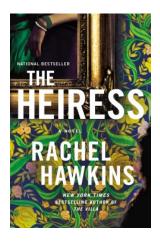
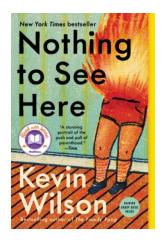
## Ellen's PICKS



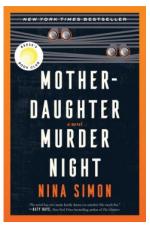
If you enjoyed V.C. Andrews books like I did back in the day, you will probably like this one. It is dark and twisted with a southern gothic vibe.



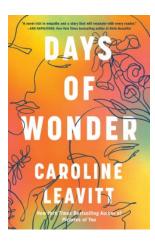
Just simply weird and quirky, but in the best possible ways. My first read of this author, I will definitely try more.



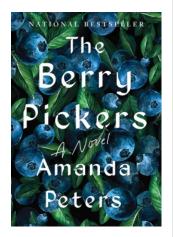
I liked this book's particular take on adoption. It is a modern day take on what a modern family can be. It's sad, but also very funny!



Three generations of women from the same family decide to work together to solve one murder (or is it two?) Had some relatable complicated family dynamics. A quick, not-too-heavy read.



I always read Leavitt's books as she is a wonderful writer. This new one is about a 22 year old woman who has just completed a prison sentence for attempted murder. She is trying to rebuild her life while figuring out what happened to the baby she gave up as well as what really happened the night of the crime.



My 3rd 5 star of the year - beautifully written from the perspective of two Indigenous siblings separated when Ruthie (4), goes missing. We learn about her life as Norma, and her memories of another family. We also hear from Joe, her brother, and what the absence of his sister does to the entire family. Devastatingly beautiful. I loved it!!!