THE WITCHES OF NEW YORK

The Witches of New York is a novel heavily inspired by the author discovering that more than one of her ancestors was executed for being a witch. This revelation leads to her bringing a personal interest to the topics of witches, women and religious persecution. One of my favorite aspects of the novel is that here, witches actually oppose demons rather than drawing power from them. One particular demon has been intent on eradicating them throughout history and manipulates people into believing they are evil. Interestingly, the setting is not colonial America, but the late 1800s. Two women have set up a tea shop with a sideline in telling fortunes. A young woman heads to New York to find her path, and the demon watches them intently, waiting to make his move. — Michelle Fields


MISTAKENLY MARRIED

This book is hilarious. Penny tends to get herself into difficult situations more than the average person. She met the love of her life online and is meeting him in Vegas to get married. Penny flies to Vegas with her family in tow and guess what? She gets married. The only issue is that the guy she married is Harrison Williams, not William, the love of her life. Oh my, what is she to do? The hilarity that follows is almost unbelievable. If you like a book that is funny and yet has likable characters, then you will love this book. — Judy Howell

Mistakenly Married by Victorine E. Lieske. (186 pages) Available in Paperback and Kindle

THE CAVES OF STEEL

Apparently Isaac Asimov wrote this book as a challenge. He believed that science fiction could be used to tell any kind of story, and when he was told that you could not use it to write a mystery this was the result. I enjoyed this immensely. The novel builds on the backstory developed in the short story collection, I, Robot, but it is not essential that you have read the earlier work. The Caves of Steel also feels quite topical as I have been seeing more and more references in the news of late to A.I. technology and the fears that it may replace people in certain occupations. Here we have a cop facing that fear head on as robots are being added to the police department. He is then told that for his new murder case, he will be taking on a new partner, who is a robot. This was short, enjoyable and thought provoking. — MF

**What We Are Currently Reading**

**Judy:**

- Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? by Philip K. Dick
- The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
- The Flight Attendant by Chris Bohjalian
- Bleak House by Charles Dickens

**Michelle:**

- An Unkindness of Magicians by Kay Howard
- Circe by Madeline Miller
- The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- The Broken Girls by Simone St. James
- With a Little Bit of Blood by D. E. Ireland
- Ancillary Justice by Ann Leckie

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 May 28. 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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**PRICE OF PRIVILEGE**

In this third book of the *Price of Privilege* trilogy, we find Julia Elliston married to Chance Macy and in love with her childhood sweetheart, Edward Auburn. This third book has so many shocking revelations and in addition to that plot twists. I didn't see a lot of the twists and turns coming. I will say I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Edward is a wonderful character, and Julia is just young and inexperienced. If you like historical romance with a complicated plot, you will love this series. Do not read them out of order. In order to keep up with the plot, they must be read in order. —JH

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**THE DOGS OF ROME**

If you ever thought that you would like to get to know modern Rome a little better, I think you would like this police procedural. The main character, Alec Blume, is a transplanted American. His parents were academics who moved the family to Rome when he was a teenager, but they were then killed in a robbery. He stayed in Italy and became a cop. Because of Alec’s background, he makes an excellent stand-in for Americans reading this novel who may be unfamiliar with daily aspects of modern Roman life. —MF

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**FRONTIER Grit**

I loved this book. *Frontier Grit* is about 12 women who helped settle the west. Each of these women is strong, loving, compassionate and family oriented. They come from different backgrounds and economic backgrounds. With this variety of women, the reader sees the west from many different perspectives. If you like to read short biographies, then this is the book for you. The reader gets a chapter about each of these ladies, which is enough to cover the highlights, but it doesn’t get bogged down in the everyday details. —JH

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The Dogs of Rome by Connor Fitzgerald (400 Pages) Available in Paperback, Kindle, Nook, iBook.

Frontier Grit by Marianne Monson (208 Pages) Available in Hardcover, Kindle, Nook, iBook.