MEMOIRS OF AN IMAGINARY FRIEND

This is a unique story told from the perspective of a young child’s imaginary friend. Although told simply and graphically, the book addresses the adult topics of autism, child abduction, evil, courage, and survival skills. Follow along the journey to freedom for a young, shy autistic boy abducted by his special education teacher from school. Read about the heartaches from the boy’s parents and teachers as they are unable to unravel the mystery of his disappearance. And, finally, learn about how the imaginary friends of others are able to help free the child and bring him ultimately home to his parents. This is a book that people of all ages can appreciate!

— Sabra Jacobs


STATION ELEVEN

Station Eleven is a non-linear look at a post-apocalyptic world. A deadly flu pandemic, worse than the one in 1918, wipes out most of the life on earth. The reader skips through time seeing what characters’ lives were like before the pandemic, a glimpse into the frightening time of the pandemic and the horrific first year after, as well as about fifteen years in the future. Lyrical and bittersweet, the novel points out the wonders of the world before the collapse that we should appreciate more than we do while at the same time indicating that priorities are often not where the should be. — Michelle Fields

Station Eleven by Emily St John Mandel. (352 Pages) Available in Hardcover, Paperback, Nook, Kindle, iBook.

LOST LAKE

Lost Lake is a special place where a varied group of vacation regulars built relationships, made memories and – each time they ventured back into the real world - left a precious piece of themselves, and their best possibilities, behind. Now camp owner, Eby Pim, is tired. Over time it seems the camp regulars have forgotten about Lost Lake and Eby is thinking about selling the aging camp to a developer. The vacation regulars drift back for a last visit and the magic that occurs when these misfits reconnect revitalizes the possibilities in their lives. Author Sarah Addison Allen delivers a lovely read and makes the reader yearn for their own Lost Lake. — Sandra Saad

**What We Are Currently Reading**

**Judy:**
*The Cat Who Went Bananas* by Lilian Jackson Braun  
*A Woman of Note* by Carol M. Cram  
*Hidden* by Kendra Elliot  
*Mein Kampf* by Adolf Hitler

**Michelle:**
*Vanessa and Her Sister* by Priya Parmar  
*Charlotte Gray* by Sebastian Faulks  
*The Children’s Book* by A. S. Byatt  
*Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin  
*Armadale* by Wilkie Collins

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**KILLER WITHIN**

Girls are being murdered at an alarming rate. The victims seem to be all over the map: different jobs, different body types and different locations. Special Agent Allison McNeil has an interest in this case. She takes personal leave time and goes undercover to attract a killer. Arnie Millhouse is not particularly attractive, but he is rich and very successful. Surprisingly he’s also a serial killer. Watch as Special Agent McNeil tries to apprehend him and prove that he’s truly evil. If you like a fast paced thriller with a lot of twists and turns, then you’ll love *Killer Within*. — Judy Howell

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**THERE ARE EYES WERE WATCHING GOD**

Until reading the introduction to this novel, I had not realized that Zora Neale Hurston was forgotten for decades until her work, and memory, was championed by writers like Alice Walker in the 1970s. This was a beautiful novel about the life of a young African American woman, who wants to make her own choices in life. Told in flashback, the story covers Janie’s life from childhood to middle age in breathtaking prose interspersed with southern dialect. The way Hurston weaves nature into the narrative, from a bee working hard on blossoms to a hurricane, is a highlight. — MF

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**AT THE KING’S COMMAND**

The Tudor Rose Trilogy: *At the Kings Command*, *The Maidens Hand* and *At the Queen’s Summons* is a wonderfully uncomplicated group of love stories. All of them are, of course, set in Tudor England and involve a fascinating host of characters. The wonderful part of these books is that they are set several years apart which gives time for the story line to develop. You can begin the story with Juliana who is forced to marry one of King Henry VIII’s noblemen. The series ends with their grandchildren, and travel to Ireland which is set during Elizabeth I’s reign. If you want a light hearted romance set in a historical time period, this series will not disappoint. — JH

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*Killer Within* by Jeff Gunhus. (300 Pages) Available in Paperback, Kindle, Nook, iBook.

*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. (266 Pages) Available in Hardback, Paperback, Kindle, Nook, iBook.

*At the King’s Command* by Susan Wiggs. (384 Pages) Available in Paperback, Kindle, Nook, iBook.