

<u>Star Rating</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Review</u>
1.0	Grey	EL James	I liked the female perspective better.
1.0	Second Life	SJ Watson	Hard to follow!
1.0	The Next Best Thing	Jennifer Weiner	Very disappointed with this story. Ruth's relationship with her grandmother. Many things mixed up like laptops in classrooms in the 1980s -- I don't think so. They were not around then. Many sidetracks. The story rambles.
2.0	The Art Detective	Philip Mould	Mould evidently loves talking about the money in his business, art dealing, but clearly does not harbor the same affection for commas. Overall, an intriguing look into the world of selling art. Shines when telling the story behind the art, both owners and artists.
2.0	Original Sin: Tenth Realm, Vol. 1	Jason Aaron	This Marvel graphic novel features the excellent writing of Aaron, who tells of Thor and Loki's quest to find the former's sister. The characters are well-written. Even if the females' depiction may be meant to appeal to a certain audience, they are pretty hardcore.
2.0	Dark Places	Gillian Flynn	As in her Gone Girl style of writing, I did not find this to be a very good read. It's her writing style that I find hard to read. Storyline builds to surprise conclusion (or is it?). I have an unanswered question about the main characters -- I'll just say Why?
2.0	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	After visiting the Mark Twain House in Hartford, I bought a large-print edition of this "classic." Found the dialogue difficult to read. The "adventures" were somewhat unbelievable. But I can see why the book is considered a classic tale as only Twain can write.
2.0	The Enemy Inside	Steve Martini	One of the murder mysteries with several plotlines that eventually come together to "solve" the crimes. The author's use of chapters leads to some confusion (at least for me) as to what/who the chapter features. Conclusion was predictable.
2.0	Joy for Beginners	Erica Bauermeister	A nice story, but a little unbelievable.
2.0	Hard Truth	Nevada Barr	Setting a murder mystery in Rocky Mountain National Park. Typical "Barr" -- can move a little slow at times.
2.0	The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell	Lillian Jackson Braun	
2.0	Dry Ice	Stephen White	Alex Delaware novel -- and not my favorite Delaware story.
2.0	Because of Winn-Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	Cute story about the love and companionship of a pet
2.0	Keeping Faith	Jodi Picoult	Took a while to get into the storyline. Ending as a little dry.
2.0	Tiger Rising	Kate DiCamillo	A bit hard to follow, but overall an okay book.
2.0	Love at the Speed of Email	Lisa McKay	
2.0	The Winter of Frankie Machine	Don Winslow	I listened to this on OneClick audio. Fun characters in the Italian mob. Middle chapters were a bit long. He gave up his mob ways, went straight, then ends up back in.
2.0	A God in Ruins	Kate Atkinson	Book follows up with the life of the brothers from 'Life After Life.' Went back and forth in family history which I found a bit confusing. Characters did not capture my interest.
2.0	NYPD Red 3	James Patterson	
2.0	The One and Only	Emily Giffin	Not my favorite. It was a bit of an awkward situation and I did not like it as much as her other books I've read.
2.0	The Lady of the Rivers	Philippa Gregory	It was okay. I liked her other books better.
2.0	The Patron Saint of Ugly	Marie Manilla	I try to be an open-minded person with new authors I listen to. This audio was extremely hard to get into. The characters I found to be depressing. Not enjoyable but did not hate it. I know the author was trying to convey something in the world for people to be entertained by.
3.0	The Reckoning	Jane Casey	A good addition to a promising series. Enough plot, character development, and mystery to keep me entertained. Count me in for #3

3.0	Last Man Off	Matt Lewis	Matt Lewis has written the most horrific and terrifying description of abandon ship I have ever read. It is a blend of adventure, fate, bravery, cowardice, and mistakes made. If you fear water or boats, perhaps you should skip this. It is a fascinating read, hard to love but demands attention.
3.0	All the Light We Cannot See	Anthony Doerr	Was beautifully written. An interesting perspective on WWII from two children's experiences.
