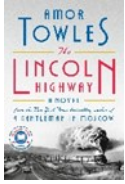


PWP Book Suggestions for 2023-2024

The criteria for the selection of the books are to enlighten our minds, to nourish our spirits, to challenge our consciences, and to entertain us. As you choose which ones you will read we hope we have met these goals, not all of them in one book, but in the whole of them.

Fiction



The Lincoln Highway, Amor Towles. After serving fifteen months in a juvenile work farm for attempted manslaughter, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson finds that his parents are gone. He plans to take his little brother Billy to California to start a new life. Their journey is side-tracked by two friends from the work farm. They

end up in New York City looking for that new life in various ways.



State of Terror, Hillary Clinton, Louise Penny. The newly sworn in president surprisingly appoints a political enemy for the vital position of secretary of state thus silencing one of his harshest critics. A series of warnings about terrorist attacks draws her into world travel and intrigue.

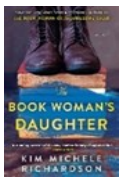


The Personal Librarian, Marie Benedict, Victoria Christopher Murray. In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world. However, she

has a secret she must protect at all costs.

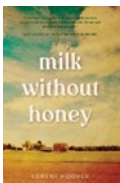


When Stars are Scattered, A Graphic Novel, Victoria Jamieson. Omar and his younger brother, Hassan, have spent most of their lives in a refugee camp in Kenya. Life is hard there with very little food and no access to the medical care that Hassan needs.



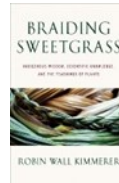
The Book Woman's Daughter, Kim Richardson. The daughter of the famed blue-skinned, Troublesome Creek packhorse librarian, Honey and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. But when her mother and father are imprisoned, she realizes she must fight to stay free. Picking up her mother's old packhorse

library route, Honey begins to deliver books to the remote hollers of Appalachia, braving the dangers and rejoicing with those who enjoy books.



Milk Without Honey, Lorene Hoover. Young Ruth Ann is bewildered when her parents lose their land and the bungalow she grew up in, sending her parents from one rented farmhouse to the next in hopes of finding a new home and work that sustains them. Her mother gets tired of the constant moving and poverty and moves to town taking the children with her.

Nonfiction



Braiding Sweet Grass, Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants, Robin Wall Kimmerer. A trained botanist and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Kimmerer embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. She brings these two parts of

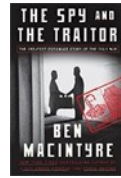
her life together to acknowledge and celebrate our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world.



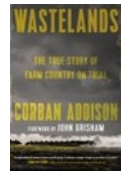
H is for Hawk, Helen McDonald. The memoir of a woman who adopted and raised one of nature's most vicious predators is full of emotion and danger.

Fierce and feral, her goshawk Mabel's temperament mirrors Helen's own state of grief after her father's death, and together raptor and human discover the

pain and beauty of being alive.



The Spy and the Traitor, Ben Macintyre. The spy is a Russian KGB officer who was stationed in Britain during the 1970's who then became a spy for Great Britain's M16. The British eventually evacuated him from Russia. The deceit and loyalty and bravery in living two lives, both of them deadly dangerous, is spellbinding.

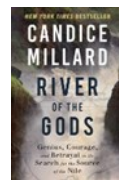


Wastelands, Corban Addison. The coastal plain of North Carolina is home to a close-knit, rural community that for more than a generation has battled the polluting practices of large-scale farming in its own backyard. Local residents, led by dedicated lawyers, filed a lawsuit against one of the world's most powerful

companies and won.



The Puma Years, Laura Coleman. A young woman moves to a wild animal rescue in Bolivia where she is assigned to take care of a puma who has been rescued. It is astonishing how the two of them bond, spending time taking walks, sitting by a river and braving all the irritants and dangers in a deep jungle.



River of the Gods, Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile, Candace Mallard. Richard Burton and John Hanning Speke were sent by the Royal Geographical Society to find the source of the Nile. From the start the two men clashed. They would endure tremendous hardships, illness, and constant setbacks.