

# Crook County Library

## Booky Books and Filmy Films Staff Picks

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### Books

Ahern, Cecelia

#### **The Book of Tomorrow (2009)**

Forced into a humbler life with relatives in Ireland after the sudden death of her father, spoiled sixteen-year-old Tamara Goodwin discovers a diary of future entries written in her handwriting that she hopes will reveal the truth about her mother's troubling health. (*Gothic Fiction*) JFS

Black, Baxter

#### **Croutons on a Cow Pie, Volume II: Cowboy Poetry (1992)**

Baxter's poems are about cowboys as they are surviving into the 21st Century where horses co-exist with cruise control and computers. (*Poetry*) MR

Burt, Marissa

#### **Storybound (2013)**

In the land of Story, kids go to school to learn to be the perfect character: a brave Hero, a trusty Sidekick, even the most dastardly Villain. They dream of the day when they will live out Tales written just for them. But when an ordinary girl named Una Fairchild finds herself Written In to Story, she discovers that the magical land is threatened by a dark secret. (*Fantasy, Children's*) MR

Cass, Laurie

#### **Lending a Paw: A Bookmobile Mystery (2013)**

Minnie the librarian and Eddie's the tabby's first day visiting readers around the county seems to pass without trouble—until Eddie leads her to the body of a local man who's reached his final chapter! Initially, Minnie is ready to let the police handle this case, but Eddie seems to smell a rat. Together, they'll work to find the killer—because a good librarian always knows when justice is overdue. (*Cozy Mystery*) MR

Chopped

#### **The Chopped Cookbook (2014)**

If you've ever looked into your fridge, realized you just have to cook those chicken breasts you bought earlier in the week, and wondered how you'd ever get excited about dinner again, *The Chopped Cookbook* will help you out of your recipe rut. By showing you how to stock your kitchen with the right ingredients, the masterminds at the Food Network Kitchens will set you up for mealtime victory every night. (*Non-Fiction; Cooking*) AS

Churchill, Jill

**Bell, Book, and Scandal: A Jane Jeffry Mystery (2003)**

Part-time sleuth Jane Jeffry and friend Shelley attend a local mystery writers' convention, only to become involved in another murder mystery. After someone poisons a famous editor and attacks a renowned reviewer, Jane and Shelley take the offensive. (*Cozy Mystery*) JFS

Gaiman, Neil

**The Graveyard Book (2008)**

After the grisly murder of his entire family, a toddler wanders into a graveyard where the ghosts and other supernatural residents agree to raise him as one of their own. (*Fantasy; Children's*) BM

Greenberg, Gary

**The Book of Woe (2013)**

An exposé of the psychiatric profession's bible from a leading psychotherapist, "The Book of Woe" reveals the deeply flawed process by which mental disorders are invented and uninvented – and why increasing numbers of therapy patients are being declared mentally ill. (*Non-Fiction; Health, Mind & Body; Psychological*) AS

Gruber, Michael

**The Book of Air and Shadows (2013)**

A fire destroys a New York City rare bookstore—and reveals clues to a treasure worth killing for. A disgraced scholar is found tortured to death. And those pursuing the most valuable literary find in history are about to cross from the harmless mundane into inescapable nightmare. (*Historical Thriller*) JK

Harkness, Deborah

**The Book of Life (2014)**

After traveling through time in *Shadow of Night*, the second book in Deborah Harkness's enchanting series, historian and witch Diana Bishop and vampire scientist Matthew Clairmont return to the present to face new crises and old enemies. – Provided by publisher (*Paranormal/Fantasy*) JK

Holsinger, Bruce

**A Burnable Book (2014)**

England's young, still untested king, Richard II, is in mortal peril, and the danger is only beginning. Songs are heard across London--catchy verses said to originate from an ancient book that prophesies the end of England's kings--and among the book's predictions is Richard's assassination. Only a few powerful men know that the cryptic lines derive from a "burnable book," a seditious work that threatens the stability of the realm. (*Historical Fiction*) JK

Johnson, Marilyn

**This Book Is Overdue! How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All (2010)**

Those who predicted the death of libraries forgot to consider that in the automated maze of contemporary life, none of us--neither the experts nor the hopelessly baffled--can get along without human help. And not just any help--we need librarians, who won't charge us by the question or roll their eyes, no matter what we ask. Who are they? What do they know? And how quickly can they save us from being buried by the digital age? (*Nonfiction*) BM

McMurtry, Larry

**Books: A Memoir (2008)**

*Lonesome Dove* author McMurtry writes about his endless passion for books: as a boy growing up in a largely "bookless" world; as a young man devouring the vastness of literature with astonishing energy; as a fledgling writer and family man; and above all, as one of America's most prominent bookmen. (*Autobiography*) JFS

Oliver, Neil

**Amazing Tales for Making Men Out of Boys (2009)**

Packed with stories of heroism, exploration, and sacrifice from around the world, this richly illustrated collection inspires boys to be courageous, selfless, and open to adventure. (*Non-Fiction*) JFS

Ockler, Sarah

**The Book of Broken Hearts (2013)**

Jude has learned a lot from her older sisters, the most important thing being that the Vargas brothers are notorious heartbreakers, but as Jude begins to fall for Emilio Vargas, she wonders if her sisters were wrong. (*Young Adult; Realistic Fiction*) JFS

