



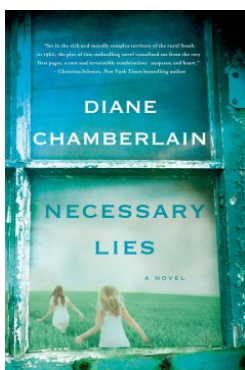
# Fox River Valley Libraries

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## Readalikes for *Take My Hand*

Dundee Library Book Club, May 2023

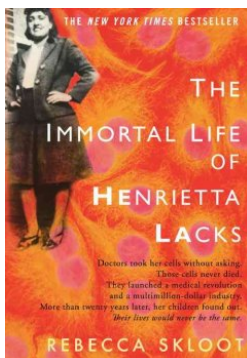
### Books at the Dundee Library and/or Randall Oaks Library



#### *Necessary lies*

by Diane Chamberlain

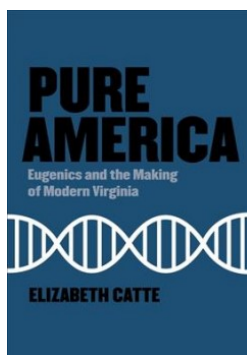
Caring for her family on their mid-20th-century tobacco farm after the loss of her parents, 15-year-old Ivy connects with Grace County social worker Jane, who strains her personal and professional relationships with her advocacy of Ivy's family, whose dark secrets test Jane's resolve against racial tensions and state-mandated sterilizations.



#### *The immortal life of Henrietta Lacks*

by Rebecca Skloot

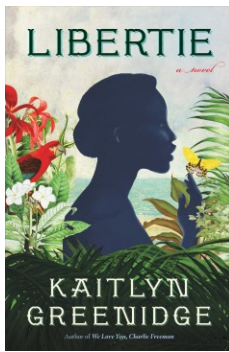
Documents the story of how scientists took cells from an unsuspecting descendant of freed slaves and created a human cell line that has been kept alive indefinitely, enabling discoveries in such areas as cancer research, in vitro fertilization and gene mapping.



#### *Pure America : eugenics and the making of Modern Virginia*

by Elizabeth Catte

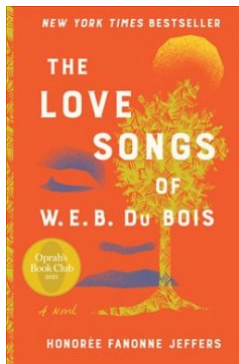
In this follow-up to *What You Are Getting Wrong About Appalachia*, a noted historian explores the legacy of white supremacy in a small Virginia town and what possible interventions can be made now to repair the damage.



### **Libertie : a novel**

by Kaitlyn Greenidge

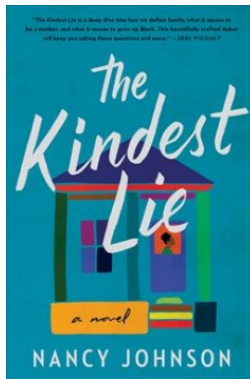
Coming of age as a free-born Black woman in Reconstruction-era Brooklyn, Libertie Sampson struggles against her mother's medical aspirations for her when she finds herself more drawn to a musical career that could compromise her autonomy.



### **The love songs of W.E.B. Du Bois : a novel**

by Honorée Fanonne Jeffers

To come to terms with who she is and what she wants, Ailey, the daughter of an accomplished doctor and a strict schoolteacher, embarks on a journey through her family's past, helping her embrace her full heritage, which is the story of the Black experience in itself.



### **The kindest lie : a novel**

by Nancy Johnson

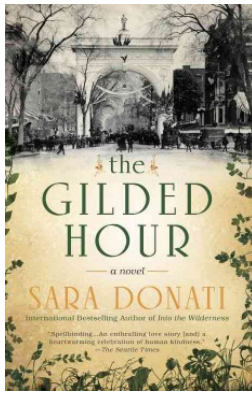
Needing to reconnect with the baby she gave up for adoption years earlier, an Ivy League-educated Black engineer uncovers devastating family secrets before her bond with a young white misfit scandalizes her racially torn community.



### **The vanishing half**

by Brit Bennett

Separated by their embrace of different racial identities, two mixed-race identical twins reevaluate their choices as one raises a black daughter in their southern hometown while the other passes for white with a husband who is unaware of her heritage.

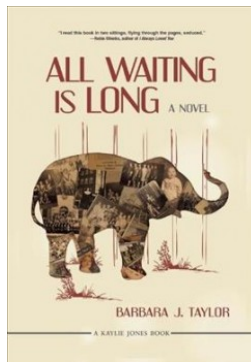


## *The gilded hour*

by Sara Donati

Haunted by childhood losses in spite of successful medical careers in 1883 New York City, surgeon Anna Savard and her obstetrician cousin, Sophie, consider taking in a child and helping a desperate young mother, while avoiding dangerous anti-vice crusader Anthony Comstock

## Books at other libraries in our consortium



## *All waiting is long*

by Barbara J. Taylor

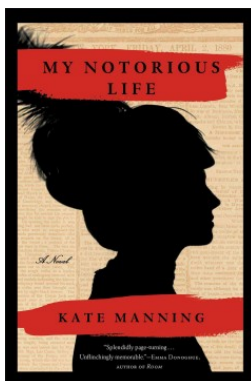
Violet helps her sixteen-year-old sister, Lily, travel to an infant asylum in Philadelphia so Lily can have her child in secret. They do not know the asylum's physician is experimenting on the girls with eugenics. After five years, both women are back in Scranton finding their way in marriage and engagement and grapple with their worth and virtue



## *When stars rain down : a novel*

by Angela Jackson-Brown

A young woman's coming of age against a backdrop of an unseasonably hot summer in 1936 Georgia is upended by KKK activities that raise questions about her community's unacknowledged racism and the kind of person she wants to be.



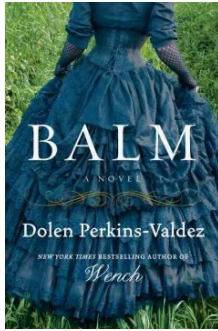
## *My notorious life : a novel*

by Kate Manning

An evocative tale based on the life of a controversial Victorian New York City midwife features plucky orphan Axie Muldoon, who recounts her apprenticeship and establishment of a thriving practice that is threatened by a censorious zealot.

## Also by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

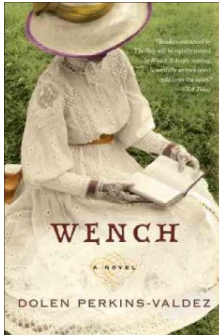
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### *Balm : a novel*

by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

At the end of the Civil War, Madge, who has the power to heal; Sadie, who can commune with the dead; and Hemp, who is searching for his family, arrive in Chicago where they are all caught up in a desperate battle for survival in a community desperate to lay the pain of the past to rest.



### *Wench*

by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

Slave mistresses Lizzie, Reenie and Sweet travel to a resort in Ohio each year with their white masters, until Mawu shows up and encourages the three others to escape, forcing them to choose between freedom and leaving their friends and families--and the emotional and psychological ties that bind them to their masters.