

My Next Read

Readers Advisory Service



Dear Lisa,

Thank you for your recent submission to the My Next Read personal readers advisory service. Based on the information you provided, which is detailed below, our librarians have conducted some research and have come up with the following suggestions for your next read.

1. **Are you interested in books for adults, youth or children?**

Adults

2. **What type of books are you interested in?**

Fiction

3. **What format do you prefer?**

eBook

4. **Please list some of your favourite author's.**

Louise Penny. Greg Isles. Jennifer Fallon. James Patterson. Stephen King. Agatha Christie. John Le Carre. Jeffrey Deaver. Robert Galbraith. Tim Winton.

5. **What phrase would you use to describe your favourite books.**

I like page turners; I like stories that focus on characters; I enjoy getting lost in other settings and time periods

6. **Please list the titles of your favourite books OR books you have recently read and enjoyed.**

I can't remember the last time I read a book that I really enjoyed. It's been a while.

7. **Please list a few authors you haven't liked.**

I don't like soppy romances.

8. **Please indicate any material you DO NOT want included in the books we list for you by checking each element you wish to exclude.**

Explicit Foul Language; Explicit Sex; Explicit gore/violence

9. **Please list a few of your favourite movies or television shows.**

Spicks and specks. Meet Joe Black.

10. **What are you in the mood to read next?**

Thought provoking; Funny;Thriller

11. **Is there anything that you would like to tell us about your reading or interests that might help us?**

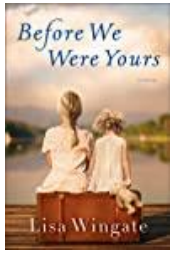
Murder mysteries, thrillers, sci fi, especially a really good series so I can follow characters and their development.

12. **May we share this list of suggestions on our website?**

Yes

Currently, due to the Covid19 pandemic, we are not able to offer a lending service but we do have a wide range of items available through our online platforms such as Borrowbox (eBooks and eAudiobooks), RB Digital (eBooks and eMagazines) and our new service Indyreads, information on all of these amazing resources can be found at

https://library.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/default/page.asp?c=643



Before we were yours by Lisa Wingate

Born into a world of wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all. A loving daughter to her father, a U.S. Senator, with her own ambitious career as a lawyer and a handsome fiancé waiting for her in Baltimore, she has lived a charmed life. But when Avery returns to Aiken to help her father weather a health crisis and a political attack, a chance encounter with May Bonher, an elderly woman she's never met before, leaves Avery deeply shaken. Avery's decision to learn more about May's life will take her on a journey through her family's long-hidden history, illuminating the heart of Avery's story.

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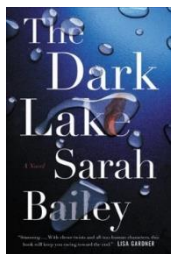


Find you in the dark by Nathan Ripley

Martin Reese has a hobby: he digs up murder victims. He buys stolen police files on serial killers, and uses them to find and dig up missing bodies. Calls in the results anonymously, taunting the police for their failure to do their job. Detective Sandra Whittal takes that a little personally. She's suspicious of the mysterious caller, who she names the Finder. Maybe he's the one leaving the bodies behind. If not, who's to say he won't start soon? As Whittal begins to zero in on the Finder, Martin makes a shocking discovery. It seems someone—someone lethal—is very unhappy about the bodies he's been digging up. Hunted by a cop, hunted by a killer. To escape and keep his family safe, Martin may have to go deeper into the world of murder than he ever imagined.

Nathan Ripley is the pseudonym of Naben Ruthnum, a winner of Canada's prestigious Journey Prize for best short story published by an emerging writer.

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The Dark lake by Sarah Bailey

A beautiful young teacher has been murdered, her body found in the lake, strewn with red roses. Local policewoman Detective Sergeant Gemma Woodstock pushes to be assigned to the case, concealing the fact that she knew the murdered woman in high school years before. But that's not all Gemma's trying to hide. As the investigation digs deeper into the victim's past, other secrets threaten to come to light, secrets that were supposed to remain buried. The lake holds the key to solving the murder, but it also has the power to drag Gemma down into its dark depths.

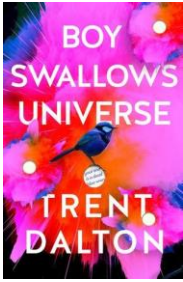
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On the Java Ridge by Jock Serong

Amid the furious ocean there was no human sound on deck: some people standing, watching the wave, but no one capable of words. On the Java Ridge, skipper Isi Natoli and a group of Australian surf tourists are anchored beside an idyllic reef off the Indonesian island of Dana. In the Canberra office of Cassius Calvert, Minister for Border Integrity, a Federal election looms and (not coincidentally) a hardline new policy is being announced regarding maritime assistance to asylum-seeker vessels in distress. A few kilometres away from Dana, the Takalar is having engine trouble. Among the passengers fleeing from persecution are Roya and her mother, and Roya's unborn sister. The storm now closing in on the Takalar and the Java Ridge will mean catastrophe for them all. With *On the Java Ridge* Jock Serong, bestselling author of *The Rules of Backyard Cricket*, brings us a literary novel with the pace and tension of a political thriller—and some of the most compelling, heartstopping writing about the sea since Patrick O'Brian.

