

Recent Reads—February 2025

Non-Fiction

I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening): A Guide to Grace-Filled Political Conversations by Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers

The hosts of the “Pantsuit Politics” podcast offer tips about finding common ground and communicating respectfully and effectively with those of different viewpoints.

Fiction

Entitlement by Rumaan Alam

Brooke Orr has been hired by octogenarian Asher Jaffee to help give away his fortune. Young, Black, and raised by a single White mother in a progressive environment of relative privilege, Brooke has struggled to find her calling, but quickly sees an opportunity to make a real difference in peoples' lives by advising Jaffee on worthwhile recipients of his largesse. His vague, poorly articulated mission, however, creates plenty of room for misunderstanding, and Brooke soon finds herself in a murky grey area, tempted by the money surrounding her. Biting psychological fiction.

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

Kingsolver skillfully adapted Dickens' *David Copperfield*, and won a Pulitzer Prize, for this depiction of the inhabitants of a rural Appalachian town struggling with the fallout from the opioid epidemic. A Book Club selection.

Ernie's Ark by Monica Wood

People living in a Maine mill town are the subject of this collection of linked stories. A strike has jeopardized the living of both the mill workers and the local business people, but what the residents don't realize is that the very future of the town is threatened. Recommended for fans of Wood, and of character-driven fiction.

Audiobooks

Wives Like Us by Plum Sykes

The lives of the rich and famous in the country set of the UK's Cotswolds region are gently satirized in this sharply funny women's fiction. After finding a suspicious receipt for jewelry in her husband's desk, but receiving a plausible reason for it, Tata Harper has decamped to her guest house. Her devoted butler, unhappy at having to store his collection of Gucci loafers in cramped quarters and fearful for his job security, works feverishly behind the scenes to reconcile the estranged pair.