THE STOLEN ONES

This book is a real page-turner! If you like gory and graphically described murder scenes and many puzzling plots, then this may be the right book for you!! Originating from some top-secret dream research from Estonia, a doctor of dreams makes his way to an old Philadelphia mental institution to further his diabolical research on its inmates only to eventually be burned up in a tragic office fire. Or so they thought. Years later, a string of apparently unrelated murders unfold and the local police detectives are tasked with finding the killer in common. Can they put the clues together and determine the true identity of the killer before he strikes again? Join the devoted detectives as they risk their own lives in this most noble pursuit. —Sabra Jacobs


KINDRED

Kindred was, without a doubt, one of the most powerful reading experiences I have had this year. Dana, the main character, finds herself sliding back and forth in time and place between California in 1976 and the ante-bellum south. The relationship that evolves between herself and a boy of that time is complicated and fraught with tension. He is the son of a slave owner. Dana, who is African American, is startled to realize that he is one of her ancestors and attempts during her visits to the past to make him a better man that his father. The examination of slavery, its insidiousness and corrupting influence, is intense and personal. The novel is told from Dana’s first person perspective, which allows the reader no save distance from the bewildering events occurring to her. I highly recommend this book. — Michelle Fields

Kindred by Octavia Butler. (264 Pages) Available in Hardcover, Paperback, Kindle, iBook.

THE ALL GIRL FILLING STATION’S LAST REUNION

Happily-married, middle-aged, Mrs. Sookie Poole of Point Clear, Alabama, is settling down to enjoy her empty nest when an errant phone call changes everything she has ever believed about herself. Hiding her new knowledge from her intimidating mother, Lenore Simmons Krackenberry, Sookie begins a quest to find out who she really is. Through her research, the reader is taken back to the 1940s, women fliers, the WASPs, and women’s role in supporting the war effort via The All Girl Filling Station’s Last Reunion by author Fannie Flagg. While learning about where she came from, Sookie also learns to love who she is. — Sandra Saad

The All Girl Filling Station’s Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg. (384 Pages) Available in Hardback, Paperback, Kindle, Nook.
**What We Are Currently Reading**

*Judy:*

- *Mistress of the Art of Death* by Arianna Franklin
- *The Last Highlander* by Sarah Fraser
- *She Has Your Eyes* by Elisa Lorello
- *The Secret Diary of Anne Bolyen* by Robin Maxwell
- *Ready to Die* by Lisa Jackson

*Michelle:*

- *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton
- *V for Vendetta* by Alan Moore
- *The Red and the Black* by Stendhal
- *A Hero of Our Time* by Mikhail Lermontov
- *The Pierced Heart* by Lynn Shepherd
- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- *A Town Like Alice* by Nevil Shute

Would you like to make a book recommendation? We are looking for guest reviewers. If you are interested, please contact either Michelle Fields or Judy Howell by April 25. Recommendations only have to be around 100 words, so please join the fun. We enjoy hearing about new books just as much as we like telling other people about ones we’ve enjoyed!

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**HER LAST BREATH**

A local sheriff, Kate, goes to the scene of a horrific accident. An Amish buggy has been plowed over by a large truck. It’s a probable hit and run. Two children and their father are dead. The third child fights for his life in a local hospital. Kate left the Amish and joined the police force. These children belong to her lifelong friend, Maggie. In solving this unspeakable crime, Kate must face her past and question the love she has always felt for her best friend. If you like a book full of flawed characters, you will love this book. There are no knights in shining armor. Just real people who have flaws. —Judy Howell

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**IN THE TIME OF THE BUTTERFLIES**

This is the first work I’ve read by Julia Alvarez, but it will not be the last. I was very impressed by this true story of four sisters, the “butterflies” of the title, who stood up against a repressive government in the Dominican Republic and paid the price for it. We see each of the sisters and how she gets involved in, or rejects getting involved in, the politics of the time. Alvarez has stated that her motivation for writing the novel was to restore the sisters’ humanity as they are legendary to their people. I think she accomplished this goal nicely. One last note is that the UN designated the day of their assassination, Nov. 25, as an annual International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, a poignant tribute to three murdered women. —MF

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**THE HUSBAND’S SECRET**

Cecilia Fitzpatrick has it all. She has a wonderful husband, three beautiful girls and a very successful career as a salesperson. Cecilia is looking for a piece of the Berlin wall that she stored in the attic, and quite by accident stumbles across a letter from her husband. He’s out of town and the letter is addressed to her and should be opened in the event of his death. Cecilia asks him about the letter and he asks her not to open it. He rushes home to Australia from New York City to prevent the opening of the letter. What’s in the letter? Could it be that earth shattering? Read *The Husband’s Secret* to find out what’s in the letter — JH