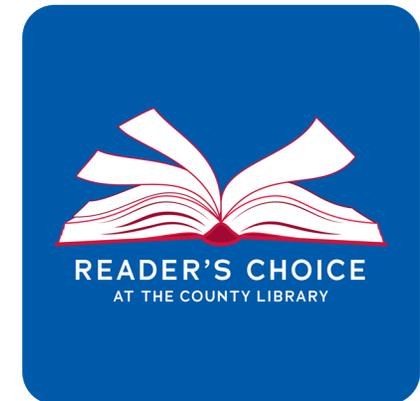


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# Reader's Choice Winners



Winning reads chosen by Salt Lake County library patrons

1992-2023



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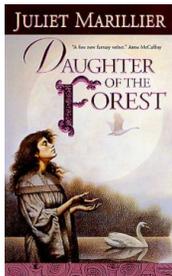
**2003 - The Wedding Dress** by Virginia Ellis  
The Atwater sisters sew a wedding dress to symbolize hope after the Civil War leaves them without husbands.

**2003 - Small Change: The Secret Life of Penny Burford** by J. Belinda Yandell  
Housewife Penny Burford secretly saves all her husband Roy's loose change for charity.

**2002 - The Secret Life of Bees** by Sue Monk Kidd  
Fourteen-year-old Lily seeks sanctuary with her beloved nanny and searches for her past and redemption.

**2002 - French Impressions** by John S. Littell  
In this memoir, a man obsessed with Hemingway heads for southern France with his family in the summer of 1950.

**2001 - Letters for Emily** by Camron Wright  
Harry Whitney, an Alzheimer's victim nearing death, writes a series of letters to his granddaughter, Emily.



**2001 - Daughter of the Forest** by Juliet Marillier  
Sorcha, the seventh child and only daughter of Lord Colum, faces the difficult task of having to save her family from its enemies who have bewitched her father and six older brothers.

**2000 - Thunderhead** by Douglas Preston  
Years after her father's mysterious disappearance, archaeologist Nora Kelly follows in his footsteps.

**2000 - Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind** by Ann B. Ross  
Recently widowed, Miss Julia receives a visit from Hazel Marie, who claims that her son is Julia's husband's child.

**1999 - On Mystic Lake** by Kristin Hannah  
Annie returns to Mystic to redefine herself with the help of her father, her first love Nick, and his troubled daughter.

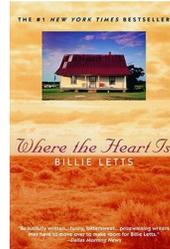
**1999 - Firebird** by Janice Graham  
Ethan Brown's secure and planned life is turned upside down when he falls in love with an isolated violinist.

**1998 - The Starlite Drive-In** by Marjorie Reynolds  
The discovery of human bones at the site of an old drive-in leads Callie Anne Benton to recall the summer of 1956.

**1998 - The Maze** by Catherine Coulter  
After her sister's death, Lacey Sherlock abandons her career as a concert pianist to track down the murderer.

**1997 - The Bone Collector** by Jeffery Deaver  
A killer leaves grisly clues while a criminologist and detective race to save kidnapped victims.

**1997 - My Real Name Is Lisa** by David Alexander  
When Peter stumbles across a little girl who insists she's been kidnapped, a desperate race ensues.



**1996 - Where the Heart Is** by Billie Letts  
Pregnant, overweight, and convinced about her inherent bad luck, Novalee Nation hopes for a new life in a new state with her boyfriend, but is dumped in a Walmart in Oklahoma.

**1995 - Pandora's Clock** by John Nance  
Suspected of carrying a deadly virus, no country will let an American 747 filled with passengers land.

**1995 - Natural Causes** by Michael Palmer  
A former acupuncture specialist, now an OB/GYN, wrestles with a strange disease.

**1995 - Blue Rodeo** by JoAnn Mapson  
Margaret Yearwood completely changes her life when she starts over in the tiny town of Blue Dog, New Mexico.

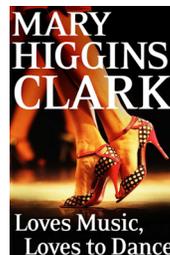
**1994 - Montana 1948** by Larry Watson  
Scandal, rape, and murder devastate a family in a small Montana town during the summer of 1948.

**1994 - Dying for Chocolate** by Diane Mott Davidson  
Caterer Goldy Bear is embroiled in a mystery which includes a menu of wacky characters and tasty recipes.

**1993 - Tell Me No Secrets** by Joy Fielding  
No-nonsense prosecutor Jess Koster is shattered when the victim in a brutal rape case goes missing.

**1993 - The Forever King** by Molly Cochran  
King Arthur and Lancelot, reincarnated as a young boy and ex-FBI man, meet again to protect the Holy Grail.

**1993 - Doomsday Book** by Connie Willis  
Stranded in the 14th century, time traveler Kivrin becomes an unlikely angel of hope during the plague.



**1992 - Loves Music, Loves to Dance** by Mary Higgins Clark  
Erin Kelley and her friend, Darcy, agree to help a TV producer friend research a story about the kinds of people who place personal ads, an act that leads to Erin's bizarre death and puts Darcy on the killer's hit list.

## Most Recent Winner:



### Spring 2023 - The Last Chance Library

by Freya Sampson

When her library is threatened with closure, June Hones must make some changes to her solitary life and fight for what she believes in.

**2022 - A Peculiar Combination** by Ashley Weaver  
Thief Electra McDonnel is forced to help a government official retrieve documents critical to the British war effort.

**2022 - The Last Flight** by Julie Clark  
Claire impulsively swaps airline tickets with a stranger on the run and assumes the other's identity.

