



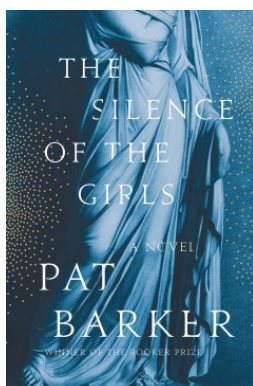
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Readalikes for *The Song of Achilles*

Dundee Library Book Club, May 2021

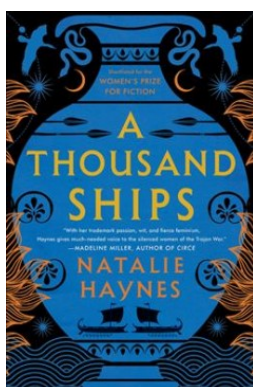
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The Silence of the Girls

by Pat Barker

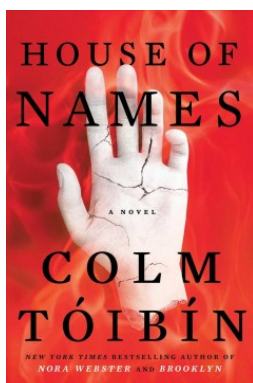
The Booker Prize-winning author of the Regeneration trilogy reimagines The Iliad from the perspectives of the captured women living in the Greek camp in the final weeks of the Trojan War



A Thousand Ships

by Natalie Haynes

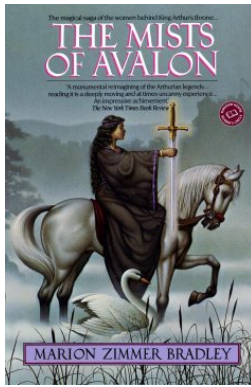
An award-winning retelling of the Trojan War from the perspectives of its women follows the stories of a vigil-keeping Penelope, an Amazon princess rival of Achilles and three goddesses whose feud sparks a tragic conflict.



House of Names

by Colm Tóibín

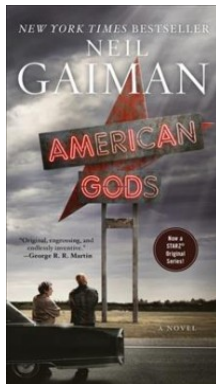
A retelling of the story of Clytemnestra and her children in the legendary Greek city of Mycenae, describes how at the side of her lover she plots to murder her long-absent husband for his betrayals and infidelities.



The Mists of Avalon

by Marion Zimmer Bradley

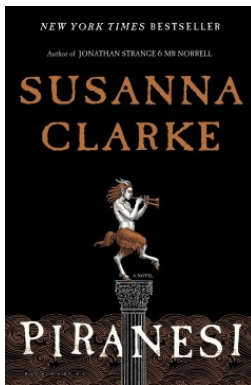
Retells the legend of Arthur as perceived by Viviane, the Lady of the Lake and high priestess of Avalon, Arthur's mother Igraine, his Christian wife Guinevere, and the sorceress Morgaine.



American Gods

by Neil Gaiman

On the plane home to attend the funerals of his wife and best friend, Shadow, just released from prison, encounters Mr. Wednesday, an enigmatic stranger who seems to know a lot about him, and when Mr. Wednesday offers him a job as his bodyguard, Shadow accepts and is plunged into a dark and perilous world, where the soul of America is at stake.

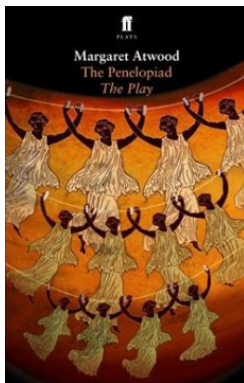


Piranesi

by Susanna Clarke

Living in a labyrinthine house of endless corridors, flooded staircases and thousands of statues, Piranesi assists the dreamlike dwelling's only other resident throughout a mysterious research project before evidence emerges of an astonishing alternate world.

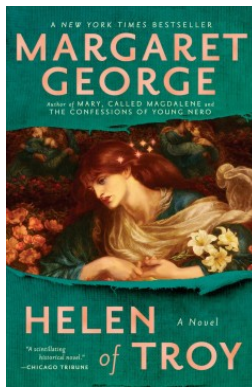
Books at other libraries in our consortium:



The Penelopiad

by Margaret Eleanor Atwood

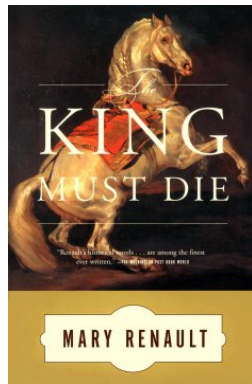
Penelope - wife of Odysseus and cousin of the Helen of Troy - has become a symbol of wifely duty and devotion, enduring twenty years of waiting when her husband goes to fight in the Trojan War. When Odysseus finally comes home, he kills her suitors and then ruthlessly hangs Penelope's twelve maids.



Helen of Troy

by Margaret George

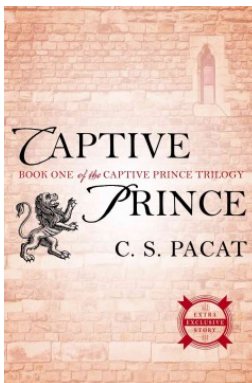
Married at a tender age to the remote Spartan king Menelaus, the beautiful Helen bears him a daughter and anticipates a passionless marriage in spite of her divine origins before falling in love with the Trojan prince Paris, with whom she flees to Troy, with devastating consequences.



The King Must Die

by Mary Renault

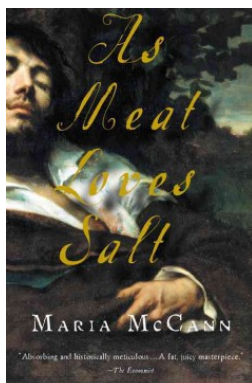
An adaptation of the legend of Theseus who masters the art of bull leaping and slays the Minotaur in the process of fulfilling his destiny.



Captive Prince

by C. S. Pacat

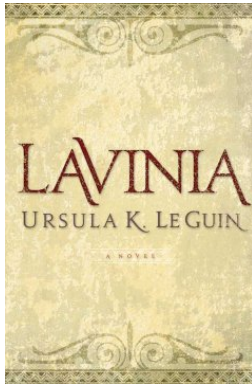
When beloved warrior hero Damen's brother siezes the throne of Akielos unjustly, rightful heir Damen is sold as a pleasure slave to Prince Laurent of the enemy Vere Kingdom, and is soon caught up in court intrigue that threatens him and his new master.



As Meat Loves Salt

by Maria McCann

In a tale set against a backdrop of the seventeenth-century English revolution, Jacob Cullen and his fellow soldiers dream of rebuilding their lives when the fighting is over before the realities of war overwhelm them, threatening Jacob's sanity.

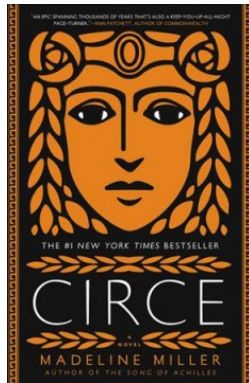


Lavinia

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.

Other titles by Madeline Miller:



Circe

by Madeline Miller

A highly anticipated follow-up to the award-winning The Song of Achilles follows the banished witch daughter of Titans as she hones her powers and interacts with famous mythological beings before a conflict with one of the most vengeful Olympians forces her to choose between the worlds of the gods and mortals.