# **APL STAFF PICKS**

#### SPRING/SUMMER 2020 - DIGITAL MATERIALS EDITION

As thanks for your contribution, Anchorage Public Library staff have selected their favorite books for you to read or listen to this spring. So find a spot in the sun to check out one of these great digital selections.

### **Movies, TV and Music**

#### Enchanted April, Mike Newell (Director)

Wonderful movie for a rainy day makes you feel good.

#### Martina, Gerrish Branch Library hoopla

#### Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Tony Tilse (Director)

Living in Melbourne between the two World Wars, Phryne Fisher is bold and strong. As a private detective, she spreads hilarity as she goes! Based on the book series by Kerry Greenwood.

Shanna, Administration hoopla

#### **Beautiful Trauma by Pink!**

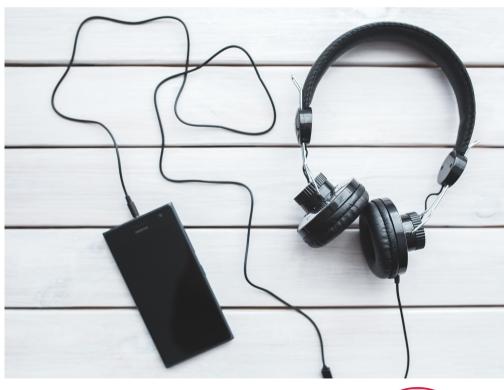
I love getting top artists and albums with my library card. P!nk is a strong female artist and this is just one of her amazing albums available on Freegal.

Misty Rose, Community Relations Freegal – music album

#### Bride & Prejudice, Gurinder Chadha (Director)

This is one of my favorite adaptations of Pride & Prejudice. The book's spirit lives on in modern India – complete with Bollywood dance numbers!

### Stacia, Adult Services Coordinator hoopla









### **School Age Fiction**

The Boo-Boos That Changed the World: A True Story About an Accidental Invention (Really!), by Barry Wittinstein Bandaids have a fascinating history from the reason for their invention to how they were marketed. Kids & parents will laugh and learn!

#### Elizabeth, Youth Services Book, Audiobook

#### The Sword of Summer, by Rick Riordan

This is a great book about mythology! Riordan focuses on Norse mythology and builds additional characters around that.

Shanna (and son Parker, Age 9), Administration Book, eBook, eAudiobook

#### The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl, by Stacy McAnulty

Lucy is a math genius but can she figure out friendship and survive middle school? A heartfelt view of friendship and identity during an awkward stage of life.

#### Kelsey, Youth Services Book, eBook, eAudiobook

#### Spy School, by Stuart Gibbs

Non-stop action and a humorous narrator make this a quick read-- it's especially great for fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid who wants something a little more challenging.

Kelsey, Youth Services Book, eBook

### **Fiction**

#### Red, White and Royal Blue, by Casey McQuiston

Lovely LGBTQIA+ romance between FSOTUS and a UK prince with witty banter & swoony emails plus exciting political intrigue a la West Wing.

Nancy, Chugiak Branch Manager

Book, eBook, eAudiobook

#### Daisy Cooper's Rules for Living, by Tamsin Keily

I found the concept of this story refreshing and interesting.

Jamie, Patron Services Supervisor Book, hoopla

#### Once Upon a River, by Diane Setterfield

Amazing story what wonderful prose. You can smell the river as its flowing past.

Ashley, Circulation Book, eBook, eAudiobook

## **Non-Fiction**

#### My Life in France, by Julia Child and Alex Prud'homme

Julia Child is fascinating to me. She accomplished so much, and much of it after she turned 40. I've read a lot of biographies on her, but this one is still the best!

#### Stacia, Adult Services Coordinator Book, eBook, eAudiobook

#### Burnout: the secret to unlocking the stress cycle, by Emily Nagoski and Amelia Nagoski

This book does more than describe the stress women experience on a daily basis. It uses science to provide exercises and advice on how to break that cycle.

Nancy, Chugiak Branch Manager Book, eBook, eAudiobook

#### Murder in an Irish Village, by Carlene O'Connor

This is a great cozy mystery and the narrator is amazing! This is the first in the series, four so far, and all are on Hoopla!

Shanna, Administration

Book, hoopla

#### **Circle of Shadows, by Evelyn Skye** Ninias!

Jon, Youth Services Book, eBook, hoopla

#### Star Wars (2015) Vol 1: Skywalker Strikes, by Marvel Comics

When you need more Star Wars tales and can't wait for the next movie or TV show, this was a great story following the New Hope story line.

Jana, Sorting Room Supervisor hoopla

The secret wisdom of nature: trees,

balance of all living things: stories

animals, and the extraordinary

from science and observation,

Wohlleben reminds us of the value

Martina, Gerrish Branch Library

and astounding wisdom of the nature

Shadow Divers: the true adventure of

two Americans who risked everything

to solve one of the last mysteries of

Exciting true tale of deep sea divers

previously-undiscovered German Uboat off the coast of New Jersey.

Nancy, Chugiak Branch Manager

Book, eBook, eAudiobook

World War II, by Robert Kurson

risking their lives to uncover a

by Peter Wohlleben

Book, eAudiobook

around us.

#### Restless, by William Boyd

An intriguing story about a woman who was a spy in WWII. It is now the 70's and she fears someone is after her from her spy days. Also a movie. Carolyn, Adult Services

Book, eBook, eAudiobook

#### A Darker Shade of Magic, by V.E. Schwab

An original story of magic, alternate worlds, and danger around every corner.

Claire, Gerrish Branch Manager YA Book, eBook, Audiobook, hoopla

#### Upright Women Wanted, by Sarah Gailey

Excellent post-apocalyptic novel set in a very changed U.S., featuring Librarians who deliver materials to far flung residents in small settlements.

Tamzan, Adult Services Book, eAudiobook

#### The Tiger: A True Story of Vengeance and Survival, by John Vaillant

An absolutely engrossing story about a tiger, poachers, wildlife conservation, Russia, Indigenous populations (people and animals), economics, and survival at -40 in the wilderness.

#### Lisa, Patron Services Book, eBook, eAudiobook

#### Rising Strong: How the Ability to Reset Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead, by Brene Brown

This is an empowering story about the need to embrace the vulnerability, and sometimes the suck, in order to gain perspective and clarity in our lives.

Audrey Jo, Administration Book, eBook, eAudiobook

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