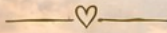




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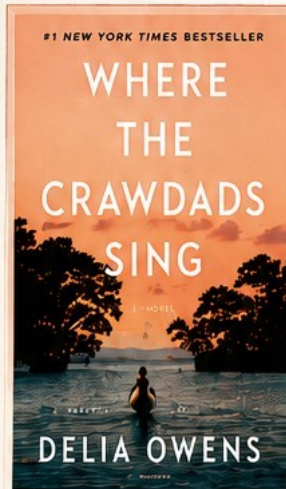
BOOK REVIEWS Q2 THIS QUARTER

Three unforgettable reads. Three unique journeys. Dive in and find your next favorite book!



Good books stay with you long after the last page. ♥

Our three books this quarter included:



Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

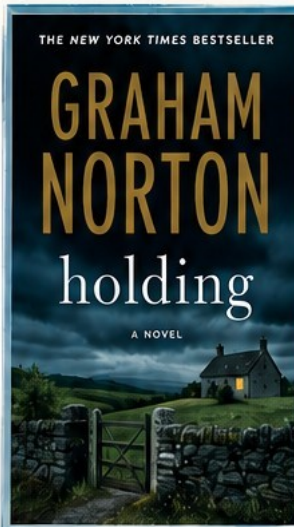
I had previously read this book and seen the movie, so I was surprised at how much I enjoyed rereading *Where The Crawdads Sing*.

It's a sad, sad story! A six-year-old left to fend for herself in the marshlands of North Carolina. Her lonely days involved scavenging for food and teaching herself to cook just to survive. But she also lived the wonder of nature. Friends were few but Tate taught her to read and she was an excellent student. After Tate betrayed her, Kya eventually began a relationship with Chase Andrews who used and abused her. Then Chase was found dead at the bottom of the fire tower and she was the only suspect. She was charged with murder and incarcerated for two months before her trial started. Remarkably she had a good alibi and was acquitted. Kya was a smart woman and a successful writer by now.

“However, although Kya returned to Tate, she never married, nor had her own children and died in her early sixties, ALONE.”

I rated this book

9/10



Holding by Graham Norton

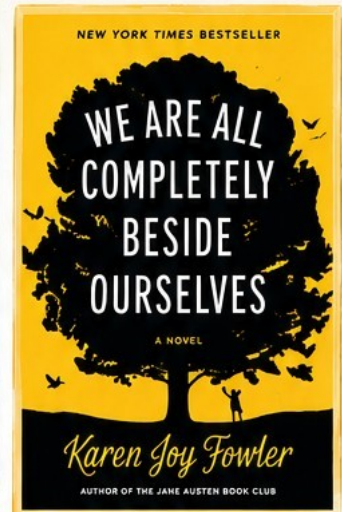
Another murder mystery fiction written by the highly entertaining Graham Norton and introducing P.J. Collins. He is the overweight and bored police sergeant looking after the sleepy village of Duneen in Ireland.

When bones are dug up on a development site which was once the old Burke farm, PJ sets to work to solve the mystery. Since young Tommy Burke disappeared 25 years ago, it is immediately thought that they are his remains. But the bones don't match the Burke DNA.

A Pandora's box is opened and all the dirty secrets of the village inhabitants are eventually exposed and not before PJ is almost killed.

AVERAGE RATING

7/10



We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves

by Karen Joy Fowler

This book is more relevant today than it would have been when written back in 2014. People are more interested in animal rights now than they ever have been.

Fern, a baby chimpanzee is raised alongside a human baby girl together with an older brother, mother and father. The story proves the experiment failed because the lives of each family member was negatively affected.

Fern became more human-like and Rosemary became more primate-like. Fern was returned to a cage and lost the love of her humans. She was treated like an animal after years of being spoiled.

Well researched and good story telling despite the difficult subject matter.

AVERAGE RATING

5/10



Happy Reading, ♥
Carolynne Mucharsky

