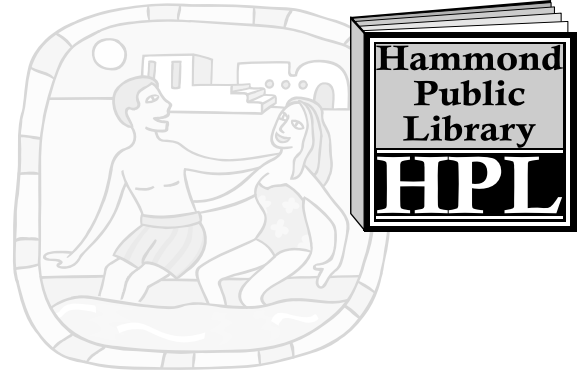


# Staff Picks

Summer Reading 2007



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Armstrong, Kelley	No Humans Involved	Carol W.
The seventh book in the Women of the Otherworld series, but a great stand-alone if you haven't read the others. Jaime Vegas is a celebrity necromancer-- she can communicate with ghosts. On the set of a Hollywood reality series she encounters some unusual spirits that she feels compelled to help. FICTION ARMSTRO		

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Baisden, Michael	The Maintenance Man	Clarissa
FM 106.3 radio host Michael Baisden writes an intriguing story of morals, ethics and redemption as he chronicles the lives of the characters in this novel. FICTION BAISDEN		

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Barnett, Suzanne	3 Fat Chicks on a Diet	Jackie
I found comrades in this book by three sisters who have battled weight problems all their lives. They talk about all the famous diets, Atkins, Weight Watchers, etc. and discuss the pro and cons, costs, tips, and other factors about each one of these diets. 613.25 BARNETT 2006		

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Berry, Linda	Death and the Family Tree	Anne
Several generations of family secrets lead to murder. MYSTERY BERRY		

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Beschloss, Michael	Presidential Courage	Steve
It demonstrates to me that sometimes the right & proper political policies DO get made by the occupants of the White House, providing helpful insight into the "twists & turns" sometimes involved in obtaining the end result. 973.09 BESCHLO 2007		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Cabot, Meg et al.	Prom Nights from Hell	Carol W.
Short stories all with prom related themes. Great for adults and teens! You'll never look at proms the same way again. SHORT STORIES PROM		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Clark, Wahida	Thugs and the Women Who Love Them and Every Thug Needs a Lady	Clarissa
If you like racy, you'll love street lit author Wahida Clark's way of writing. <i>Thugs and the Women Who Love Them and Every Thug Needs a Lady</i> will certainly hold your attention one way or the other. But careful, the contents are hot! Not for the faint of heart. FICTION CLARK		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Dubus, Andre	In the Bedroom	Pat M.
I recommend this book as a book that you can read off and on for a few minutes at a time. It is a collection of seven short stories. The stories are about things that could happen to everyday people in everyday life. If you have a few minutes between chores or when you take a short break this would be a book to consider. FICTION DUBUS		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Ebisch, Glen	The Crying Girl	Peg
This quick read features a haunted New Hampshire Inn. The town librarian is prominently featured. MYSTERY EBISCH		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Evanovich, Janet	Lean Mean Thirteen	Carol W.
Stephanie Plum is at it again! She's a bounty hunter just trying to earn a living. What's a girl to do? Once again, trouble finds her no matter what she does. Hilarious from beginning to end, a fun read guaranteed to make you laugh! MYSTERY EVANOVI		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Foster, Lori	Fallen Angels	Carol W.
Two complete novels and 1 short story with connections all rolled into one volume. A private investigator looks into his brother's mysterious death and not only finds the culprit, but true love as well. His partner plays backup to a female investigator who he can't keep his hands off. And lastly the two of them are recruited to find a mysterious woman when a firefighter finds photographs in the aftermath of a fire. FICTION FOSTER		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Harris, Charlaine	Grave Surprise	Anne
Another of Harris' slightly quirky supernatural Southern stories. I want to read the first one! It's about a lightning strike victim who can find missing dead bodies. MYSTERY HARRIS		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Higgs, Liz Curtis	Bad Girls of the Bible	Pat M.
One does not have to be of one faith or another to enjoy this book. It is a book that's easy to read and just might have you looking at yourself for the first time. Higgs covers the bad girls from Eve (or Evie, as Higgs calls her) to a no name woman with a sinful past. If you find you don't have much in common with the good girls then take a look at the Bad Girls of the Bible-- there may be someone in this book you can relate to! 220.92082 HIGGS 1999		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Hock, Randolph	The Extreme Searcher's Internet Handbook	Carol W.
This is for everyone-- the beginner or the more experienced Internet user. The first chapters cover the basics while the later ones give you insights into more focused searching as well as valuable sites to utilize. Definitely worth a few clicks! 025.04 HOCK 2007		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Houpt, Simon	Museum of the Missing: A History of Art Theft	Jen
This book is great for the art enthusiast. It is a bit shocking to read what people are willing to do for the love of art. It is a wonderful combination of art history and true crime. 364.162 HOUPT 2006		

<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
How to Organize Your Scrapbook Workspace	Sally
Great book for Scrapbookers at any level and any budget. Lots of photos and examples of how to organize your scrap space. Learn new ideas with items all ready in your home. 771.46 HOW 2003	

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Jackson, Joshilyn	Gods in Alabama	Pat M.
I found this book an easy read. It was so interesting that it was hard to put down. Arlene, the main character, grew up in a small town in Alabama. Something happen to her when she was in her teens that made her run to the big city of Chicago and not look back, except for the weekly phone call to Aunt Florence. Ten years later Arlene is heading back to Alabama to face her ghosts, with a black boyfriend. Both Arlene and her boyfriend, Burr, know a southern white girl taking a black man home to meet the family will not be an joyous occasion.		

