



What is on your nightstand?

Books Discussed on 2.11.2021

The Answer Is...: Reflections on my Life by Alex Trebek – This title is available at the library **Call Number:** B Tre and CD B Tre. This title is also available on [OverDrive/Bridges](#) using the Libby App.

Summary: Since debuting as the host of *Jeopardy!* in 1984, Alex Trebek has been something like a family member to millions of television viewers, bringing entertainment and education into their homes five nights a week. Last year, he made the stunning announcement that he had been diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer. What followed was an incredible outpouring of love and kindness. Social media was flooded with messages of support, and the *Jeopardy!* studio received boxes of cards and letters offering guidance, encouragement, and prayers.

The Art of Success in Business and Motherhood: The Inspiring Journeys of Entrepreneurial Moms from around the World by Jessica Fox – This title is available in the library, **Call Number:** 658 Fox.

Summary: Calling all mothers! Navigate the journey of starting a business and pursuing your passions while raising a beautiful family. Motherhood is not the end of your dreams, it the beginning of the next chapter! Mothers are often told to choose between their desires and becoming a mother. Sacrificing one or the other isn't necessary! Be inspired by real stories of mother's achieving their dreams in business, life and in motherhood.

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins – This title is available in the library, **Call Number:** YA Fic Col

Summary: It is the morning of the reaping that will kick off the tenth annual Hunger Games. In the Capitol, eighteen-year-old Coriolanus Snow is preparing for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the Games. The once-mighty house of Snow has fallen on hard times, its fate hanging on the slender chance that Coriolanus will be able to outcharm, outwit, and outmaneuver his fellow students to mentor the winning tribute.

Beetle and the Hollowbones by Nicole Coventry – This title is available in the library,

Call Number: J Fic Lay.

Summary: An enchanting, riotous, and playfully illustrated debut graphic novel following a young goblin trying to save her best friend from the haunted mall—perfect for fans of *Steven Universe* and *Adventure Time*. In the eerie town of 'Allows, some people get to be magical sorceresses, while other people have their spirits trapped in the mall for all ghastly eternity. Then there's twelve-year-old goblin-witch Beetle, who's caught in between. She'd rather skip being homeschooled completely and spend time with her best friend, Blob Glost. But the mall is getting boring, and B.G. is cursed to haunt it, tethered there by some unseen force.

Burnout: the secret to unlocking the stress cycle by Emily Nagoski – This title is available at the library, **Call Number:** 155.9 Nag

Summary: Burnout. Many women in America have experienced it. What's expected of women and what it's really like to be a woman in today's world are two very different things - and women exhaust themselves trying to close the gap between them. How can you "love your body" when every magazine cover has 10 diet tips for becoming "your best self"? How do you "lean in" at work when you're already operating at 110 percent and aren't recognized for it? How can you live happily and healthily in a sexist world that is constantly telling you you're too fat, too needy, too noisy, and too selfish?

The Chaos of Letting Go by Aliza Layne – This title is available in the library,

Call Number: 811 Cov.

Summary: Nicole Coventry presents "The Chaos of Letting Go," a poetry collection about the pain that is endured from letting go of your past, the journey of self-discovery, coping with addiction, and forgiving yourself for your mistakes.

City of Bones (Series Book 3) – The City of Glass: The Mortal Instruments by Cassandra Clare – This title is not available in the library. This title is also available on [OverDrive/Bridges](#) using the Libby App.

Summary: To save her mother's life, Clary must travel to the City of Glass, the ancestral home of the Shadowhunters -- never mind that entering the city without permission is against the Law, and breaking the Law could mean death. To make things worse, she learns that Jace does not want her there, and Simon has been thrown in prison by the Shadowhunters, who are deeply suspicious of a vampire who can withstand sunlight.

Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir by one of the Original Navajo Code Talkers of WWII by Chester Nez – This title is available in the library **Call Number:** 940.54 Nez.

