



What is on your nightstand? Books Discussed on 9.10.2020

Book of the Little Axe by Lauren Francis-Sharma (Library Card Sign-Up/Libraries Transform Book Pick) – This is available in the library (Call Number: Fic Fra) and may be available through InterLibrary Loan (depending on availability and lending library).

Summary: In 1796 Trinidad, young Rosa Rendon quietly but purposefully rebels against the life others expect her to lead. Bright, competitive and opinionated, Rosa sees no reason she should learn to cook and keep house, for it is obvious her talents lie in running the farm she, alone, views as her birthright. But when her homeland changes from Spanish to British rule, it becomes increasingly unclear whether its free black property owners - Rosa's family among them - will be allowed to keep their assets, their land and ultimately their freedom.

Haunted: Tales of the Grotesque by Joyce Carol Oates– This is available in the library (Call Number: Fic Oat) and may be available through InterLibrary Loan (depending on availability and lending library).

Summary: The tales in this collection plunge the reader into nightmare worlds where violence slips in unexpectedly, where reality turns into a funhouse mirror, and where American culture goes awry in shocking, provocative ways. Joyce Carol Oates is a master storyteller of the dark side.

I have something to tell you: A Memoir by Chasten Buttigieg – This book may be available through InterLibrary Loan (depending on availability and 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.

i shimmer sometimes, too (poetry book) by Porsha Olayiwola – This book may be available through InterLibrary Loan (depending on availability and lending library).

Summary: These poems dip their hands into the fabric of black womanhood and revel in it. Each poem is gentle breaking and inventive reconstruction. This is a book of self and community care – in pursuit of building a world that will not only keep you alive but will keep you joyful.

Lone Wolf by Jodi Picoult – This book is available at the library (Call Number FIC PIC).

Summary: On an icy winter night, a terrible accident forces a family divided to come together and make a fateful decision. Cara, once protected by her father, Luke, is tormented by a secret that nobody knows. Her brother, Edward, has secrets of his own. He has kept them hidden, but now they may come to light, and if they do, Cara will be devastated. Their mother, Georgie, was never able to compete with her ex-husband's obsessions, and now, his fate hangs in the balance and in the hands of her children.

Refugee by Alan Gratz – This book is available at the library (Call Number J Fic Gra) and is available as an audiobook on [OverDrive/Bridges](#).

Summary: Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tier their stories together.

Soldier for Equality by Duncan Tonatiuh – This book may be available through InterLibrary Loan (depending on availability and lending library) and it is available as an audiobook on [OverDrive/Bridges](#).

Summary: Luz—believed in fighting for what was right. Although he was born in the United States, he and his family experienced prejudice because of their Mexican heritage. When World War I broke out, Luz volunteered to join the fight. Because of his ability to quickly learn languages, he became part of the Intelligence Office in Europe. However, despite his hard work and intellect, Luz often didn't receive credit for his contributions.

The Bookstore by Deborah Meyler – This book is available at the library (Call Number: Fic Mey).

Summary: Esme Garland moves to Manhattan armed with a prestigious scholarship at Columbia University. When Mitchell van Leuven - a New Yorker with the bluest of blue New York blood - captures her heart with his stunning good looks and a penchant for all things erotic, life seems truly glorious...until a thin blue line signals a wrinkle in Esme's tidy plan. Before she has a chance to tell Mitchell about her pregnancy, he suddenly declares their sex life is as exciting as a cup of tea, and ends it all.

The Boy in the Suitcase by Lene Kaaberbol– This book is available at the library (Call Number: Fic Kaa) and it is available as an audiobook on [OverDrive/Bridges](#).

Summary: Nina Borg, a Red Cross nurse, wife, and mother of two, is trying to live a quiet life. The last thing her husband wants is for her to go running off on another dangerous mission to help illegal refugees. But when Nina's estranged friend, Karin, leaves her a key to a public locker in the Copenhagen train station, and begs her to take care of its contents, Nina gets suckered into her most dangerous case yet.

The Cuckoo's Calling by Robert Galbraith – This book is available in the library (Call number: L.P Fic Gal, Fic Gal and CD Fic Gal) and it is available as an audiobook on [OverDrive/Bridges](#).

Summary: After losing his leg to a land mine in Afghanistan, Cormoran Strike is barely scraping by as a private investigator. Strike is down to one client, creditors are calling, and after a breakup with his longtime girlfriend, he's living in his office. Then John Bristow walks through his door with a shocking story: His sister, the legendary supermodel Lula Landry - known to her friends as the Cuckoo - famously fell to her death a few months earlier. The police ruled it a suicide, but John refuses to believe that. The case plunges Strike into the world of multimillionaire beauties, rock-star boyfriends, and desperate designers, and it introduces him to every variety of pleasure, enticement, seduction, and delusion known to man.

The Ickabog by J.K. Rowling (Release date: November 10, 2020) – This book is currently not available - release date is set for November 10, 2020

Summary: Once upon a time there was a tiny kingdom called Cornucopia, as rich in happiness as it was in gold, and famous for its food. From the delicate cream cheeses of Kurdsburg to the Hopes-of-Heaven pastries of Chouxville, each was so delicious that people wept with joy as they ate them.

The Last True Poets of the Sea by Julia Drake – This book may be available through InterLibrary Loan (depending on availability and lending library) and it is available as an audiobook on [OverDrive/Bridges](#).

Summary: The Last True Poets of the Sea is a coming-of-age story about a teen girl coping with her own, and her brother's, emotional issues. The story is a modern take on William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, with a shipwreck and love triangle.

The Molly Murphy Mystery Series by Rhys Bowen – These books are available at the library (Call number: Fic Bow).

Summary: From the creator of the much-loved Constable Evan Evans mysteries comes a colorful new series set in turn-of-the-century New York City. When spirited redhead Molly

Murphy was growing up a peasant on the coast of Ireland she always imagined there was something more in store for her. She couldn't have known how right she was until the day she became a murderer, albeit in self-defense.

What Rose Forgot by Nevada Barr – This book is available at the library (Call Number: Fic Bar) and it is available as an audiobook on [OverDrive/Bridges](#).

Summary: Rose Dennis wakes up in a hospital gown, her brain in a fog, only to discover that she's been committed to an Alzheimer's Unit in a nursing home. With no memory of how she ended up in this position, Rose is sure that something is very wrong. When she overhears one of the administrators saying about her that she's "not making it through the week," Rose is convinced that if she's to survive, she has to get out of the nursing home. She avoids taking her medication, putting on a show for the aides, then stages her escape.