Adult Summer Reading Showcase, June 1, 2021

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| First Round of Selections | Second Round of Selections |
| ***And Now She’s Gone* by Rachel Howzell**  Thriller set in LA. Did she disappear by choice? Should she stay missing? | ***Home Before Dark* by Riley Sager**  Speculative Fiction: Woman goes back to her childhood Amityville Horror-type home |
| ***The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig**  Speculative novel featuring magical library that allows you to live out different life choices | ***The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict**  A fictionalized mystery account of Agatha Christie’s disappearance in the 1920s |
| ***Invisible Girl* by Lisa Jewell**  Atmospheric and twisty suspense novel with characters who may not be what they seem | ***Little Bit of Karma* by ReShonda Tate Billingsley**  Secrets within a marriage |
| ***The Wife Upstairs* by Rachel Hawkins**  A twisted, modern-day retelling of Jane Eyre | ***Honey Girl* by Morgan Rogers**  A young, queer, Black woman seeks to find her place in the world. |
| ***You Had Me at Hola* by Alexis Daria**  A soapy romantic comedy between co-stars of a new bilingual web-television series | ***Black Buck* by Mateo Askaripour**  A humorous, striking novel examining racism in corporate start-up culture |
| Third Round of Selections | Fourth Round of Selections |
| ***Dolly Parton, Songteller: My Life in Lyrics* by Dolly Parton**  Memoir | ***Winter Counts*****by David Heska Wanbil Weiden**  Thriller set on American Indian reservation with important social and historical context |
| ***Two Trees Make a Forest: In Search of My Family's Past Among Taiwan's Mountains and Coasts* by Jessica J. Lee**  Author of title travels to Taiwan to find her family’s roots | ***The Secret Life of Groceries: The Dark Miracle of the American Supermarket* by Benjamin Lorr**  An explanation on how groceries get on supermarket shelves |
| ***The Space Between Worlds* by Micaiah Johnson**  Outsiders traveling parallel universes | ***Hummingbird Salamander* by Jeff Vandermeer**  Speculative thriller of dark conspiracy, endangered species, and the possible end of all things |
| ***Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia.**  Historical fiction meets sci-fi-meets classic gothic horror | ***Leave the World Behind* by Rumaan Alam**  Apocalyptic thriller involving two families having to isolate because of a wide spread blackout |
| ***The Order of the Pure Moon Reflected in Water* by Zen Cho**  A short novella blending fantasy, martial arts, and historical fiction | ***Squeeze Me* by Carl Hiassen**  An irreverent and imaginative thriller set in 2020 Palm Beach, FL |

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| Fifth Round of Selections | Wild Card Selections |
| ***The Water Keeper*****by Charles Martin**  Relationship novel set in Florida with thriller aspects and a fight against human trafficking | ***Ayesha at Last*** **by Uzma Jalaluddin**  A modern-day *Pride and Prejudice* |
| ***His Only Wife* by Peace A. Medie**  A man falls in love with a woman. His family disapproves of her and tries to set up an arranged marriage to sway his attention from the woman they disapprove of | ***The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri**  Two refugees try to escape war-torn Syria |
| ***In Five Years* by Rebecca Serle**  A whole new take on the five year plan | ***Cosmology of Monsters* by Shaun Hammill**  A little bit *The Shining*, a lot scary |
| ***The Guest List* by Lucy Foley**  A lavish Irish wedding is planned however as the festivities begin, a dead body turns up | ***Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu**  A satirical look at what it’s like to be an Asian American in Hollywood today |
| ***Ties That Tether* by Jane Igharo**  A Nigerian-Canadian woman navigates the challenges of an interracial relationship and her family’s expectations in this contemporary romance | ***Gay Like Me* by Richie Jackson**  A short memoir in which a gay father imparts advice to his college-bound gay son |
| Upcoming Events | Upcoming Events |
| **Japanese Art Tour with the Walters Art Museum (online)** From ceramics, to tapestries, to armor, the Japanese collection is a wealth of beauty and history.  **JUNE 14 @ 12 – 1 PM**  <https://live-howardcounty.pantheonsite.io/events/japanese-art-tour-walters-art-museum-online> |  |
| **Author Works: Zakiya Dalila Harris - The Other Black Girl** “*A thrilling, edgier Devil Wears Prada that explores privilege and racism.*”  – Washington Post  “A sly satire and thriller rolled into one.”  – BBC  **JUNE 23 @ 7 – 8 PM**  <https://live-howardcounty.pantheonsite.io/events/author-works-zakiya-dalila-harris-other-black-girl> |  |