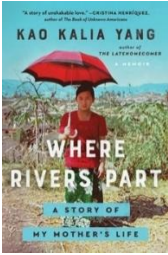


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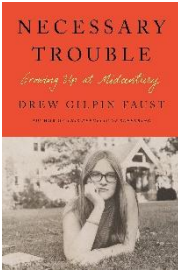
Where Rivers Part: a Story of My Mother's Life by Kao Kalia Yang; 336 pg



Yang tells her mother's story, from fleeing Laos with her family, being separated from them, marrying in a refugee camp, and finally emigrating to the United States to enroll in high school and support their children as Americans.

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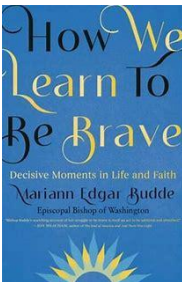
Necessary Trouble: Growing Up at Midcentury by Drew Gilpin Faust; 336 pg



Through Faust's eyes, we are reminded of the turbulent events of post-WWII America. She was a girl who knew her own mind, whose eyes were opened by books, whose parents allowed her immense freedom, who grew up to be the president of Harvard University. In some way, her childhood is our own.

November 19

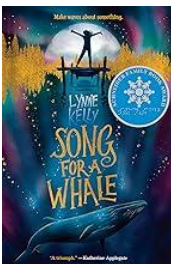
How We Learn to Be Brave by Mariann Edgar Budde; 224 pg



With clarity, conviction, and a sure sense of the perils and the possibilities of the human condition, Bishop Mariann Budde has given us a book that explores how God's children can stand up for the principles of His kingdom in a frail and fallen world. She offers hard-learned, excellent guidelines for helping individuals, congregations, and communities learn about bravery and courage in times of polarization and transition.

January 21

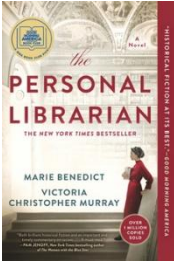
Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly; 420 pg



A 12-year old girl is a tech genius but also deaf. Her disability defines her to others as not very smart. When she hears about a blue whale who cannot communicate with other whales, she understands and wants to help. This heart-felt story shows how determination can make big waves.

February 18

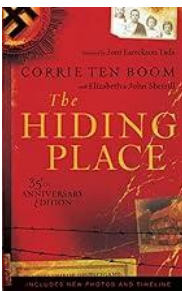
The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray; 368 pg



Belle da Costa Greene was J. P. Morgan's personal librarian. She was also a Black woman who had to pass as white to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.

March 18

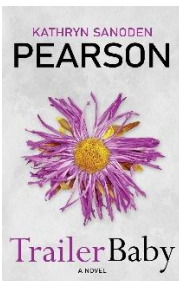
The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom; 272 pg



A historical novel of the first licensed female watchmaker in the Netherlands who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable ministers of hope in the twentieth century. Her incredible true story tells how faith, hope, and forgiveness triumph over unthinkable evil.

April 15

Trailer Baby by Kathryn Pearson; 316 pg



A woman is bored with her job, her marriage is falling apart, her 15-year old daughter has an attitude, when they discover the daughter is pregnant by a boy from "across the tracks." An honest, yet uplifting story of hope and healing and how the heart can overcome fears and open up to love.

May 20

Sipsworth by Simon Van Booy; 240 pg



A woman loses her husband and son, moves back to the village of her childhood, and allows her life to become static. Then, one cold winter night, she has a chance encounter with a mouse that sends her on a surprising journey. Over the course of two weeks, this reclusive widow discovers an unexpected reason to live.