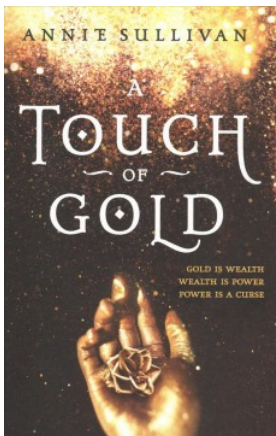
Panchaali, wife of the five legendary Pandavas brothers, offers her own version of the ancient Indian epic, The Mahabharat, as she chronicles the story of her magical birth, the problems of dealing with five husbands who have been cheated out of their birthright, the trials she endures, her friendship with Krishna, and her attraction to her husband's enemy.



## ***xo Orpheus: Fifty New Myths***

by Kate Bernheimer

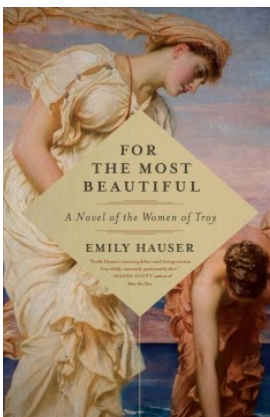
"Fifty leading writers retell myths from around the world in this dazzling follow-up to the bestselling My Mother She Killed Me, My Father He Ate Me Icarus flies once more. Aztec jaguar gods again stalk the earth. An American soldier designs a new kind of Trojan horse-his cremains in a bullet. Here, in compelling guise, are your favorite mythological figures- Narcissus and Echo, Orpheus and Eurydice, Pygmalion and Galatea, even Argos, Odysseus's faithful dog-alongside characters from Indian, Punjabi, Inuit, and other traditions."



## ***A Touch of Gold***

by Annie Sullivan

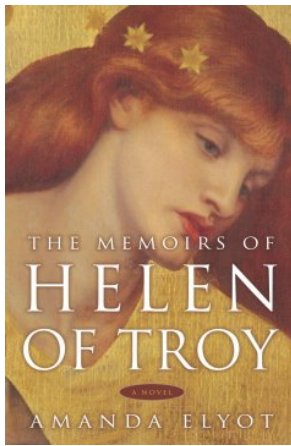
Bearing the consequences of her father's erstwhile golden touch, golden-skinned Princess Kora harbors secret powers that become more difficult to hide, before a thief complicates her courtship with a charming young duke.



## ***For the Most Beautiful: A Novel***

by Emily Hauser

The story of the Trojan War, told from the points of view of Krisayis, daughter of the High Priest of Troy and Briseis, princess of Pedasus, becomes a thrilling tale of love, revenge, destiny and determination.

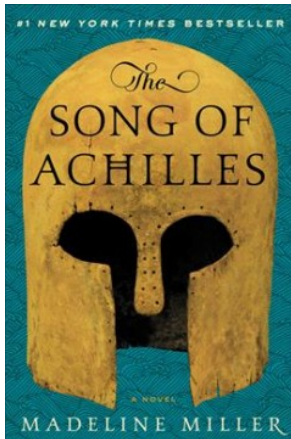


## *The Memoirs of Helen of Troy: A Novel*

by Amanda Elyot

The fictional memoirs of the one of the world's most beautiful and notorious women offers Helen's personal perspective on her turbulent childhood as the result of a rumored affair between her mother the queen and the god Zeus, the alienating impact of her stunning beauty, her kidnapping by Theseus, her marriage to the king of Sparta, and her role in the devastating war that would change the world.

## **Also by Madeline Miller**



## *The Song of Achilles*

by Madeline Miller

This epic retelling of the legend of Achilles follows Patroclus and Achilles, the golden son of King Peleus, as they, skilled in the arts of war and medicine, lay siege to Troy after Helen of Sparta is kidnapped--a cause that tests their friendship and forces them to make the ultimate sacrifice.

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