Ozeki, Ruth

**A Tale For the Time Being (2013)**

In Tokyo, sixteen-year-old Nao has decided there's only one escape from her aching loneliness and her classmates' bullying. A diary is Nao's only solace – and will touch lives in ways she can scarcely imagine. Across the Pacific, we meet Ruth, a novelist living on a remote island who discovers a collection of artifacts washed ashore in a Hello Kitty lunchbox--possibly debris from the devastating 2011 tsunami. (*Literary Fiction*) JFS

Phaidon Press

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art Book (1996)**

Covering the truly international nature of the modern art scene, this book encompasses established and iconic works of art and the classics of the future. 500 artists are juxtaposed in alphabetical order, each represented by a full-page color plate of a definitive work accompanied by an incisive text that sheds light on both image and creator. (*Non-Fiction; Art*) JFS

Setterfield, Diane

**The Thirteenth Tale (2006)**

When her health begins failing, the mysterious author Vida Winter decides to let Margaret Lea, a biographer, write the truth about her life, but Margaret needs to verify the facts since Vida has a history of telling outlandish tales. (*Intricately Plotted*) JFS

Steber, Rick

**Grandpa's Stories (1991)**

When Grandpa is seated in his favorite rocking chair, great-grandchildren scattered at his feet, his eyes sparkle as lively as they must have in his youth. He exuberantly recounts the past, painting vivid pictures of his life on the western frontier as a pioneer, miner, freighter, stage driver, Indian fighter, trapper, homesteader, logger, buckaroo... (*Non-Fiction; Local History*) JFS

Stewart, Jon

**America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction (2004)**

Jon Stewart and The Daily Show writing staff offer their insights into our unique system of government, dissecting its institutions, explaining its history and processes, and exploring the reasons why concepts like one man, one vote, government by the people, and every vote counts have become such popular urban myths. (*Satire*) JFS

Truong, Monique

**The Book of Salt (2003)**

In deciding if he should accompany his employers to America, stay in France, or go back to his native Vietnam, Binh recalls his life in Vietnam, the jobs he's held since leaving there, and the people it has helped him meet. (*Biographical, Historical*) AS

Vizzini, Ned

**It's Kind of a Funny Story (2007)**

A humorous account of a New York City teenager's battle with depression and his time spent in a psychiatric hospital. (*Young Adult*) JFS

Wroblewski, David

**The Story of Edgar Sawtelle (2008)**

A tale reminiscent of "Hamlet" that also celebrates the alliance between humans and dogs follows speech-disabled Wisconsin youth Edgar, who bonds with three yearling canines and struggles to prove that his sinister uncle is responsible for his father's death. (*Coming-of-age; Thriller*) JFS

Zevin, Gabrielle

**The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry (2014)**

A middle-aged bookseller mourning his lost wife, a feisty publisher's rep, and a charmingly precocious abandoned child come together on a small island off the New England coast in this utterly delightful novel of love and second chances. (*Quirky Fiction*) JFS

## Movies

**The Book Thief (2014)**

Although Liesel is illiterate when she is adopted by a German couple, her adoptive father encourages her to learn to read. Ultimately, the power of words helps Liesel and Max, a Jew hiding in the family's home, escape from the events unfolding around them. (*Historical; Drama*) JFS

**A Canterbury Tale (1944)**

This World War II-era classic follows three modern-day incarnations of Chaucer's pilgrims – a melancholy "landgirl," a plainspoken American GI, and a resourceful British sergeant – who are waylaid in the English countryside. (*Classics; Drama*) JFS

### **The Jane Austen Book Club (2008)**

A group of six friends, in Sacramento, gather to distract themselves from loss - a newly dumped Sylvia, Prudie's repressed disappointment, or Jocelyn, who has a life of unrealized dreams. There's plenty of pride (Prudie), prejudice (Jocelyn), sense (Sylvia), and sensibility (Sylvia's daughter Allegra). Throw in a fair amount of persuasion. Relationships and alliances unfold over the months. (*Romantic Comedy*) BM

### **The Lizzie McGuire Movie (2003)**

Lizzie McGuire sets off to Italy with friends on a graduation trip, where she is mistaken for an Italian pop star and falls for the star's singing partner, Paolo. (*Comedy; Family*) JFS

### **The Muppet Movie (1979)**

Kermit the Frog and Fozzie Bear have embarked on a quest for stardom. They take a trip to Hollywood, riding in or on a wide variety of vehicles along the way and accumulating friends as they go. They have the additional challenge of fending off the entreaties of the heartless Doc Hopper (Charles Durning), who wants Kermit to make advertisements promoting fried frog legs. (*Comedy; Family*) JFS

### **Silent Movie (1976)**

A has-been movie director (Mel Brooks) intends to make a comeback by making a silent movie, and in the process, save his film studio from a takeover by a New York-based conglomerate. (*Comedy; Parody*) JFS

### **The Simpsons Movie (2007)**

The Springfield citizenry has every reason to be out for Simpson blood. The calamity triggered by Homer has drawn the attention of sinister Environmental Protection Agency head Russ Cargill (Albert Brooks). As the fates of Springfield and the world hang in the balance, Homer embarks on a personal odyssey of redemption – seeking forgiveness from Marge, the reunion of his splintered family, and the salvation of his hometown. (*Animated, Comedy*) MR

### **This is Not a Film (2013)**

Iranian director Jafar Panahi captures his day-to-day life on house arrest as he attempts to appeal his sentence of six years in prison and a twenty-year ban from filmmaking. (*Documentary; Foreign*) JFS

### **Winter's Tale (2014)**

A burglar falls for an heiress as she dies in his arms. When he learns that he has the gift of reincarnation, he sets out to save her. (*Drama; Historical Fantasy*) JFS