

Kathleen's Recent Reads—December

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Adult Fiction

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

You may have read this for school, or you may only be familiar with the book's famous opening and closing lines, but I urge you to read or re-read this masterpiece, set in England and France during the French Revolution and ensuing Terror, full of unforgettable characters, beautiful language, and astute observations of human nature.

Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

Lots of big topics are tackled in this debut novel: race, privilege, ambition. The engaging page-turner will have you up reading past your bed-time to find out how it all gets resolved.

All the Devils Are Here by Louise Penny

Inspector Armand Gamache and his family become caught up in a coverup with deadly results. Set in Paris and stripped of the usual ensemble of characters, this latest offering in the Three Pines series offers a much faster pace, but that's not a bad thing.

YA Fiction

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

Xiomara Batista is not a genius, like her twin brother, and finds it hard to accept the teachings of the Catholic Church as easily as her best friend, Caridad. This novel in verse follows the Dominican-American teenager as she finds love, her voice as a poet, and independence from her strict, religious mother.

Dash and Lily's Book of Dares by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan

A tribute to the joys of New York at Christmastime, with a nod to J.D. Salinger. Charming and thoughtful.

*Audiobook

The Dime by Kathleen Kent

A suspenseful police drama with an intricate plot; try if you enjoy the books of Tana French or Karin Slaughter. LGBTQ+