**2021 - The Finders** by Jeffrey B. Burton  
Mace Reid adopts Vera, a new cadaver search dog trainee with a mysterious past.

**2021 - The Woman in the White Kimono** by Ana Johns  
Intertwined stories of a young woman from 1950s Japan and a journalist in modern America.

**2020 - An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good** by Helene Tursten  
A body is found in irascible 88-year-old Maud's apartment. Will she finally become a murder suspect?

**2019 - A Lady's Guide to Etiquette and Murder** by Dianne Freeman  
The Countess of Harleigh hosts her sister's first London season during the investigation into her husband's death.

**2019 - The Lost Letter** by Jullian Cantor  
A young apprentice works for the Austrian resistance in World War II and tries to save his master's daughter.

**2018 - The Indigo Girl** by Natasha Boyd  
In order to save her family's plantation, Eliza exchanges reading lessons for secrets of the indigo trade.

**2018 - Not a Sound** by Heather Gudenkauf  
Nurse Amelia Winn loses her hearing and rebuilds her life with the help of an assistance dog.

**2017 - The Dry** by Jane Harper  
Agent Aaron Falk returns to his hometown for an old friend's funeral and stays to help investigate the death.

**2017 - Nine Women, One Dress** by Jane Rosen  
The story of the perfect little black dress that changes the lives of nine women.

**2016 - The Girl Who Wrote in Silk** by Kelli Estes  
After inheriting a family estate, Inara Erickson discovers an embroidered sleeve, the key to a family secret.

**2016 - Girl Underwater** by Claire Kells  
Avery's love for water changes when the plane she is traveling on crashes, leaving only five alive.

**2015 - A Man Called Ove** by Fredrik Backman  
Ove's cranky and short-tempered exterior hides a terrible personal loss while he clashes with new neighbors.

**2015 - Delicious!** by Ruth Riechl  
Answering a defunct cooking magazine's hotline, Billie discovers a secret trove of letters written to James Beard.

**2014 - The Patron Saint of Lost Dogs** by Nick Trout  
Cyrus wants to sell his father's inherited vet practice in his home town, but his first patient complicates things.

**2014 - Blackberry Winter** by Sarah Jio  
Reporter Claire resolves to discover what happened the night 77 years earlier, when Vera Ray's son vanished.

**2013 - Miss Dreamsville and the Collier County Women's Literary Society** by Amy Hill Hearth  
All of Jacksonville is trying to discover the identity of local radio show host "Miss Dreamsville."

**2013 - The Story of Beautiful Girl** by Rachel Simon  
Lynn and Homan escape the School for the Incurable and Feeble-minded and find refuge with Martha.

**2013 - Angelina's Bachelors** by Brian O'Reilly  
After losing her job and husband, Angelina grieves while cooking and shares her bounty with the neighborhood.

**2012 - The Pioneer Woman** by Ree Drummond  
The true account of how Ree Drummond, a city girl, met and married her "Marlboro man."

**2012 - The Language of Flowers** by Vanessa Diffenbaugh  
A foster child ends up homeless when she turns 18, but finds solace in her love of flowers and their meanings.

**2011 - Girl in Translation** by Jean Kwok  
An immigrant from Hong Kong trying to become American, Kimberly must always translate for her mother.

**2011 - Saving CeeCee Honeycutt** by Beth Hoffman  
CeeCee is placed in the care of an eccentric great aunt and surrounded by strong women and southern culture.

**2010 - The Bricklayer** by Noah Boyd  
The FBI recruits an agent it has just fired to solve a brilliant and deadly extortion plot.

**2010 - Dog on It** by Spencer Quinn  
Chet and Bernie investigate the disappearance of a teenage girl who may or may not have been kidnapped.

**2009 - The Shape of Mercy** by Susan Meissner  
A college student assists with the transcription of a mysterious 400-year-old diary by Mercy Hayworth.

**2009 - State of the Onion** by Julie Hyzy  
On the White House grounds, Assistant Chef Olivia Para whacks an intruder who is trying to warn the President.

**2008 - Garden Spells** by Sarah Addison Allen  
Claire leads a quiet life tending her family's magical garden until her life is transformed by her sister's return.

**2008 - Austenland** by Shannon Hale  
A Jane Austen addict goes to an English house party complete with a snooty Mr. Darcy and a sexy gardener.



**2007 - The Saddlemaker's Wife** by Earlene Fowler  
When her husband Cole dies, Ruby learns she has inherited part of a cattle ranch and the family he claimed was dead is very much alive.

**2007 - His Majesty's Dragon** by Naomi Novik  
During the Napoleonic Wars, Captain Will Laurence discovers a dragon egg on a captured French frigate.

**2006 - Poison Study** by Maria Snyder  
About to be executed for murder, Yelena is offered life in exchange for becoming the Commander's food taster.

**2006 - The Dead Don't Dance** by Charles Martin  
Dylan struggles to cope with his wife's lapse into a coma following a stillbirth until his friend Amos helps.

**2005 - Three Wishes** by Liane Moriarty  
A smart, sassy, and funny look at three sisters who have a bond stronger than anything life throws their way.

**2005 - Run No More** by Catherine Mulvany  
Just as Ian is ready to end his life, Tasya Flynn enters it and changes everything.

**2005 - All That Matters** by Jan Goldstein  
The story of a lost young woman and her grandmother, both of whom have scores to settle with life.

**2004 - Monkeewrench** by P.J. Tracy  
Grace McBride and her software design team are horrified when murders in their game are replicated in real life.

**2004 - Good Hope Road** by Lisa Wingate  
After a terrible tornado, Jennilee rescues an elderly neighbor and learns a lot about human resilience.