3.0	No Country for Old Men	Cormac McCarthy	This was my first McCarthy and while I found this minimalist style a definite change of pace, I can fully acknowledge I did not understand all of it. It is a simple but tragic tale, that feels epic in scope.
3.0	A Dance with Dragons	George RR Martin	The fifth installment in Martin's A Song of Ice and Fire series has its lulls, but also contains moments of excitement, complete with the shocks and twists typical of Westeros (and beyond)
3.0	Thor, Vol. 2	Jason Aaron	In this volume, the woman behind the latest Thor is revealed. Excellent art and storytelling!
3.0	The World of Post Secret	Frank Warren	The largest and most comprehensive Post Secret book to date, this collection of secrets from strangers can be insightful, heartwrenching, and inspiring.
3.0	Cash Landing	James Grippando	First book by this author -- I'll try another.
3.0	If These Walls Could Talk: New York Yankees	Jim Kaat with Greg Jennings	A quick read for a Yankees fan. Jim Kaat, former MLB player, describes his years when he pitched for the Yankees.
3.0	The Oregon Trail	Rinker Buck	Author and his brother retraced the journey pioneers undertook over what was called the Oregon Trail. He intersperses historical background of the pioneers to make the book a historical travelogue. One cannot imagine the difficulties undertaken by the pioneer in the 1840s to make the trip for personal or religious purposes. Buck's trip was a personal trip to understand himself.
3.0	The Road to Character	David Brooks	Fascinating read as author identifies the character development of individuals -- that made them who they are: Dwight Eisenhower [...] and others. He focused on values that formed their characters. Intriguing mini bios of well-known individuals -- somewhat preachy throughout, but the look at the lives of individuals overcame the negatives. An intriguing book.
3.0	Angel Falls	Kristin Hannah	I enjoyed the book very much. It was hard to put down.
3.0	Split Image	Robert B. Parker	I enjoy reading Parker's books, set around Boston
3.0	The Cat Who Turned On and Off	Lillian Jackson Braun	Typical Braun mystery
3.0	Scarpetta	Patricia Cornwell	Slow to start but good mystery
3.0	The Darling Dahlias and the Cucumber Tree	Susan Wittig Albert	Set back in the '40s down south, a good read for a mystery with a "garden club."
3.0	Huckleberry Murders	Patrick McManus	I like his main character Bo Tully -- so down-to-earth. Set out in the "wild west" of today.
3.0	Through the Woods	Emily Carroll	Very captivating -- crazy, but I couldn't put it down. (Graphic novel)
3.0	Mrs. Grant and Madame Jule	Jennifer Chiaverini	Very good -- not as good as Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker. J. Chiaverini writes wonderful novels while including great historical events in her writing.
3.0	The Little Paris Bookshop	Nina George	Interesting - and lots of emotions shared by people -- emotions we don't always share. Got a bit dragged out at times.
3.0	The White Queen	Philippa Gregory	Great book. Facts not all true. But still a great read.
3.0	Killing Patton	Bill O'Reilly	Quite interesting. An easy listen to get people interested in history.
3.0	Gal: A True Life	Ruthie Mae Bolton	
3.0	Resilience	Jessie Close with Pete Earley	
3.0	Sleeps with Dogs	Lindsey Grant	

3.0	The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate DiCamillo	Cute story!
3.0	The Pastor's Wife	Jennifer Allee	
3.0	Spinster	Kate Bolick	Interesting premise and extremely well-written. At times, I felt like I was reading a dissertation abstract. At times, the historical part was a bit dry and seemed forced to support her thesis.
3.0	The Hand that Feeds You	AJ Rich	Psychological thriller. Fast-paced, kept me guessing. A bit transparent at the end.
3.0	Learning	Karen Kingsbury	
3.0	Chasing Sunsets	Karen Kingsbury	
3.0	The Godwuld Manuscript	Robert Parker	Typical early Robert Parker. Great food and clothing descriptions. Fun language and humor. Great choice of listening while painting my bathroom!
