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LIBRARY BOOK LOVERS' GROUP

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September 2023

Newsletter

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September Theme:



Indigenous Stories

Featured Titles (Details available in library)

- *Blood* / Tony Birch (Fiction 2011)
- *Dot Circle & Frame* / John Kean (Non Fiction 2023)
- *Madukka the River Serpent* / Julie Janson (Fiction 2022)
- *The Last Daughter* / Brenda Matthews (Non Fiction 2023)

Recommended Reading List

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

Featured Author

Anita Heiss

Recommendations From Other Readers

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

Book Reviews:

- *Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens* / Shankari Chandran (Fiction 2022)
- *Wandering With Intent* / Kim Mahood (Non Fiction 2022)

From Both Groups This Month

Sister Girl / Jackie Huggins Non Fiction 1998

These essays, speeches and interviews combine both the public and the personal in a bold trajectory tracing one Murri woman's journey towards self-discovery and human understanding.

Born Under the Paperbark Tree

Yidumduma Bill Harney Non Fiction 1996

Bill has seen the disintegration of the traditional Aboriginal way of life, and the end of the livelihood of stockmen and drovers. Funny, moving and engaging, (this) is the authentic voice of a man living between two worlds, two cultures

Brown Men in Red Sands / Charles P. Mountford Non Fiction 1948

"In the fascinating pages of *Brown Men and Red Sand* the author takes us back into the remote past, and enables us to share in daily life of a Stone Age people."

The Last of the Nomads / W.J. Peasley Non Fiction 1990

The Last of the Nomads is the deeply moving story of Warri and Yatungka, the last of the Mandjildjara people to remain in the Gibson desert, the traditional home of the tribe. Forbidden to marry by tribal law, the couple fled into the desert, refusing to leave with the rest of their people when they moved closer to white settlements.

***The Last Daughter* / Brenda Matthews
Non Fiction 2023**

The story of Brenda's journey to discover the truth about her past, to unite her two families - and to foster a better connection between black and white Australia.

***Mick the Manager* / Meg Vivers NF 2008**

This is the story of two very different men - an Aboriginal stockman, Mick Lynch, and a station manager, Tom Atkinson. Stories from properties including Kindon Station.

***The Mummy Bloggers* / Holly Wainwright
Fiction 2017**

When three women are nominated for a prestigious blogging award the scene is set for a brutal and often hilarious battle for hearts, minds-and clicks. As the awards night gets closer, their lies get bigger, their stunts get crazier - and some mistakes from the past become harder and harder to hide.

***The Bootmaker of Berlin* / Debbie Terranova
Fiction 2023**

W11, internment as a German in Australia, The journey on the *Dunera*, a cane farm in North Qld, internment of Italians, a return to Berlin – and a haunting, emotional mystery.

***All the Light We Cannot See* / Anthony Doer
Fiction 2014**

Marie-Laure has been blind since the age of six. When the Nazis invade, father and daughter flee with a dangerous secret. Werner is a German orphan whose talent wins him a place at a brutal military academy, but his way out of obscurity is built on suffering.

***Homecoming* / Kate Morton Fiction 2023**

An epic story that spans generations, *Homecoming* asks what we would do for those we love, how we protect the lies we tell, and what it means to come home.

***Italian Joy* / Carla Coulson Non Fiction 2014**

Carla packed up her life and boarded a plane. Italy, her first stop, was her true destination.

***Did I Ever Tell You This?* / Sam Neill NF 2023**

Memoir of his life in and outside film.

***The Happiest Man on Earth* / Eddi Jaku 2020**

A Holocaust survivor shares how he found gratitude, kindness and hope.

***Keeper of Miracles* / Phillip Maisel NF 2021**

The memoir of a Holocaust survivor keeping alive the stories of his generation.

***River of the Gods* / Millard NF 2022**

Follows expeditions in the 19th century to locate the headwaters of the Nile River.

***The Girl With the Louding Voice* / Abi Dark
Fiction 2020**

As a yielding daughter, a subservient wife, and a powerless slave, Adunni is told, by words and deeds, that she is nothing. But while misfortunes might muffle her voice for a time, they cannot mute it.

***Call Me Evie* / JP Pomare Fiction 2018**

A young woman held captive in an the isolated New Zealand beach town. He says he's hiding her to protect her, that she did something terrible back home in Melbourne. As Evie begins to piece together her fractured memory, she's not sure she can trust him. But can she trust her own memories?

***The Lieutenant's Nurse* / Sara Ackerman
Fiction 2021**

In the wake of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Eva and her fellow nurses band together for the immense duty of keeping the American wounded alive. And the danger that finds Eva threatens everything she holds dear.

***Radar Girls* / Sara Ackerman Fiction 2021**

In the dizzying aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Daisy enlists in a top secret program, replacing male soldiers in a war zone for the first time.

Authors: Larissa Behrendt

Alexis Wright

Claire Coleman

Sue Grafton

Lucinda Riley – Seven Sisters Series