Summary: His name wasn't Chester Nez. That was the English name he was assigned in kindergarten. And in boarding school at Fort Defiance, he was punished for speaking his native language, as the teachers sought to rid him of his culture and traditions. But discrimination didn't stop Chester from answering

the call to defend his country after Pearl Harbor, for the Navajo have always been warriors, and his upbringing on a New Mexico reservation gave him the strength—both physical and mental—to excel as a marine.

Confessions of Her by Cindy Cherie – This title is not available in the library, but may be available through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending Library.

Summary: Based on a true story, *Confessions of Her*, is the debut poetry novel by Cindy Cherie, one of today's most popular poets on Instagram. This autobiographical collection of poetry and prose takes you on a journey of love and loss, depicting how she overcame heartbreak to ultimately, save herself.

A doctor in the house: my life with Ben Carson by Candy Carson – This title is available at the library **Call Number:** B Car.

Summary: Like most Americans, you might think of Ben Carson as a trailblazing brain surgeon and, in the last few years, as an outspoken commentator on national issues. But his wife of more than 40 years knows him as so much more: a loving husband, a devoted father, a devout Christian, a committed philanthropist, and a fierce patriot. Now Candy Carson introduces us to the private side of a very public figure as she shares the inspiring story of their marriage and their family.

Escape Room by Maren Stoffels– This title is not available at the library, but may be available through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending Library.

Summary: Alissa, Sky, Miles and Mint are ready for a night of fun at the Escape Room. It's simple. Choose their game. Get locked in a room. Find the clues. Solve the puzzles. And escape the room in 60 minutes. But what happens if the Game Master has no intention of letting them go?

Everything beautiful in its time: seasons of love and loss by Jenna Bush Hager– This title is available at the library, **Call Number:** CD 306.874 Hag. This title is also available on [OverDrive/Bridges](#) using the Libby App.

Summary: To the world, George and Barbara Bush were America's powerful president and influential first lady. To Jenna Bush Hager, they were her beloved Gampy and Ganny, who taught her about respect, humility, kindness, and living a life of passion and meaning - timeless lessons that continue to guide her.

Everything sad is Untrue by Daniel Nayeri – This title is available at the library, **Call Number:** YA Fic Nay.

Summary: A sprawling, evocative, and groundbreaking autobiographical novel told in the unforgettable and hilarious voice of a young Iranian refugee. It is a powerfully layered novel that poses the questions: Who owns the truth? Who speaks it? Who believes it? "A patchwork story is the shame of the refugee," Nayeri writes early in the novel. In an Oklahoman middle school, Khosrou (whom everyone calls Daniel) stands in front of a skeptical audience of classmates, telling the tales of his family's history, stretching back years, decades, and centuries. At the core is Daniel's story of how they became refugees—starting

with his mother's vocal embrace of Christianity in a country that made such a thing a capital offense, and continuing through their midnight flight from the secret police, bribing their way onto a plane-to-anywhere.

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond – This title is not available in the library, but may be available through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.

Summary: In *Evicted*, Princeton sociologist and MacArthur “Genius” Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they each struggle to keep a roof over their heads. Hailed as “wrenching and revelatory” (*The Nation*), “vivid and unsettling” (*New York Review of Books*), *Evicted* transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of twenty-first-century America’s most devastating problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.

I have something to tell you by Chasten Buttigieg– This title is not available at the library, but may be available through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.

Summary: Chasten has overcome a multitude of obstacles to get here. In this moving, uplifting memoir, he recounts his journey to finding acceptance as a gay man. He recalls his upbringing in rural Michigan, where he knew he was different, where indeed he felt different from his father and brothers. He recounts his coming out and how he's healed from revealing his secret to his family, friends, community, and the world. And he tells the story of meeting his boyfriend, whom he would marry and who would eventually become a major Democratic leader.

King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender – This title is not available at the library, but may be available through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.

