

Kathleen's Recent Reads—April 2022

Fiction

The Miraculous Flight of Owen Leach by Jennifer Dupree

An exhausted young mother, pacing back and forth with her screaming infant, trips over a rug and opens her arms, sending him flying out an open window. The child is caught by another woman, ending her own fragile pregnancy. Was it a sign the baby is meant to be hers? Maine author Jennifer Dupree is not afraid to show the flaws of her multidimensional characters in this thought-provoking debut novel.

The Christie Affair by Nina de Gramont

Mystery writer Agatha Christie disappeared for 11 days in December 1926, and when found, claimed not to remember what had happened to her. Nina de Gramont uses Christie's disappearance as a jumping off point for her story; told from the point of view of Archie Christie's mistress, the novel features a cast of memorable characters and even includes a plausible reason for the "I can't remember" story.

Radio Free Vermont by Bill McKibben

Climate activist McKibben has crafted a hilarious story about a misfit group of activists who accidentally start a movement for Vermont to secede from the U.S. as they resist the corporate creep of big box America. Folksy and quirky, with a thrilling snowmobile chase—more Vermont-style than James Bond, of course.

Audiobooks (available on cloudLibrary)

The Other Black Girl by Zakiya Dalila Harris

Nella Rogers, the only Black employee at a NY publishing house, has become disillusioned by the lack of opportunities for advancement and the obtuseness of her colleagues during a diversity initiative, and is thrilled when the newest team member is another Black woman. This debut novel builds slowly, exploring several current issues and establishing Nella's discomfort with Hazel, the new girl, before exploding into something altogether unexpected. I'm not going to say anything else because I don't want to spoil the story, but tell me if you try it, because I'm dying to talk about it!

Reckless Girls by Rachel Hawkins

A young couple, sailing through the South Pacific, accepts an offer by two young women to charter their boat for a trip to a deserted island. What could go wrong? Try if you like suspenseful books with complex plots that take their time revealing secrets.

The Perfect Guests by Emma Rous

Another suspenseful book with a complex plot, this time set in England. A young actress takes a job as a guest in a murder mystery at a large estate, but soon questions why she is really there.