All the dramatic played out in this book keeps you turning the pages, wondering what the next page will bring. This is really a book to put on your list for summer reading. FICTION JACKSON

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Kaminsky, Stuart	To Catch a Spy	Mary S.
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If Philip Marlowe had a sense of humor and a wacky landlady, he'd be Toby Peters, private detective to the stars. This time around he's helping Cary Grant foil a nest of Nazi spies in Hollywood— good stuff! MYSTERY KAMINSK

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Kean, Louise	Perfect Fit: Fat-Free Dreams Just Don't Taste the Same	Aysha
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I like this book because it's a bit more serious than Bridget Jones's Diary. I thought this book was quite realistic in its portrayal of women with weight issues and how they're viewed by society. FICTION KEAN

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Koontz, Dean	The Good Guy	Carol W.
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A fast-paced story and characters that really come alive keep you hooked from the first page until the last. FICTION KOONTZ

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Koopmans, Andy	Leopold and Loeb: Teen Killers	Carol W.
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It is 1920s Chicago, two of the city's most intelligent and wealthy teens plan and execute a unthinkable murder. Once caught, their families hire the best lawyer in the country, Clarence Darrow, to save them from the death penalty. 345.7302523 KOOPMAN 2004

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McCarthy, Cormac	The Road	Jackie
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When thinking about this book I realized that while the story seems so simple, it is really very complex. A boy and his father travel to the south in a completely destroyed world. They appear to have hope, but you wonder if they should. Is any sort of life, even one of intense struggle worth living? FICTION MCCARTH

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Moore, Christopher	Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal	Carol W.
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A laugh out loud (purely fictional) story told from the point of view of Biff, who was Christ's best friend. He's been given the task to write the story of Christ from age 6 to 33. But you have to wonder-- why hasn't he ever been mentioned before now? After reading this, it will all make sense! FICTION MOORE

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Oliver, Harry	Black Cats and April Fools	Carol W.
Stories on hundreds of the origins of many of our superstitions and daily rituals. You'd be surprised why we do some of the things we do! 398.41 OLIVER 2006		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Robertson, Robin	Fresh from the Vegetarian Slow Cooker	Jen
Until now, I had only made beans in my slow cooker. I've gotten more adventurous in the ways of the slow cooker. The true test will be if I really can make bread in there. Wish me luck! 641.5636 ROBERTS 2004		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Rowling, J. K.	The Harry Potter series	Carol W.
The reason Harry Potter is one of the most well known literary characters today is because J. K. Rowling has created an entire cast of characters that come alive on the page and make you feel for them. Harry and his friends face life, love and peril in each installment and you're right there with them. In the world of Potter, just as in the real world-- you can't judge a book by it's cover and nothing is as it seems! FICTION ROWLING		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Scottoline, Lisa	Daddy's Girl	Steve
In this action-packed, suspense thriller, I found it most difficult to put down, especially with the stunning, shocking ending. In addition, I found several meaningful messages, such as don't judge people by outward appearances (or a book by it's cover,) as well as the importance of being your own person, and the significance of family. FICTION SCOTTOL		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Smith, Lee	On Agate Hill	Peg
This historical novel spans half-a-century telling the story of an orphan living in the South after the Civil War. LARGE PRINT FICTION SMITH		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Stall, Sam	The Good, the Bad, and the Furry	Carol W.
An informative yet lighthearted look at different dog breeds to help you decide which dog is right for you. For example: Will this breed need constant grooming? Constant attention? How well does it interact with children? Or how will this dog react to an intruder? 636.7 STALL 2005		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Trask, Crissy	It's Easy Being Green: A Handbook for Earth-Friendly Living	Mary S.

I like this book because it talks in a non-judgmental way about the methods you can establish good habits, like conserving water and saving money while you do it. 333.72 TRASK 2006

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Vaughan, Brian	Pride of Baghdad	Aysha
Amazing illustrations bring to life the true story of the 2003 bombing of the Baghdad Zoo. The story follows a pride of lions making their way through the ravaged city.		
TEEN FICTION VAUGHN		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
Wallington, Aury	Pop!	Carol W.
Being a senior in high school is hard enough with the sucky class schedules and cliques roaming the cafeteria. But now add the tangled relationships of friends and boyfriends and friends who want to be boyfriends and vice versa! FICTION WALLING		

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
White, Randy Wayne	Hunter's Moon	Pat M.
A former President's wife is killed in a plane crash. Is it an accident or murder as the former President believes? Randy White keeps you reading as one adventure after another unfolds. This is a book you will not want to put down. A surprise finish, so don't peak and spoil the mystery. MYSTERY WHITE		