Summary: Twelve-year-old Kingston James is sure his brother Khalid has turned into a dragonfly. When Khalid unexpectedly passed away, he shed what was his first skin for another to live down by the bayou in their small Louisiana town. Khalid still visits in dreams, and King must keep these secrets to himself as he watches grief transform his family.

The Life she was given: A Moving and Emotional Saga of Family and Resilient Women by Ellen Marie Wiseman – This title is not available at the library, but may be available through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.

Summary: On a summer evening in 1931, Lilly Blackwood glimpses circus lights from the grimy window of her attic bedroom. Lilly isn't allowed to explore the meadows around Blackwood Manor. She's never even ventured beyond her narrow room. Momma insists it's for Lilly's own protection, that people would be afraid if they saw her. But on this unforgettable night, Lilly is taken outside for the first time—and sold to the circus sideshow.

Me: Elton John Official Autobiography by Elton John – This title is available at the library

Call Number: B Joh. This title is also available on [OverDrive/Bridges](#) using the Libby App.

Summary: In his first and only official autobiography, music icon Elton John reveals the truth about his extraordinary life, from his roller-coaster lifestyle as shown in the film *Rocketman*, to becoming a living legend.

No time like the Future: An Optimist Considers Mortality by Michael J. Fox – This title is available at the library **Call Number:** B Fox and L.P. B Fox. This title is also available on [OverDrive/Bridges](#) using the Libby App.

Summary: The entire world knows Michael J. Fox as Marty McFly, the teenage sidekick of Doc Brown in *Back to the Future*; as Alex P. Keaton in *Family Ties*; as Mike Flaherty in *Spin City*; and through numerous other movie roles and guest appearances on shows such as *The Good Wife* and *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. Diagnosed at age 29, Michael is equally engaged in Parkinson's advocacy work, raising global awareness of the disease and helping find a cure through The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, the world's leading non-profit funder of PD science. His two previous best-selling memoirs, *Lucky Man* and *Always Looking Up*, dealt with how he came to terms with the illness, all the while exhibiting his iconic optimism. His new memoir reassesses this outlook, as events in the past decade presented additional challenges.

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez – This title is not available at the library, but may be available through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.

Summary: *One Hundred Years of Solitude* tells the story of the rise and fall, birth and death of the mythical town of Macondo through the history of the Buendía family. Inventive, amusing, magnetic, sad and alive with unforgettable men and women—brimming with truth, compassion, and a lyrical magic that strikes the soul—this novel is a masterpiece in the art of fiction.

Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler – This title is not available at the library, but may be available through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.

Summary: When global climate change and economic crises lead to social chaos in the early 2020s, California becomes full of dangers, from pervasive water shortage to masses of vagabonds who will do anything to live to see another day. Fifteen-year-old Lauren Olamina lives inside a gated community with her preacher father, family, and neighbors, sheltered from the surrounding anarchy. In a society where any vulnerability is a risk, she suffers from hyper empathy, a debilitating sensitivity to others' emotions.

Paul takes form of a Mortal Girl by Andrea Lawlor – This title is available at the library, **Call Number:** Fic Law.

Summary: It's 1993 and Paul Polydoris tends bar at the only gay club in a university town thrumming with politics and partying. He studies queer theory,

has a dyke best friend, makes zines, and is a flaneur with a rich dating life. But Paul's also got a secret: he's a shapeshifter. Oscillating wildly from Riot Grrrl to leather cub, Paul transforms his body and his gender at will as he crossed the country—a journey and adventure through the deep queer archives of struggle and pleasure.

The Power of Letting Go: How to Drop Everything That's Holding you Back by John Purkiss— This title is not available at the library, but may be available through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.

Summary: When you let go, you live intuitively. Everything flows, because you are no longer attached to things being a certain way, to being a certain person or always being right. What a relief. The irony is that when you feel stuck in any area of your life - career, relationships, purpose, health or money - letting go can seem very hard. You cling on for dear life just at the moment you need to take the leap.