3.0	Endurance	Alfred Lansing	Amazing true story of Ernest Shackleton and his men stranded in the Antarctic for over 17 months until he was able to go to another island for help. All survived.
3.0	Life After Life	Kate Atkinson	Story has chapters that repeat with one slight change and we see how the different outcomes happen. Very intriguing concept. Story got a little long in the middle. Takes place before and after WWII.
3.0	Blueprints	Barbara Delinsky	First for me with the author. Nice, light summer read
3.0	Life From Scratch	Sasha Martin	A difficult read by worth the time.
3.0	Last Letter from Your Lover	Jojo Moyes	Really good story!
3.0	Love Anthony	Lisa Genova	The author does a great job of her children's health issues, describing autism and her eleven-year-old son's behaviors. She has two sons that are not normal in today's world and a full-time job as a caregiver/Mom for them. A story that will put tears in your eyes. Perhaps a good book for book discussion groups. Hope other enjoy this.
3.0	The Sunflower	Richard Paul Evans	Christine who finds out one week before her wedding that Paul no longer wants to marry. Paul is an ER doctor. Christine is not an outgoing person. Story has tragedy and many life lessons. How to learn to trust again.
3.0	The Cat Who Could Read Backwards	Lillian Jackson Braun	
3.5	Second Life	SJ Watson	Needed a shower after this one. I felt a bit grungy but really liked this one in the end. Spoilers abound, so I'll say no more!
3.5	We Are Not Ourselves	Matthew Thomas	An excellent storyteller. The topic was painful at times but captured the essence of loving, Alzheimers, and family.
4.0	One Plus One	Jojo Moyes	
4.0	The Fixer	Joseph Finder	Rick Hoffman, the son of a lawyer, finds out that his dad is a lawyer with shady dealings. Rick had inadvertently found millions of dollars in his dad's attic and he attempts to find out how his dad amassed this pot of money
4.0	H is for Hawk	Helen Macdonald	H is for Hawk is one woman's personal journey through grief after the death of her father. In an effort to regain a connection with her father and to heal her soul, Macdonald sets out to find and train a hawk. Not just any hawk, a Goshawk, Mabel. Lush language quietly renders a tender, beautiful story.
4.0	Lost Light	Michael Connelly	The ninth Harry Bosch detective novel and one of the best in my opinion. Bosch has resigned due to bereaucracy and is investigating a cold case, which leads to another cold case. The LAPD wants him to keep his nose out of it all. Characters are great, and the LA setting is accurate.
4.0	Copperhead	Jay Faerber	This graphic novel, which has accurately been described as a sci-fi western, has an epic feel and gorgeous art to boot. There are great characters and you are immediately integrated into this world.

4.0	Voodoo River	Robert Crais	Great read by Crais as always. Love the characters, Joe Pike more so than Elvis!
4.0	The Fixer	Joseph Finder	Fast read - good read following a detailed nonfiction.
4.0	First Family	Joseph J. Ellis	Great biography of Abigail and John Adams and their relationship with each other and their role in building a new nation. John as foreign minister to France and England and as vice president. Ellis' writing makes history alive and meaningful.
4.0	The Quartet	Joseph J. Ellis	Great chronology of how the thirteen states became unified following the Revolutionary War. Focus on Washington, Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison. Lead to Constitutional Convention. Many details I had forgotten or never knew. Formation of the USA.
4.0	Billy Martin: Baseball's Flawed Genius	Bill Pennington	A Yankee fan for 60+ years -- book relates the role Martin played as a player and manager on several teams. I enjoyed recalling the many firings Martin endured as a manager for the Yankees. His genius was in how to manage players to bring out their best.
4.0	Nora Nora	Anne Rivers Siddons	An oldie but goodie. Love all her books and had somehow missed this one (2000). Fascinating story and characters to love. Could not put it down. Was completely hooked from the beginning to the last line!