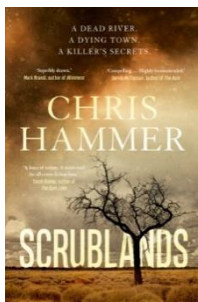
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Boy swallows universe by Trent Dalton

A novel of love, crime, magic, fate and coming of age, set in Brisbane's violent working class suburban fringe - from one of Australia's most exciting new writers.

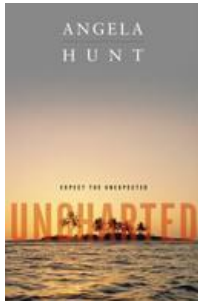
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Scrublands – Chris Hammer

Set in a fictional Australian Riverina town at the height of a devastating drought, a charismatic and dedicated young priest calmly opens fire on his congregation, killing five parishioners before being shot dead himself. A year later, troubled journalist Martin Scarsden arrives in Riversend to write a feature on the anniversary of the tragedy. But the stories he hears from the locals about the priest and incidents leading up to the shooting don't fit with the accepted version of events his own newspaper reported in an award-winning investigation. Martin can't ignore his doubts, nor the urgings of some locals to unearth the real reason behind the priest's deadly rampage. A compulsive thriller that will haunt you long after you have turned the final page.

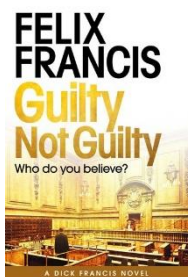
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Uncharted by Angela Hunt

It was supposed to be an adventure. A little time off to honor the memory of a friend and complete a service project in the tropics. Do good deeds while getting a tan. But when a storm rocks their plans, five long-time friends from college find themselves hurled onto a desolate island, and relief fades to fear. Here nature rules with a vengeance. The lone shelter from raw conditions is a sinister cave. Are they victims of a bizarre psychological experiment? Or could this godforsaken place have the power to maroon them forever

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Guilty not guilty by Felix Francis

Guilty Not Guilty is a journey of greed and jealousy set against the grief of personal tragedy and loss, with many a twist and turn along the way.

It is said that everyone over a certain age can remember distinctly what they were doing when they heard that President Kennedy had been assassinated, or that Princess Diana had been killed in a Paris car crash, but I, for one, could recall all too clearly where I was standing when a policeman told me that my wife had been murdered. Bill Russell is acting as a volunteer steward at Warwick races when he confronts his worst nightmare – the violent death of his much-loved wife. But worse is to come when he is accused of killing her and hounded mercilessly by the media. His life begins to unravel completely as he loses his job and his home. Even his best friends turn against him, believing him guilty of the heinous crime in spite of the lack of compelling evidence. Bill sets out to clear his name but finds that proving one's innocence is not easy – one has to find the true culprit, and Bill believes he knows who it is. But can he prove it before he becomes another victim of the murderer.

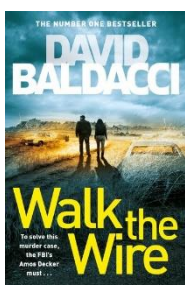
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Perfect Kill by Helen Fields

He had never heard himself scream before. It was terrifying. Alone, trapped in the darkness and with no way out, Bart Campbell knows that his chances of being found alive are slim. Drugged and kidnapped from his Edinburgh home, the realisation soon dawns that he's been locked inside a shipping container – but what Bart doesn't know is that he's now heading for France where is unspeakable fate is already sealed...DCI Ava Turner and DI Luc Callanach are working on separate cases that soon collide as it becomes clear that the men and women being shipped to France are being traded for women trafficked into Scotland. With so many lives at stake, it seems an impossible task – but there's no option of failure when Bart and so many others will soon be dead...The next gripping thriller from the best selling crime author Helen Fields

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Walk the wire by David Baldacci

A gripping thriller featuring Amos Decker, FBI Consultant, by internationally bestselling author David Baldacci - The number one bestselling author returns with another highly charged thriller taking Amos Decker, who has proved one of his readers' favourite characters to date, on an action-packed investigation with all the trademark twists and turns which make David Baldacci one of the world's favourite storytellers.

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Sites used to conduct this research include Novelist Plus (available through the [online resources page of the library website](#)), [Good Reads](#) and [Fantastic Fiction](#).

Kind Regards

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