While every family may have their own secrets, this book is an interesting study of the skeletons in the Winters’ closets. Told by each member of the family, the chapters provide various perspectives about each person’s personal secrets and reflect the complicated inter-relationships between and among the family members. When the matriarch, Martha, of the family sends out invitations for her family to come to her 80th birthday party, everyone feels compelled to attend. Martha feels it will be the perfect time to reveal some of the most odd secrets which threaten to tear the family apart for good. This occasion also provides a means for other members of the family to reveal some of their own secrets which also permit the characters to reach a more authentic understanding. The story moves fast and may be a good read for people who like to eavesdrop on the secrets of others. —Sabra Jacobs

A Place for Us by Harriet Evans. [448 Pages] Available in Hardback, Paperback, Kindle, Nook, iBook.

What a fun book! I completely loved getting to know Constance Kopp and her two sisters who live on an isolated farm near Paterson, NJ, in the early 20th century. One day they are travelling to town when their horse and buggy is struck by a car. The culprit is rich, brutish and drunk, so Constance sees no reason why he should not pay for the damage done to their property. Here begins quite an adventure that is based on the true life of one of the U. S.’s first female deputies. The title refers to a newspaper article describing Constance during one of the book’s tensest moments. I really look forward to more exploits with the Kopp sisters. —Michelle Fields


Anna knew from day one that she was not conceived because she was wanted. Anna was conceived by science as a close genetic match for her sister. The first donation wasn’t hard. It was cord blood for a blood transfusion. Kate, Anna’s sister, has had leukemia for many years. In her first thirteen years, Anna wasn’t ever sick herself, but it didn’t matter. Countless donations and surgeries have helped her become her sister’s keeper. This book discusses and debates a pivotal point in our society. When can a child say no to a medical procedure? Can Anna refuse to donate a kidney to save her sister’s life? This book for me was very heart wrenching. As an adult, I was challenged and saddened about this little girl’s options. This is a wonderful human interest novel which will make you feel good sometimes and sad at others. —Judy Howell

**THE WITCH HUNTER**

In Elizabeth Grey’s world, being a witch is punishable by burning at the stake. Her profession is witch hunter. Elizabeth thought her path in life was set by circumstances beyond her control. As a child a great plague was released in her country by a powerful wizard. This plague claimed the life of her family and left her to fend for herself. She eventually becomes a devoted witch hunter for her king and country. When Elizabeth is accused of being a witch and sentenced to death, her enemy offers her help? Follow the story of Elizabeth as she discovers that not everything is black and white and friends can be found in the most mysterious places. —JH


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**BURIAL RITES**

*Burial Rites* is a haunting historical novel set in 19th century Iceland. It is a good novel to read in January as the winter atmosphere here is extremely evocative. Kent recreates the last days of Agnes, a young woman convicted of murder and sentenced to be executed. Due to local politics and low funding, Agnes is reluctantly taken in by a family living in the same house that she once lived in several years ago. Through flashbacks we are able to re-construct much of Agnes’s sad past. This is a quiet novel much like the snow permeating it that is hushed but potentially brutal. —MF

*Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent. [353 Pages] Available in Hardback, Paperback, Kindle, Nook, iBook.

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**WHO DO YOU LOVE**

Rachel and Andy meet one night in an ER. Rachel Blum has been in and out of the hospital her entire life. Her parents were doting and loved her very much. Rachel lives in an upper class Florida neighborhood. Andy’s family couldn’t be more opposite. He’s in a single parent home and in a very poor neighborhood in Philadelphia. After that night in ER, they never dream that they will meet again. In the thirty years that pass within this novel, Rachel and Andy come in and out of each other’s life. It’s a true to life love story. Romantic, messy and not at all straightforward. If you enjoy reading a love story that’s more realistic with detailed characters, you will love this book. —JH