The Prophets by Robert Jones Jr. – This title is not available at the library, but may be available through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library. This title is also available on [OverDrive/Bridges](#) using the Libby app.

Summary: Isaiah was Samuel's and Samuel was Isaiah's. That was the way it was since the beginning, and the way it was to be until the end. In the barn they tended to the animals, but also to each other, transforming the hollowed-out shed into a place of human refuge, a source of intimacy and hope in a world ruled by vicious masters. But when an older man—a fellow slave—seeks to gain favor by preaching the master's gospel on the plantation, the enslaved begin to turn on their own. Isaiah and Samuel's love, which was once so simple, is seen as sinful and a clear danger to the plantation's harmony.

Refugee by Alan Gratz – This title is available at the library,

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Summary: Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world . . . Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America . . . Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe . . . All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals.

Resistance by Jennifer A. Nielsen – This title is not available at the library. However, this title is also available on [OverDrive/Bridges](#) using the Libby App.

Summary: Chaya Lindner is a teenager living in Nazi-occupied Poland. Simply being Jewish places her in danger of being killed or sent to the camps. After her little sister is taken away, her younger brother disappears, and her parents all but give up hope, Chaya is determined to make a difference. Using forged papers

and her fair features, Chaya becomes a courier and travels between the Jewish ghettos of Poland, smuggling food, papers, and even people.

Someone Knows by Lisa Scottoline – This title is available in the library,

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Summary: Allie Garvey is heading home to the funeral of a childhood friend. Allie is not only grief-stricken, she's full of dread. Because going home means seeing the other two people with whom she shares an unbearable secret. Twenty years earlier, a horrific incident shattered the lives of five teenagers, including Allie. Drinking and partying in the woods, they played a dangerous prank that went tragically wrong, turning deadly. The teenagers kept what happened a secret, believing that getting caught would be the worst thing that could happen. But time has taught Allie otherwise. Not getting caught was far worse.

Tales of the City by Armistead Maupin – This title is not available at the library, but may be available through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.

Summary: First of nine novels – focuses on the lives of the tenants who live in a boardinghouse turned apartment owned by Anna Madrigal. Among the cast of this groundbreaking saga are the lovelorn residents of 28 Barbary Lane: the bewildered but aspiring Mary Ann Singleton, the libidinous Brian Hawkins; Mona Ramsey, still in a sixties trance, Michael "Mouse" Tolliver, forever in bright-eyed pursuit of Mr. Right; and their marijuana-growing landlady, the indefatigable Mrs. Madrigal. Hurdling barriers both social and sexual, Maupin leads them (the characters of the book) through heartbreak and triumph, through nail-biting terrors and gleeful coincidences. The result is a glittering and addictive comedy of manners that continues to beguile new generations of readers.

Then she was gone: a novel by Lisa Jewell – This title is available in the library, **Call**

Number: Fic Jew. This title is also available on [OverDrive/Bridges](#) using the Libby App.

Summary: Ellie Mack was the perfect daughter. She was fifteen, the youngest of three. Beloved by her parents, friends, and teachers, and half of a teenaged golden couple. Ellie was days away from an idyllic post-exams summer vacation, with her whole life ahead of her. *And then she was gone.*

Trials of Apollo (Series): The Dark Prophecy (2nd book) by Rick Riordan – This title is available in the library, **Call Number:** YA Fic Rio. this title is also available on

[OverDrive/Bridges](#) using the Libby App.

Summary: Will the Greek god Apollo, cast down to earth in the pathetic moral form of a teenager named Lester Papadopoulos, finally regain his place on Mount Olympus? Lester's demigod friends at Camp Jupiter just helped him survive attacks from bloodthirsty ghouls, an evil Roman king and his army of the undead, and the lethal emperors Caligula and Commodus. Now the former god and his demigod master Meg must follow a prophecy uncovered by Ella the harpy. Lester's final challenge will be at the Tower of Nero, back in New York.