

Kathleen's Recent Reads—August

*Titles read on CloudLibrary

Non-Fiction

Roughhouse Friday by Jaed Coffin [2020 Read ME Non-fiction choice]

Coffin, the child of a white father and Thai mother, grew up in Vermont and Maine. In this enthralling memoir, he recounts coming to terms with his parents' divorce and his feelings of abandonment by his father as he embarks on a quest to find himself and his purpose after college. Simultaneously sensitive, introspective, and in the epic tradition, this memoir will have you wanting to know more about its author and eager to read more of his work.

Fiction

The Vigilance of Stars by Patricia O'Donnell [2020 Read ME Fiction choice]

A Maine location features prominently in this tale following the intertwined, multi-generational stories of family members finding love and caring for one another. Tender domestic fiction featuring an actual historic figure.

Weather by Jenny Offill

A librarian tries to balance caring for her family members with the demands of a new job, complicated by the declining mental health of those around her. Quirky, offbeat, and a quick read.

Remain Silent by Susie Steiner

The latest offering in the character-driven British mystery series featuring flawed detective Manon Bradshaw finds her struggling to achieve a work-life balance as she is drawn in to a murder investigation. Recommended for fans of English police procedurals.

Audiobook

* *You Are Not Alone* by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen

The duo of Hendricks and Pekkanen specialize in suspenseful stories about not-wholly-reliable characters, and this is no exception. Fast-paced and highly engaging.

**Star Island* by Carl Hiaasen

An off-the-rails pop star, a homicidal bodyguard, a fugitive ex-governor, and an opportunistic paparazzo come together in one crazy story. Eccentric, unpredictable, and sophomorically funny.