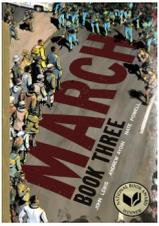


March: Book 3 by John Lewis



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Winner of the 2017 Michael L. Printz Award, the 2017 Coretta Scott King Author Award, the 2017 Sibert Medal, and several other awards, *March: Book 3* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell is a monumental feat of storytelling that is a must-read. *March: Book 3* is the final installment in a graphic novel trilogy that chronicles the Civil Rights Movement in the American South from the perspective of John Lewis. This book follows the Civil Rights Movement from the Selma to Montgomery march to the passage of the Civil Rights Act, chronicling the trials and tribulations the protestors faced during this time. Chock full of text, explanations, and history, *March: Book 3* illustrates the human need for freedom and equality. At once deeply personal, as we see much from Lewis's perspective, and highly detached as the broader frictions in the movement are revealed and the enormous struggle the movement overcame are presented. [Read more](#)

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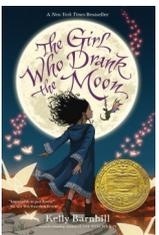
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The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill



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Winner of the 2017 Newberry Medal, *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill is a must read for any fans of fairy tales and fantasy. Barnhill weaves together pieces of many genres, creating a story reminiscent of classic fairy tales, yet at the same time all its own. The many elements this story explores are difficult to adequately explain, but let it suffice to say that at its heart, *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* is a story about the power of love and family (both born and chosen) and illustrates the very best that fairy tale and fantasy storytelling has to offer. [Read more](#)

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Scythe by Neal Shusterman



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Death has been defeated and world peace achieved. With the guidance of Artificial Intelligence, humanity has ushered in a utopia?. mostly. In *Scythe*, Neal Shusterman posits that AI has evolved into an omniscient (and omnibenevolent) force called the Thunderhead, through which the world has achieved a true and lasting peace. The Thunderhead controls everything, but unlike many dystopian works, this is a miraculous and profoundly beneficial event. The only power that the Thunderhead does not possess is the ability to take life. That responsibility is assigned to Scythes, who roam the world utilizing quotas to randomly glean (aka kill) in order to keep earth?s population in check. [Read more](#)

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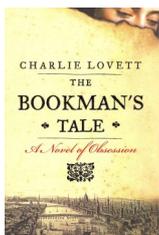
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It's that time of year again when lots of publications and websites publish their recommended books of the year. This year I polled library staff to see what some savvy readers had discovered in 2013. MCPL folks had lots of nifty recommendations. So whether you are looking for books to help you through the long dark nights of winter or searching for that perfect gift for a loved one or friend, here are some suggestions from some local book people. We do have paper copies of this list and other 2013 favorite book lists available at the Information Desk at the main library.

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And Everyday Was Overcast by Paul Kwiatkowski FICITION Kwiatkow

Described on the cover as an illustrated novel, this work is more a scrapbook interspersed with stories detailing the author's coming of age in southern Florida. The photos don't match the stories exactly and are stronger as a result. They cover drug use, adolescent violence, and teenage sexuality.

The Bookman's Tale: a novel of obsession by Charles C. Lovett FICITION Lovett

Anyone who loves the hunting, buying and selling of rare and old books should read this. Filled with emotion, intrigue, mystery, suspense, and tragedy, it also covers love lost and gained as well as the quest for Shakespeare and his writings. Very well written and hard to put down! [Read more](#)

Posted by Dory L. on December 10, 2013

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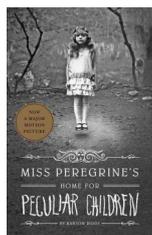
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Library Staff Recommended Books for 2012



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I love the long winter nights of December and January for reading. You can start a book at dusk, and if you're lucky and don't get distracted, finish it before bedtime. It's also a good time of year to discover new authors, subjects you've never investigated, and different formats. (Power up that e-reader!)

Magazines, newspapers, and websites also offer their best book lists this time of year.

Librarians have the advantage of being able to browse the stacks and the new book section often.

Frequently, they employ the magic of serendipity, accidentally discovering that dynamic cover that draws one inside a book, or they notice a title on the cart they've seen reviewed, or find themselves staring at a never-read classic that's been on their lists for years. It's also a great place to overhear book gossip, "That's the best book I've read in months."

In the spirit of sharing new authors and titles, I asked our staff members to recommend a favorite book of the year. Most recommended fiction but the nonfiction reads looked just as interesting--everything from visual essays about daily life in Christoph Niemann's *Abstract City* to Susan Cain's account of introverts in a book titled appropriately enough *Quiet: the Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking*. Also, recommended was Ian Frazier's *On the Rez*, an absorbing description of current life on an Indian reservation. Not to be left out is the terrifying *Escape from Camp 14*--a young man's account of growing up in a brutal labor camp in North Korea and after living through countless horrible events, he escaped and experienced an outside world that he did not even know existed.

The fiction includes such enticing titles as *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs, *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet* by David Mitchell and Alan Campbell's *Damnation for Beginners* (about life in Hell, where else?). There's much more from mysteries to sci-fi and young adult fantasy. Thanks to everyone who contributed. Here's the link if you would like to examine the whole [list](#). And we'd love to hear what books you liked this year.

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Is it that time of year already?

Marriage Plot

In a world of massive amounts of information, I am a sucker for top ten or best-of lists. I

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appreciate when someone else condenses something into a short and sweet list, something easy to scan and hopefully points you in the right direction.

November brings the earliest end-of-the-year best-of lists and both Amazon and Publisher's Weekly are some of the first to announce their top ten books of the year. Maybe not too shockingly, Amazon's list is pretty predictable with a lot of best sellers, or other books that got a lot of buzz, including debut-darling [TÃ©a Obreht](#), [Erik Larson](#), and the new [Steve Jobs bio](#).

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