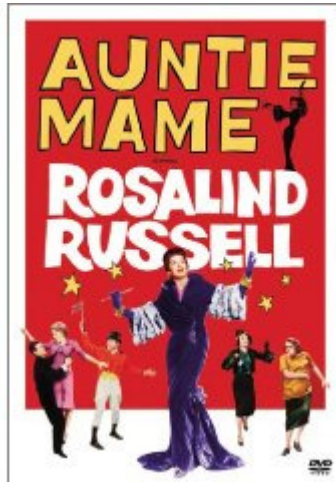


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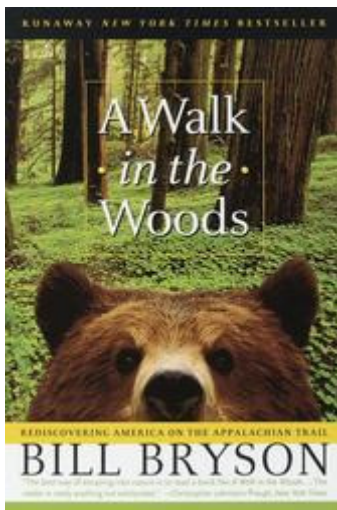
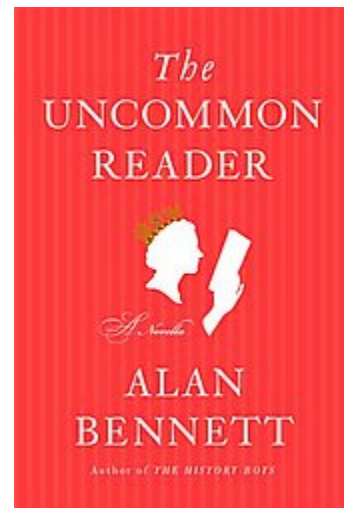


***Auntie Mame* / DVD COMEDY A**

This colorful comedy takes place in 1928. It is the story of a 10 year old boy, his eccentric, wildly sophisticated aunt, and their hilarious adventures. If you appreciate snappy dialogue, striking costumes and gorgeous set design, you won't want to miss this movie!-Dana

***The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett/FIC BEN**

...a fictional account of what happens when the Queen of England develops an obsession with reading. It's pretty amusing! - Linda

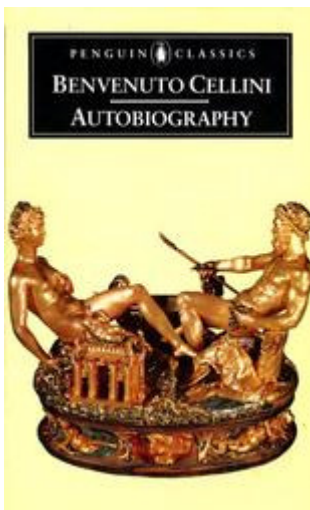
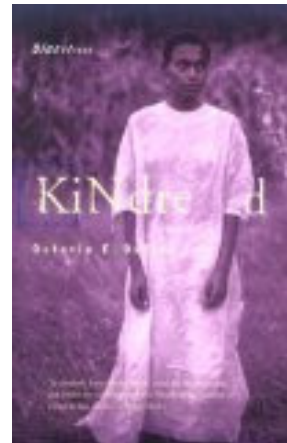


***A walk in the woods: rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail* by Bill Bryson/917.404 BRY**

One of the funniest books I've ever read. This story of two inexperienced hiker's attempt to hike the 2100 mile Appalachian Trail is a funny story that is full of interesting facts, history, and humor. - Carol

***Kindred* by Octavia Butler/FIC BUT**

Dana, a black woman living in 1970s California, suddenly finds herself in antebellum Maryland where a boy named Rufus is drowning on his father's plantation. Dana has no control over her comings and goings between the past and the present. She only knows that she is bound to protect her white ancestor Rufus and she will continue to travel back in time whenever his life is in danger. - Brooke



***The Autobiography of Benvenuto Cellini*
translated by John Addington Symonds and
Illustrated by Salvador Dali/BIO CELLINI**

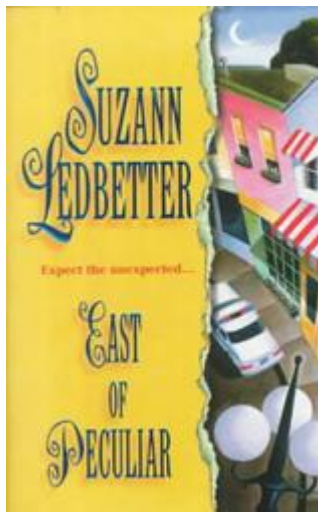
This autobiography of the 16th century Florentine artist Benvenuto Cellini is full of humor, intrigue, adventure, sex crimes, and fascinating first-hand portrayals of Italian Renaissance life and personalities. Cellini portrays himself as a hero, an esteemed artist, and a religious man as well as a despicable and unrepentant murderer who plots against his competitors and the Pope. Action-packed, The Autobiography reads like a novel!-

