THE KEPT WOMAN

If you enjoy a thriller, then you will love this book! Will Trent is a battered hero. He’s a policeman but he doesn’t always follow the letter of the law. In this book, Will Trent has found a woman he loves, Sarah but staying focused on his future is an effort. In Will’s life, there has always been Angie. She’s his wife and friend. Angie somehow has gotten involved in a very bad situation. Will is called to a scene and there’s a dead retired cop and lots of blood. This blood matches Angie’s blood type and it’s a lot of blood. Could she really be dead? Can Will help solve the case and still keep his current relationship.

— Judy Howell


CIRCE

I loved Madeline Miller’s first book, Song of Achilles, so much that I was actually a little nervous that this one could compare. I should have had more faith — it is excellent. Less of an epic love story than the earlier novel, this is more of an epic life story. We follow Circe, the daughter of Helios, from her birth and life as a young god through to her gaining strength, power and a sense of who she is. In between, we watch as she and her family are involved in many of the most famous stories of Greek myth, such as Theseus and the Minotaur, Daedalus and Icarus, Jason and the Golden Fleece, and, of course, the Odyssey. Circe is a wonderful character and Miller’s prose sings. This is what I wanted, but didn’t get, from Margaret Atwood’s The Penelopiad: beautiful writing that never loses sight of telling a story and exploring characters. Very highly recommended! — Michelle Fields

Circe by Madeline Miller. [394 pages] Available in Hardback and Kindle

I’VE GOT YOUR NUMBER

Poppy Wyatt has a problem. She lost her engagement ring. Poppy’s ring is antique and a family heirloom. What could she possibly do? On top of that a thief stole her phone from her. Just as she was about to call the police. Then good fortune finally strikes. Poppy finds a phone in the trash and begins using it. Unfortunately, Sam (the owner of the phone) doesn’t like it. He wants his phone back. As events take on a life of their own, Poppy hangs on for dear life. If you are looking for a light and funny summer read, this book is for you. — JH

I’ve Got Your Number by Sophie Kinsella. (271 Pages) Available in Paperback, Kindle, Nook, iBook.
What We Are Currently Reading

**Judy:**
- *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson
- *Where They Found Her* by Kimberly McCreight
- *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens

**Michelle:**
- *My Beloved Brontosaurus* by Brian Smith
- *Autonomous* by Annalee Newitz
- *Space Opera* by Catherynne M. Valente
- *The Winter Sea* by Susanna Kearsley
- *The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey
- *City of Brass* by S. A. Chakraborty

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 June 25. Recommendations only have to be around 100 words, so please join the fun!

### THE TRIALS OF MORMIRIGAN CROW

Looking for a good book to share with your child or grandchild? I will highly recommend this new series, that I suspect will become highly popular. It will remind you a bit of Harry Potter, but don’t take that as a criticism, merely a point of comparison. Because of the day of her birth, Morrigan Crow is considered a “cursed” child. Whenever bad luck strikes anyone in her city, she is blamed for it. Her father, an important politician, makes her write apology notes for less severe cases where he is not made to pay for the unfortunate incident. At the end of the age, all the cursed children are expected to die. This book is about what happens to Morrigan after the age ends. The novel is fun, and Jupiter North, her mentor figure reminds me a lot of the Doctor from *Doctor Who*. — MF

*Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow* by Jessica Townsend (481 Pages) Available in Hardback, Paperback, Kindle.

### THE VIRGIN QUEEN’S DAUGHTER

Alternative history is interesting. In this alternative history, Queen Elizabeth I has a daughter. Elizabeth gives birth to a child born of her affair with Robert Dudley. She thinks the child did not survive. The girl child was given to the midwife and the midwife was told to take care of the situation. The midwife did. Nell de Lacey was invited to live at Queen Elizabeth’s court. This story illustrates how dangerous the time period was if a person did not have power and authority. If you get into alternative histories, then you will probably enjoy this review of life in the Tudor Court. —JH

*The Virgin Queen’s Daughter* by Ella March Chase (263 Pages) Available in Paperback, Kindle, Nook, iBook.

### ANCILLARY JUSTICE

In 2014 this book was the first to win the Nebula, the Hugo and the Arthur C. Clark awards. Pretty impressive credentials, I thought, but I didn’t actually know that until after I had read the book. You know what? I can see why it won all three awards; it’s that good. It’s not for all tastes, I will admit, but I absolutely loved it. The main character is a ship’s AI, but the ancillary of the title is a body housing that AI. Every ship in the Radch empire has numerous ancillary bodies — human bodies whose minds have been wiped and replaced with this AI. It might take a little while to wrap your head not only around the concept, but how it is executed. Another interesting thing about the book is that the Radch empire does not recognize gender differences, and so the default pronouns in their language are she and her. While I have seen some complaints online about this seeming artificial, I thought it was fascinating and forced the reader to confront the fact that for many years readers automatically assumed many characters were male unless strictly told otherwise. In this book the opposite is true. The beginning takes its time to build the world and the characters, but that slow burn pays off when the action kicks in as you care about what happens. — MF