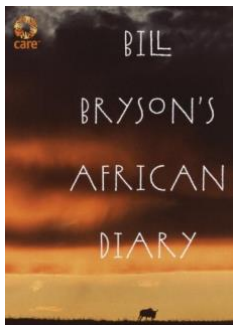




Short Reads for Quarantine

I don't know about you but some days my mind and focus seem to leave me entirely and a long book requires too much of me. If you can relate, check out some of these short books. I went through June Lake Library and pulled books under 200 pages. Build your reading stamina back up with a couple of these short reads.



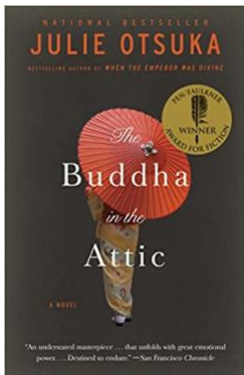
Bill Bryson's African Diary by Bill Bryson

Bill Bryson is an excellent writer with such a sense of humor about himself. In this book Bill is traveling for CARE and visiting their projects. He describes what he sees and the diversity of people, social economic disparity and the beauty of the countryside and animals.



The Girl in the Green Raincoat by Laura Lippman

This is a short mystery by Laura Lippman who is an Edgar award winning author and best selling mystery writer. Lippman's P.I., Tess Monahan, is embroiled in a mystery that places her at the center of a murderous puzzle that could cost her her life and the life of her unborn child. Short mystery is a nice break.



The Buddha in the Attic by Julia Otsuka

This is a sad tale of the hard lives of the Japanese brides that were brought to American in the 1900s. The story continues onto to the second world war when many were put in the internments camps. The story is important but the author doesn't always impart the emotion.

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

This is always worth a re-read. So tragic. In a 80 page book Steinbeck tackles many hard themes. You feel so much for the characters and identify with them.



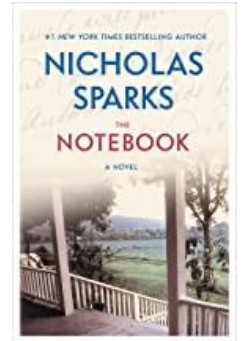


The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying UP by Marie Kondo

This book is a great read for quarantine. In case you haven't heard of the Kondo method here is her first book. It will take you step by step through cleaning out your house and only keeping the items that spark joy. Definitely helped me define what items I really need/want.

The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks

Okay if you are up for romance my niece who has read all of Nicholas Sparks says this is a good one. I admit I haven't read any of his books but I did read his autobiography and it made me feel more warmly towards him and his romance books!



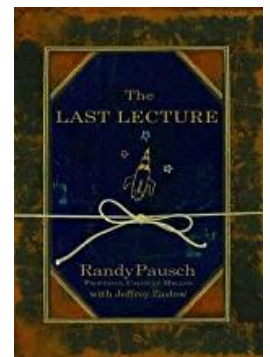
The Poet's Dog by Patricia MacLachlan

Charming story about a dog who loses his poet and finds two children in a snow storm. He saves them as the poet had saved the dog. Written from the dogs perspective...only children and poets understand the dog when he talks. Very sweet and poignant.

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch

“We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand”

This book is a total tear jerker as Randy Pausch gives his last lecture knowing he is dying of terminal cancer. It is a book about overcoming obstacles and living the life you want to live regardless of the “hand you were dealt”





The Girl in the Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

This is the story of the girl in the famous painting. The author imagines her life and how sitting for this painting changed her life. It is a creative way to learn more about the painter and the time in history.

Wave by Sonali Deraniyagala

The story of a family lost at a beach resort in Sri Lanka when the 2004 tsunami hits the shore. Sonali's two sons and husband perish in the wave. It is the heartbreaking story of the wave and it's aftermath.

