

Kathleen's Recent Reads--September 2024

Non-Fiction

The Backyard Bird Chronicles by Amy Tan

Tan, best known as a fiction writer, became enamored of backyard birdwatching and kept a diary of her pursuits, complete with charming sketches imagining the inner lives of the birds visiting her feeders.

Fiction

The Stones of Ailsa Craig by David Florig

The ancient Scottish sport of curling intersects with murder in this debut novel by a Maine writer. A skillful blend of history and suspense.

The Women by Kristin Hannah

Hannah serves up another powerful, female-centric piece of historical fiction with this look at Army nurses serving in the Vietnam conflict. The PTSD suffered by combat soldiers has been well-documented, but few stories have been told of the women who also came home with heavy emotional burdens. Their situation is deftly highlighted by a master storyteller.

The God of the Woods by Liz Moore

Two children from the same family disappear from the same area in the Adirondacks over a decade apart. Is this a horrible coincidence, or is something more sinister at play? Moore unspools her well-crafted thriller with perfect timing, building the suspense as she reveals the underlying family drama.

Audiobooks

City on Fire by Don Winslow

The Irish and Italian mobs in Providence have had an uneasy alliance for years: you control the docks, we control the vending machines and prostitution. The truce is torn apart by bad blood over a woman, and the story moves seamlessly through decades, giving the reader plenty of back story. A gripping crime drama with first-rate narration by Ari Fliakos.