Christine



The kite runner and A thousand splendid suns by **Khaled Hosseini/FIC HOS**

....The Hosseini books are powerful, riveting, and hard to put down, as well as tragic and extremely believable. - Peni

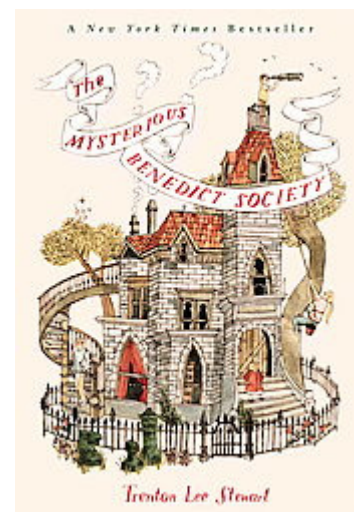


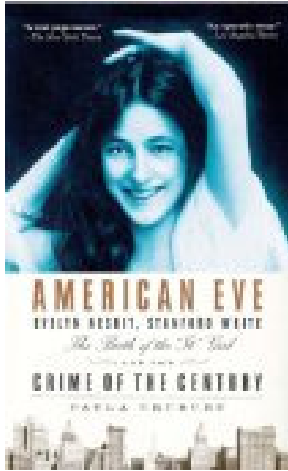
East of peculiar by Suzann Ledbetter/**PB LED**

The first in a series of four books that combine mystery, romance and humor. Hannah Garvey leaves her high pressure job in Chicago to manage a retirement community in the Ozarks. Instead of a quiet retreat, she is surrounded by an eccentric group of senior citizens who charm her and help her solve a mystery. - Carol

The mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart/**JPB STEWART**

This is a rollercoaster-like story about some orphans who get together to save the world. It is full of twists and turns, and it is funny, scary and suspenseful all at the same time. They are led by Mr. Benedict (an orphan with narcolepsy), and have a chronically sad bodyguard named Milligan. The children discover the reason for Milligan's sadness, and it all ties in to the evil plot to take over the world! Just out is the sequel, The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey. -Kendra



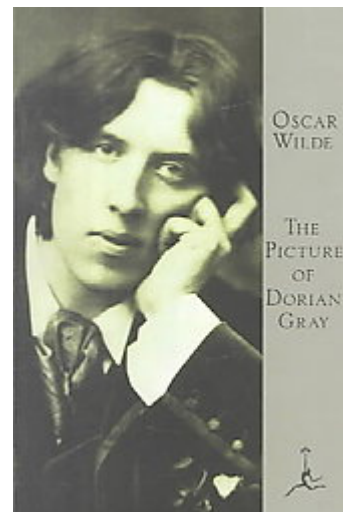


American Eve: Evelyn Nesbit, Stanford White and the crime of the century by Paula Uruburu/364.052 URU

This book recounts the rise to fame and infamy of Evelyn Nesbit, a young woman in turn of the century New York City who became the focus of rabid media attention. Her eccentric millionaire husband Harry Thaw publically murdered her former protector, the eminent architect Stanford White, and the subsequent trials shot Evelyn into the public eye. Each major character is well-drawn using multiple historical sources, and Ms. Uruburu does an excellent job of defending the woman that the media vilified as causing the "Crime of the Century." I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in the history of celebrity fascination and pop culture in America, as well as those interested in America at the turn of the century. - Katherine

The picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde/FIC WIL

What if you could live your life without aging- but lose your soul along the way? Read the Picture of Dorian Gray to discover how one's inner being can turn ugly while his physical body remains the same. - Beth



SWEETHEARTS



by SARA ZARR
National Book Award Nominee for *Boy of a Girl*

Sweethearts by Sara Zarr/TEEN FICTION ZARR

This book sounds like a romance, but it is more like a mystery. Jennifer and Cameron have been best friends forever, until Cameron leaves. It takes a few years but, Jennifer, now Jenna, a high school senior, moves on with her life, starts seeing someone, and makes new friends. Then Cameron returns. The memories and questions about what happened also return. Jennas's life turns upside down. This book was on the Michigan Thumbs Up Award 2009 finalist reading list. Find this book @ Teen Fiction Zarr. - Karen