

Recent Reads—October 2023

Fiction

The Half Moon by Mary Beth Keane

Malcolm Gephardt, handsome and charismatic, purchased The Half Moon bar from his employer in a transaction that he has discovered may not hold up well to scrutiny; meanwhile his wife, Jess, has moved out after years of failed attempts at conception pushed the couple to the breaking point. When back to back snowstorms bring their small town to a grinding halt, all the issues Malcolm has been avoiding finally surface. Keane has a gift for writing about the challenges—mundane and otherwise—faced by families.

A World of Curiosities by Louise Penny

Fans of Three Pines will be happy to spend time once again in Quebec's coziest village, even though Armand Gamache faces a threat close to home in the latest installment of this popular series.

Zero Days by Ruth Ware

The British mystery writer branches out into thriller territory with this page-turner about a young security expert whose life explodes after her husband is murdered. Suspenseful and dramatic.

Audiobooks (available on cloudLibrary)

City of Thieves by David Benioff

A screenwriter interviews his Russian grandfather about his life in Russia during the Siege of Leningrad, and learns of his remarkable, unforgettable adventures over the period of a couple of weeks. This gripping and enthralling tale (memoir? It's never made clear...) will have you marveling.

Home for Christmas by Holly Chamberlin

Since it may be their last as a nuclear unit, single mother Nell is determined to make this Christmas an unforgettable one for her two daughters. Twenty-one-year-old Molly is expecting a proposal from her longtime boyfriend and may be married with a home of her own next year, and seventeen-year-old Felicity recently agreed to spend the next holiday with her father and his glamorous new wife, skiing in Switzerland. Already feeling bereft, Nell only comes to realize how stuck she's been after her long-lost first love comes to town and the pieces of her life begin to shift. Cozy and heartwarming.

The Night Fire by Michael Connelly

Retired police detective Harry Bosch is handed a cold case by the widow of his former mentor, and calls on Renee Ballard to assist him in the investigation. A well-crafted police procedural with compelling characters.

