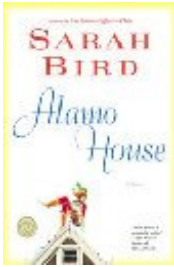


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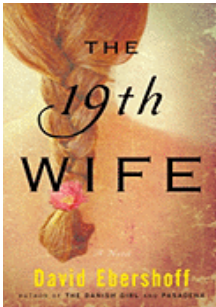


Alamo house: women without men, men without brains by Sarah Bird 1986 FIC BIR

Alamo House is a comic look at the relationships between University of Texas sorority sisters as they plot revenge against the obnoxious fraternity across the street, the Sigma Upsilon Kappas aka the SUKs.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a good book about female relationships!

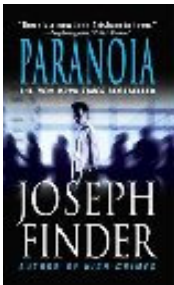
-Brooke



The 19th wife by David Ebershoff 2008 NEW MYS EBE

My pick would have to be *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff. The author does a great job of weaving two different mysteries into one intriguing novel. The first is the story of Ann Eliza Young, the 19th wife of Brigham Young, and the second narrative is a tale of murder involving a polygamist family in present-day Utah. This is a well crafted read that I would recommend to anyone who enjoys historical mysteries.

-Kathryn



Paranoia by Joseph Finder 2004 FIC FIN

A novel of corporate espionage starts innocently enough and escalates to holding-your-breath moments. Adam Cassidy, a low-level staffer, makes an innocent mistake to help a friend, and the situation draws him into an espionage situation at a corporate competitor from which he can't get loose. The fast plot kept my undivided attention until the surprise ending. I couldn't put it down.

-Kim



The round and other cold hard facts by J.M.G. Le Clezio 2002 SS CLE

This is a collection of short stories by the 2008 Nobel Prize winner in literature.

-Beckie



A game of thrones by George R.R. Martin 1996 FSY MAR

A game of thrones is the first book in the fantasy/science fiction series *A song of ice and fire* by George R. R. Martin. The books are about family dynasties and how Kings and Queens try to gain domination over their kingdoms and the surrounding lands. The characters are fascinating, complex and wonderful and the storylines keep you riveted. Currently, there are 4 books in this series with a 5th that is hopefully due out this year. If you like Harry Potter and the Lord of the Rings, you will never want these books to end.

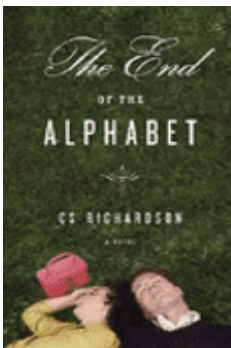
-Nancy



The eight by Katherine Neville 1989 FIC NEV

Originally published in 1989, this novel is a classic that was a bestseller in its day. It is an epic adventure novel that moves between two story lines in the 1790s and the 1970s involving the search for a legendary chess set once owned by Charlemagne. Neville combines numerology, alchemy, the Druids, Freemasonry, cosmic powers, espionage, murder, historical figures and a puzzle in this fast-paced read.

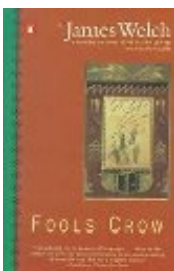
-Carol



The end of the alphabet by CS Richardson 2007 FIC RIC

The end of the alphabet by CS Richardson is about a man who is told he has just one month to live, and decides to spend that month traveling the world with his beloved wife to places he most wants to visit, from Amsterdam to Zanzibar. It's a quirky, thoughtful, sad, sweet and ultimately moving love story.

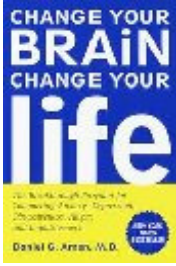
-Linda



Fools crow by James Welch 1986 FIC WEL

Fools crow by James Welch is a very interesting novel from one of the foremost scholars on Native American culture, who happens to be a Native American himself. This Bildungsroman (coming of age) novel gives the typical American new insight to the lifestyle of the First Peoples during America's gold rush and acquisition of the west. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in Native American culture or anyone who would like to read an alternative version of history.

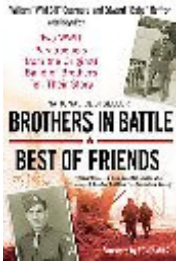
-Chips



Change your brain, change your life: the breakthrough program for conquering anxiety, depression, obsesiveness, anger, and impulsiveness by Daniel G. Amen 1998 616.89 AME

The author explains how the brain can be evaluated through a SPECT Study that shows how the active brain works and how some diseases can be diagnosed by using this method, such as Alzheimer's or stroke. Also, he points out that we all can heal our brains by controlling our day-to-day thoughts and behaviors.

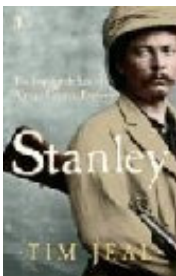
-Beckie



Brothers in battle, best of friends: two WWII paratroopers from the original Band of Brothers tell their story by William Guarnere 2007 940.541 GUA

This non-fiction selection recounts the lives of two paratroopers of Easy Company 506 PIR which was attached to the 101st Airborne Division during WWII and made famous by Steven Ambrose and the TV mini-series "Band of Brothers". Both men describe their early childhood, their military experiences and their lives after the war. Reading it makes you feel as though you were listening to two old veterans reminiscing about their exploits. Enjoyable reading!

-Harvey

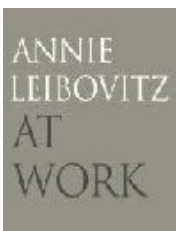


Stanley: the impossible life of Africa's greatest explorer by Tim Jeal American ed. pub. 2008 BIO STANLEY

To many people today, the 19th century African explorer Sir Henry Morton Stanley represents the height of Victorian arrogance. But the man who is best known for his literate query "Dr. Livingstone, Presume?" probably never even said these words. Stanley, in his youth a miserable workhouse boy, and in his adulthood a lonely man (but very inventive storyteller) portrayed himself as a brash adventurer and the embodiment of Victorian manhood. In reality, his experiences in Africa were full of horrible losses and nightmarish tragedies. Indeed, many of his accomplishments were undermined and forever tainted by the actions of a few of his staff as well as the cruelly imperialistic aims of the man who funded his later expeditions, King Leopold II.

I'd recommend this counter revisionist history to anyone who likes to read about true adventures and to those who dare to dream big.

-Christine



Annie Leibovitz at work by Annie Leibovitz 208 NEW 779.02 LEI

This book is a collection of Annie Leibovitz's work as well as a description of her method and techniques. She discusses her life and the lives of those she photographed.

-Beckie