

# STAFF PICKS: February 2019

## BARB

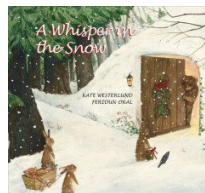


### Front desk

by Kelly Yang

Recent immigrants from China, desperate for money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown Southern California motel for skinflint Mr. Yao, whose son is the only other Chinese American in Mia's class

## KATIE

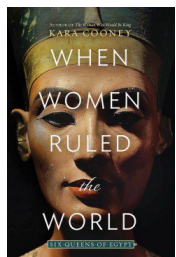


### A whisper in the snow

by Kate Westerlund

A shabby teddy bear, lost in the snow, finds help from a kind group of little rabbits and mice who help reunite him with his lonely owner in time for Christmas.

## BRIDGET

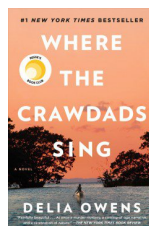


### When women ruled the world : six queens of Egypt

by Kara Cooney

A professor of Egyptology at UCLA explores the lives of the queens of Egypt, including Hatshepsut, Nefertiti and Cleopatra.

## KIM

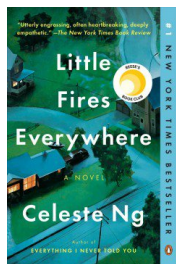


### Where the crawdads sing

by Delia Owens

Viewed with suspicion in the aftermath of a tragedy, a beautiful hermit who has survived for years in a marsh becomes targeted by unthinkable forces.

## JEANINE

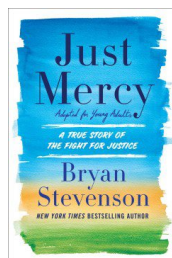


### Little fires everywhere

by Celeste Ng

When a custody battle divides her placid town, straitlaced family woman Elena Richardson finds herself pitted against her enigmatic tenant and becomes obsessed with exposing her past, only to trigger devastating consequences for both families

## SOPHIE

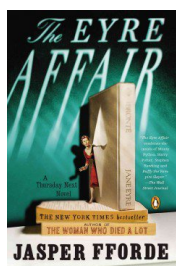


### Just mercy: a true story of the fight for justice

by Bryan Stevenson

A young adult adaptation of the best-selling Just Mercy shares stories from the author's work as a lawyer and social advocate to reveal how racial and class biases in America are leading to false convictions and mass incarcerations.

## KATHLEEN

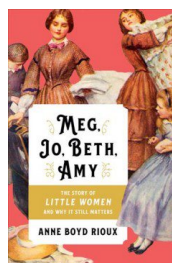


### The Eyre affair : a novel

by Jasper Fforde

In a world where you can actually get lost (literally) in literature, Thursday Next, a notorious Special Operative in literary detection, races against time to stop the world's Third Most Wanted criminal from kidnapping characters.

## SUDIE



### Meg, Jo, Beth, Amy : the story of Little Women and why it still matters

by Anne Boyd Rioux

A 150th anniversary tribute describes the significance of Alcott's classic, exploring how its depictions of family resilience, community and female resourcefulness have inspired generations of writers.