

Recent Reads—December 2022

Fiction

The Christmas Bookshop by Jenny Colgan

After losing her job, a young woman moves in with her successful older sister in Edinburgh in order to help a languishing bookstore turn a profit so it may be sold. Both women must learn to leave old resentments behind as they navigate their futures and build a closer bond. Cozy, with a touch of Christmas magic.

Trust by Hernan Diaz

This gem of a book will have you wondering what's real as you read the "novel" about financier Benjamin Rask and his wife, Helen; the unfinished "memoir" of Andrew Bevel, upon whose life the "novel" is based; and the "memoir" of Bevel's personal secretary. A fascinating literary puzzle, and a brilliant display of technique from author Diaz.

Book Lovers by Emily Henry

Successful literary agent Nora Stephens has built her life around being available for her younger sister, to the point of neglecting her own needs. So when Libby requests an extended vacation, just the two of them, in the small town in North Carolina that serves as the setting for her favorite book, Nora once again says yes. The month proves life changing for Nora as she finally works through old trauma, thanks to Libby's to-do list and the attentions of a former professional rival.

Winter Stroll by Elin Hilderbrand

The Quinn family gather for another Christmas at their inn on Nantucket in this second of Hilderbrand's *Winter* series. Relationships strain and then are repaired in this heartwarming family drama, leavened with a healthy dose of humor.

Audiobooks (available on cloudLibrary)

The Santa Suit by Mary Kay Andrews

Blindsided by a recent divorce, PR executive Ivy Perkins buys a farmhouse and moves to a small town, sight unseen, for a fresh start. The discovery of an heirloom in one of the home's closets brings new relationships and healing.

Counterfeit by Kristin Chen

A young mother, after leaving her position as a corporate attorney, finds herself on the wrong side of the law after reconnecting with her freshman year roommate. Though this starts out as pretty straightforward women's fiction, you'll want to hang on for the fantastic plot twists!

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You've Been Volunteered by Laurie Gelman

Follow along through the school year with class mom Jen Dixon as she juggles home, family, the PTA and spinning classes in this laugh-out-loud women's fiction.

Margreete's Harbor by Eleanor Morse

When Margreete Bright nearly burns down the family home, her daughter Liddie comes to the painful realization that she must uproot her family and move back home to take care of her mother. The upheaval of the 1960s serves as the background for this tender and poignant Maine story.

19th Christmas by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

Detective Lindsey Boxer & co. race to prevent a terror attack somewhere in San Francisco on Christmas Day. Try if *Die Hard* is your idea of the perfect Christmas movie!