4.0	The Book of Speculation	Erika Swyler	Mysterious, moves back and forth to two time periods -- kept guessing. Involved an old book!
4.0	The Ocean at the End of the Lane	Neil Gaiman	Excellent writing -- story grasped me. Need someone who read it to share thoughts!
4.0	The Girl on the Train	Paula Hawkins	Wow -- reminded me of Gone Girl. Never guessed what was going to happen. OMG.
4.0	The Dead Assassin	Vaughn Entwistle	Arthur Conan Doyle called on to assist in a horrible gruesome crime that Scotland Yard is baffled by. He calls on his dear friend Oscar Wilde to help him and it goes on. Loved it! Very surprised at the ending!
4.0	The Mermaid Chair	Sue Monk Kidd	Takes place on the shore in North Carolina near a monastery. Woman grew up and moved away. Excellent story plot of her marriage -- 20 years -- a must read!
4.0	The Light Between Oceans	ML Stedman	Wonderful - the story of a young couple who meet and move to a lighthouse to tend it daily and nightly and alone. Very emotional book and well-written. Touches your heart and hard to put down.
4.0	Amherst	William Nicholson	Excellent historical fiction. Learned much about Emily Dickinson and her brother Austin Dickinson and his love affair with Mabel Todd.
4.0	The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy	Rachel Joyce	Excellent and very sad woman loves a man all her life -- he is so unconscious. A must read!
4.0	The Diary of Anne Frank	Anne Frank	Excellent, touching, sad, and so hard to grasp the reality.
4.0	The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up	Marie Kondo	Loved this new view approach to getting rid of clutter
4.0	The Corrections	Jonathan Franzen	It's a juicy novel about a highly dysfunctional family. Dense, well-written. Nicely resolved with painfully realistic humorous scenes.
4.0	Good Talk, Dad	Bill Geist and Willie Geist	A great before-bed read. Each chapter is a story in itself. Very entertaining.
4.0	The Pact	Jodi Picoult	Amazing story - couldn't put it down!
4.0	A Daughter's Inheritance	Tracie Peterson and Judith Miller	
4.0	In Between	Jenny B. Jones	
4.0	When You're Ready	JL Berg	
4.0	I Take You	Eliza Kennedy	A quick read that is very well written and incorporates some interesting ideas about women and love in today's society.
4.0	Kate: The Future Queen	Katie Nicholl	

4.0	Loving	Karen Kingsbury	This is an amazing story about loving the way that God loves. It is the final book in the Bailey Flanagan series, and it is the most intriguing of them all.
4.0	I Promise Not to Suffer	Gail Storey	A woman's journey with her husband to hike the Pacific Crest Trail. Psychological and physical weights.
4.0	The Book of Speculation	Erika Swyler	Best book I have read in a while. I enjoyed the mystery of Simon, piecing together the history of his "mermaid" ancestors by reading the old circus journal he received. Great setting in a house on the edge of a cliff being close to falling in the water.
4.0	My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry	Fredrik Backman	A tale told through the eyes of an almost-eight year old with incredible wit and wisdom. Granny's house is populated with quirky, unlikeable but loveable characters. Ultimately, a story of love and loss and being "different."
4.0	Left for Dead	JA Jance	Another wonderful Ali Reynolds murder mystery! JA Jance writes fast-paced, exciting murder mysteries. If you read the books in order of when written (for a particular character) they smooth beautifully together.
4.0	Deadly Stakes	JA Jance	Another great story of Ali Reynolds. This is a fast-paced murder mystery.
4.0	Second Watch	JA Jance	Great book!
4.0	Firefly Lane	Kristin Hannah	Great story. Read it in two nights because I had a hard time putting it down.
4.0	Me Before You	Jojo Moyes	LOVED IT! Great story.
4.0	Mrs. Noodlekugel and Four Blind Mice	Daniel Pinkwater	A young readers book. Good imagination. In another book of Mrs. Noodlekugel. A bus trip downtown with Mrs. Noodlekugel, Nick, and Maxine and her unusual pets, blind mice with glasses and talking cats and ice cream with sardines. A great book for children to read and laugh with or adults to read to kids. So well done and I really enjoyed it. A great babysitter Mrs. Noodlekugel is!
