

## **Kathleen's Recent Reads—March 2023**

### Fiction

#### *The Lowering Days* by Gregory Brown

The lives of the members of three families living along the Penobscot River are inextricably linked after an act of sabotage removes any hope of restarting their town's shuttered mill. Native American history and myth, family dynamics and ecology are all explored in this excellent debut novel by a Maine writer.

#### *A Killing of Innocents* by Deborah Crombie

The latest Gemma James/Duncan Kincaid mystery will not disappoint fans of the series, who enjoy the English setting and characters' relationships as much as the plots. If you're a fan of Louise Penny or Julia Spencer-Fleming and looking for a new series, give this one a try!

#### *All Good People Here* by Ashley Flowers

After moving back to her hometown to care for her uncle, a journalist investigates whether the decades-old unsolved murder of her childhood friend could be linked to the recent disappearance of a young girl in a neighboring town. Fast-paced and suspenseful.

#### *The Daughter of Time* by Josephine Tey

History meets detective story in this classic mystery, as Detective Alan Grant, laid up with a broken leg and in need of occupation, uses procedural methods to question the accepted thinking that King Richard III had his nephews imprisoned in the Tower of London and murdered in order to fully secure his monarchy. Clever and witty, and sure to send you down an historical rabbit-hole. A Book Club Selection.

Audiobooks (available on cloudLibrary)

#### *L.A. Weather* by Maria Amparo Escandon

Over the course of a year of drought, a tight-knit Mexican-American family deals with personal and professional adversity. You'll be rooting for them even as they make poor decisions that further complicate their lives, and the L.A. setting and upper middle class Latinx perspective are fresh and appealing.

#### *Five Tuesdays in Winter* by Lily King

This short story collection by the Maine writer is terrific. Like pearls on a string, each story, featuring fully formed characters inhabiting precisely drawn worlds, is beautiful on its own while forming a greater whole. The format perfectly highlights King's strength of revealing her characters' inner lives, and also allows her to play with some unsettling elements, making for a memorable reading experience. Highly recommended!

*The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides

Set at Cambridge University and dealing with the murders of a group of students involved with a Classics professor, this true psychological thriller (the protagonist is a therapist) has a tightly coiled plot that slowly unwinds for an unexpected ending.