**A LEAF ON THE WIND OF ALL HALLOWS**

*Outlander* is a series by Diana Gabaldon, which has been unfolding since 1991. In this book, the mystery surrounding the death of Roger MacKenzie Wakefield’s parents is revealed. If you follow this series, the short read will clear up some questions. At only 54 pages, this Novella reminds me of why I get so excited when a new book in this series is published. —Judy Howell

*A Leaf on the Wind of All Hallows* by Diana Gabaldon. (54 pages) Available in Kindle, Nook, iBook.

**THE LITTLE STRANGER**

This Halloween you might be interested in reading an old fashioned ghost story. If so, Sarah Waters has you covered. This is an atmospheric gothic tale that is more creepy than scary. Dr. Faraday, the protagonist, comes from a working class background. All his life he has envied the Ayres family and their beautiful estate, Hundreds Hall. Through chance, he becomes an important part of their social circle, but their fortunes are declining. An exploration of class, gender, sexuality and obsession, *The Little Stranger* should provide a shiver. —Michelle Fields

*The Little Stranger* by Sarah Waters. (482 pages) Available in Hardback, Paperback and Kindle.

**TRIPTYCH**

This is our introduction to Will Trent, a police officer in downtown Atlanta. There is a madman loose in the city and Will is trying to solve the crime. Will has known Angie Polaski for years. They were in foster homes together and have a long history. She is a police officer currently too. She works vice. Will Trent rushes to solve the string of murders before Angie becomes a victim. This book is a very detailed mystery that is intricate. If you enjoy the face paced mystery, then this book is for you. —JH

*Triptych* by Karin Slaughter. (393 Pages) Available in Hardback, Kindle, Nook, iBook.
What We Are Currently Reading

Judy:

Bellwether by Susanna Kearsley
The Good Daughter by Karin Slaughter
To Die But Once by Jacqueline Winspear
Belle Weather by Celia Ravenbark

Michelle:

The Sisters of the Winter Wood by Rena Rossner
The Silence of the Girls by Pat Barker
The Mermaid and Mrs. Hancock by Imogen Hermes Gowar
Treacherous is the Night by Anna Lee Huber

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 October 29. Recommendations only have to be around 100 words, so please join the fun!

AN ACT OF VILLAINY

This is the fifth novel in the Amory Ames mystery series. You don’t have to have read the previous books in the series to enjoy this although I will recommend them. In this book, Amory and her husband, Milo, are caught up in the backstage drama of a theatrical production being produced by a friend. Events are complicated by the friend’s being caught between his wife and his mistress, the play’s leading lady. When the leading lady is murdered after a sensational first night performance, there is no shortage of suspects. Amory and Milo have to ask difficult questions about whether people they have known their entire lives are capable of murder. —MF

WHERE THERE’S SMOKE

In this short story, we meet Serenity Jones at the height of her psychic career. Serenity is the real deal and has two guides in the next world. She uses these guides to bring messages from relatives that have passed over. On live television, Serenity promises to help solve a kidnapping. This is something that is unusual for her program. This short story allows us to see Serenity before she appears in Leaving Time. An excellent short read! —JH

WITCHMARK

This is a fantasy novel set in an alternate universe that resembles Edwardian England, a fact that immediately grabbed my attention. If you are interested in reading a book for Halloween, but you are a scaredy-cat like me, this may be the book for you. There are witches, but not the creepy kind. In this story, interestingly, the witches are persecuted in a very vicious system that targets the lower classes. The upper classes have magical powers that they don’t advertise and use to maintain their control over society. Lower class rivals are denounced as witches and imprisoned. Miles Singer, the protagonist, comes from the privileged class, but has turned his back on their lifestyle. He is actually in hiding while dealing with the PTSD he developed while fighting in their equivalent to WWI. I found this to be a very riveting read. —MF

An Act of Villainy by Ashley Weaver (309 Pages) Available in Hardcover, Kindle, Nook, iBook.

Where There’s Smoke by Jodi Picoult (41 Pages) Available in Kindle, Nook, iBook.

Witchmark by C.L. Polk (318 Pages) Available in Hardcover, Kindle, Nook, iBook.