

Crook County Library

Red HOT Reads Book List – 2/16

Books

American Heart Association

Complete Guide to Women's Heart Health (2009)

The “Go Red for Women” way to well-being and vitality. Draws on American Heart Association guidelines to explain how women can minimize their chances for developing heart disease by controlling risk factors, eating nutritiously and exercising. (*Nonfiction; Health*) JK

Conant, Jennet

A Covert Affair (2011)

A stunning account of Julia Child's early life as a member of the OSS in the Far East during World War II, and the tumultuous years when she and Paul Child were caught up in the McCarthy witch hunt and behaved with bravery and honor. (*Nonfiction; Biography*) JFS

Dallas, Sandra

The Chili Queen (2002)

Life may have been hard on Addie French, but when she meets friendless Emma Roby on a train, all her protective instincts emerge. Emma's brother is seeing her off to Nalgitas to marry a man she has never met. And Emma seems like a lost soul to Addie—someone who needs Addie's savvy and wary eye. It isn't often that Addie is drawn to anyone as a friend, but Emma seems different somehow. When Emma's prospective fails to show up at the train depot, Addie breaks all her principles to shelter the girl at her brothel, *The Chili Queen*. But once Emma enters Addie's life, the secrets that unfold and schemes that are hatched cause both women to question everything they thought they knew. (*Historical Fiction*) MR

Gregory, Philippa

The Red Queen (2010)

Married to a man twice her age, quickly widowed, and a mother at only fourteen, Margaret Beaufort is determined to turn her lonely life into a triumph. She sets her heart on putting her son on the throne of England regardless of the cost to herself, England, and even her son. Disregarding rival heirs and the overwhelming power of the York dynasty, she names him Henry, like the king; sends him into exile; and pledges him in marriage to her enemy Elizabeth of York's daughter. (*Historical Fiction, Biographical Fiction*) AS

Greenfield, Amy Butler

A Perfect Red (2005)

A Perfect Red recounts the colorful history of cochineal, a legendary red dye that was once one of the world's most precious commodities. Treasured by the ancient Mexicans, cochineal was sold in the great Aztec marketplaces, where it attracted the attention of the Spanish conquistadors in 1519. Shipped to Europe, the dye created a sensation, producing the brightest, strongest red the world had ever seen. Soon Spain's cochineal monopoly was worth a fortune. (*Nonfiction*) AS

Heath, Lorraine

The Duke and the Lady in Red (2015)

When Rosalind Sharpe gains the attention of the deliciously wicked Duke of Avendale, she's torn between her distracting attraction to the notorious rogue and the knowledge that he, rich as Croesus is the perfect target for a deception that will put her swindling days behind her. (*Historical Romance*) AS

Hodge, Rosamund

Crimson Bound (2015)

Rachelle must protect the king's bastard son while searching for the weapons that will save her world from endless night. (*Young Adult, Fantasy*) BM

Hoffman, Alice

The Red Garden (2011)

A young wounded civil war soldier is saved by a passionate neighbor, a woman meets a fiercely human historical character, a poet falls in love with a blind man, and a mysterious traveler comes to town in the year when summer never arrives. At the center of everyone's life is a mysterious garden where only red plants can grow, and where the truth can be found by those who dare to look (*Magical Realism*) JK

Koertge, Ron

Lies, Knives, and Girls in Red Dresses (2012)

Free-verse reveals true stories behind well-known fairy tales, some reset in modern times, as a strung-out match girl sells CDs to drug users, Little Red Riding Hood admits that she wanted to know what it is like to be swallowed whole, and Cinderella's stepsisters are duped. (*Fairy Tales, Poetry, Young Adult*) BM

Lackey, Mercedes

Beauty and the Werewolf (2011)

The eldest daughter is often doomed in fairy tales. But Bella vows to escape the usual pitfalls. She dons a red cloak and ventures into the forbidden forest. (*Fairy tales retold*) JK

Mosley, Walter

A Red Death (1991)

Easy Rawlins is an astute and tough war veteran living in early 1950s Los Angeles. In deep trouble with the IRS for nonpayment of taxes, Easy half-heartedly agrees to spy on a suspected Jewish Communist for an avid FBI agent in return for leverage with the tax man. (*Mystery; Historical Fiction*) JFS

O'Brien, Tim

The Things They Carried (1990)

They carried malaria tablets, love letters, 28-pound mine detectors, each other. And, if they made it home alive, they carried unrelenting images of a nightmarish war that history is only beginning to absorb. (*Non-fiction*) MR

Pamuk, Orhan

My Name is Red (2001)

In sixteenth-century Istanbul, a furor erupts when the Sultan hires a group of artists to illuminate a great book in the European style at a time in which all figurative art is considered Islamic heresy. The situation becomes worse when one of the miniaturists assigned to the project vanishes. (*Literary Fiction; Mystery; Historical Fiction*) JFS

Tobin, Paul and Colleen Coover

Bandette (2013)

The world's greatest thief is a costumed teen burglar in swinging Paris by the nome d'arte of Bandette! Gleefully plying her skills on either side of the law, Bandette is a thorn in the sides of both police inspector Belgique and the criminal underworld. But it's not all breaking hearts and purloining masterpieces when a rival thief discovers that an international criminal organization wants Bandette dead! (*Graphic Novel*) BM

Movies

A League of Their Own (1992)

In 1943, a washed-up ballplayer is hired to coach in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League while the male pros are at war. Reluctant at first, he finds himself drawn back into the game by the heart and heroics of his team. Based on a true story. (*Baseball drama*) MR

The Red Shoes (1948)

Vicky Page (Moira Shearer) is an aspiring ballerina torn between her dedication to dance and her desire to love. While her imperious instructor urges to her to forget anything but ballet, Vicky begins to fall for the charming young composer Julian Craster (Marius Goring). Eventually Vicky, under great emotional stress, must choose to pursue either her art or her romance, a decision that carries serious consequences. (*Classics; Drama*) JFS

The Ruby in the Smoke (2007)

Set in Victorian London, fearless young Sally Lockhart has a mind for numbers and for sleuthing. Recently orphaned Sally is armed with a pearl-handled pistol and her keen mind, uncovers the secrets of her father's death aboard the sunken schooner Lavinia, discovers hidden cursed jewels, and faces England's deadliest villains with bold courage. (*Historical Fiction, Mystery, Based on a Book*) BM

Sideways (2005)

A wine-tasting road trip through California's famed Central Coast takes an expected detour as Miles and Jack hit the gas en route to their mid-life crises. (*Dry Humor*) JK