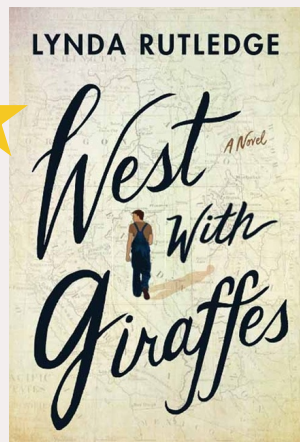


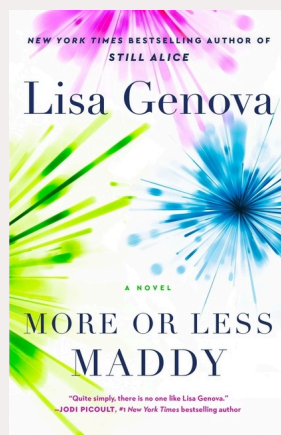


Ellen's PICKS

For books read in August 2025

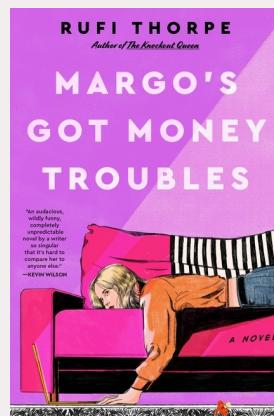


If you are an animal lover - you will love this book. It involves a cross country adventure complete with thieves, dreamers, heroes and - obviously giraffes! Inspired by true events - your heart will break and also be warmed.

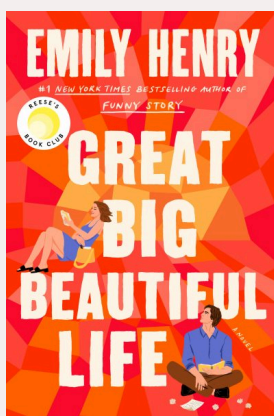


From the author of *Still Alice* and *Left Neglected*, this latest novel from Lisa Genova is about a young woman newly diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder. It feels like a very honest and candid accounting of what life can look like with mental illness. I love how Genova educates her readers - I learned a lot.

I love Lian Dolan's books! An unexpected wedding book! Mother of Groom and Mother of Bride along with the delightful Merry Widows (special friends) come together to help bring the big day to fruition. It is heartwarming and I cried happy tears at the end.



This book was FUN! It shouldn't necessarily be, as it details a college student who has an affair with her married professor and becomes pregnant. What follows is a blur of existential life questions combined with OnlyFans, TikTok, Pro Wrestling and Arby's! Rooting for Margo from page 1! Also: audiobook is narrated by Elle Fanning.



A celebrity journalist relocates to small island to work with a reclusive (missing?) heiress in hopes of writing her quite juicy memoir. What she doesn't realize is that the memoir job is not a done deal - she must compete with another writer for the job. The other writer is more accomplished and definitely competition. Henry is a decent RomCom writer, for sure, but not as good as Abby Jimenez, in my opinion.



= my favorite book of the month