4.0	Sarah's Choice	Wanda E. Brunstetter	Book three of the Brides of Lehigh series. Life of Sarah Turner, a widowed mom of three in Pennsylvania. A terrible death of husband in a boating accident. A man, Elais Brooks, whom Sarah meets. He is a good man. Kind to her children. Sarah makes decisions and how this carries her on the journey in life. Does she follow her heart?
4.0	Ladies Night	Mary Kay Andrews	A typical rich couple. Grace is a lifestyle blogger. How she deals with a cheating spouse. He did and handled everything in the marriage including Grace's blog. A great story of how one door closes and many open. Mary Kay Andrews has a great summer read with this audio. It certainly kept my interest.
4.0	Mrs. Noodlekugel	Daniel Pinkwater	Mrs. Noodlekugel is a babysitter all kids would love to have. She has an adorable home in the back of a building with interesting pets and interesting ways to eating where Maxine and Nick explore with her as she babysits them. This story involves a janitor, Mike.
4.0	The House That Jane Built	Tanya Lee Stone	Jane Adams, wealthy but choose to live in a poorer section in a community of Chicago. This story tells of Jane's accomplishments of his residence and how she brought people together. Skills were taught. How Jane purchased this home and why it was named the "Hull House". It was a working home and many volunteered their services. One can only imagine how happy this made Jane feel about all the families she helped in this community. What a wonderful story.
4.0	Walking on Water	Richard Paul Evans	The last of Alan Christoffersen series. Story deals with death/foreclosure of home, loss of business, finding out your friend isn't a friend. A cross-country journey. Teaches Alan how to leave the past in the past and how to love and forgive and have hope of life. Audio is read by the author.

			I often like to pick up award-winning books to hear or read again. Each time questioning more as I listen to this story. The ending leaves many questions unanswered. This story would make a great book discussion for both old and young readers. Love leads to loss and pain but life without it is so empty. Choices in life can be dangerous at times but if no choices are made then life becomes empty. How sad. A well-deserved book to get the Newberry award.
4.0	The Giver	Lois Lowry	
4.0	Strawberry Hill	Mary Ann Hoberman	Recommended by another adult. Set in CT. A Jewish family during the Depression era. Father loses his job, the family relocates from New Haven to Strawberry Hill, a magical place for 10 year old Allie. Her journey of leaving one place, home, school, friends, and making a new home, school, and friends. Her brother is wonderful in this story. Also discusses the Jewish faith and differences with the Catholic faith. I loved this story as an adult. This should be shared with both young and old.
4.0	Slumps, Grunts, and Snickerdoodles: What Colonial America Ate and Why	Lila Perl	A book of history with the foods that were eaten including many recipes from those periods. Many of these stories I remember learning from my school days and love for Sturbridge Village as a member and constantly being taught of what foods were available, eaten, and why. My favorite was about snickerdoodle cookies -- I did make this recipe, and they were a hit!
2 for the stories, 4 for the graphics	Through the Woods	Emily Carroll	This begs discussion as I know some have loved it. I feel I missed the point. Is it my age? Carroll's illustrations are superior -- quite a talent. The one story I really liked was the ending one.
No rating given	I Shall Be Near to You	Erin Lindsay McCabe	Young wife cuts her hair and joins her husband in the battle for the North in the Civil War. Well-told story. Great empathy for women.
No rating given	The Girl Who Chased the Moon	Sarah Addison Allen	
No rating given	Five Days Left	Julie Lawson Timmer	Boy this story grabs you right from the start. A food for thought book! What would I do if I had to deal with what Mara was going through, decisions, family, friends. It makes you appreciate life more after hearing this story. This is why kindness is so important in the world we live in.