

## Recent Reads—July 2023

### Fiction

#### *Lungfish* by Meghan Gilliss

Visceral, emotional, dreamlike: this first novel by the Maine writer packs a strong punch despite its spare prose. The lyrical writing deals with the difficult subject of substance use disorder, which makes for an uncomfortable but powerful read. A Read ME/Book Club selection.

#### *Alligator Alley* by Mike Lawson

A memorable female supporting character is a bonus in this fast-paced detective story. Part of a series, but stands on its own with a backstory that is easy to catch up, and featuring plot twists to keep you guessing. There's also plenty of humor along the way as well. Suggested for fans of Stuart Woods.

#### *I Have Some Questions for You* by Rebecca Makkai

When a true crime podcaster returns to lead a class at the elite Northeastern boarding school she attended as a scholarship student, she finds herself being drawn in to a re-examination of the murder of her former roommate. At the same time, she must deal with accusations of sexual harassment against her estranged husband, and her own mixed feeling about her alma mater. Privilege of all kinds forms the background of this taut, questioning novel.

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#### *The Homewreckers* by Mary Kay Andrews

A young widow encased in a shell of grief finds new connections after becoming involved in a reality show for a home improvement network. Engaging women's fiction with a touch of suspense and mystery.

#### *The Escape Artist* by Brad Meltzer

An earnest mortician who works with the military dead at Dover AFB is drawn into a vast conspiracy after discovering a body has been purposely misidentified. First in a series.

#### *This Time Tomorrow* by Emma Straub

Alice has spent her life drifting into situations rather than controlling her destiny. But as she marks a milestone birthday and watches her father succumb to a long illness, something remarkable happens: she wakes up one morning in her 16-year-old body, and has the chance to make different decisions. A thoughtful contemplation on lost opportunities.