



BEST OF

2021

STAFF FAVORITES

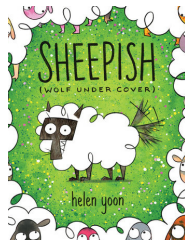
Each year, Orem Library staff compile a list of our favorite books, movies, and music released in that year. Add these new releases to your “To Read” list, or check them out from the library today!



PICTURE BOOKS

1. *Sheepish (Wolf Under Cover)* by Helen Yoon (P Yoon)

Hungry Wolf disguises himself as a sheep and nobody suspects a thing! (Or do they?) With a charming twist ending and lots of visual fun, this hilarious take on the wolf-in-sheep’s-clothing will have readers howling for more.



2. *Wanda’s Words Got Stuck* by Lucy Rowland (P Rowland)
3. *The Midnight Fair* by Gideon Sterer (P Sterer)
4. *The Rock from the Sky* by Jon Klassen (P Klassen)
5. *Change Sings: A Children’s Anthem* by Amanda Gorman (P Gorman)

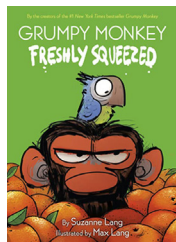
girl, Beatryce, curled in a stall, wracked with fever, coated in dirt and blood. As the monk nurses Beatryce to health, he uncovers her dangerous secret, one that imperils them all—for the king of the land seeks just such a girl, and Brother Edik, who penned the prophecy himself, knows why.

2. *Sparrow Rising* by Jessica Khoury (J Khoury)
3. *Everywhere Blue* by Joanne Rossmassler Fritz (J Rossmassler Fritz)
4. *The Mysterious Disappearance of Aiden S. (as Told to His Brother)* by David Levithan (J Levithan)
5. *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant* by Nizrana Farook (J Farook)

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE

1. *Grumpy Monkey Freshly Squeezed* by Suzanne Lang (I Lang)

Jim Panzee is out for his usual Wednesday walk when he accidentally squishes his stress orange into orange juice. Now Jim and his friends must cross the jungle before all of the fresh oranges are gone in this warm and funny chapter book graphic novel about how to handle all of life’s ups and downs.

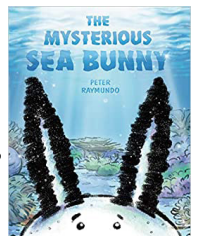


2. *See the Dog: Three Stories about a Cat* by David LaRochelle (B LaRochelle)
3. *Frog and Ball* by Kathy Caple (B Caple)
4. *Stella Enicott and the Anything-is-Possible Poem* by Kate DiCamillo (I DiCamillo)
5. *I’m On It!* by Andrea Tsurumi (B Willems)

JUNIOR NONFICTION

1. *The Mysterious Sea Bunny* by Peter Raymundo (J 594.36 R2182)

As an inch-long sea bunny makes its way slowly across the ocean floor, readers discover that there is a lot more to this sea slug species than meets the eye—which comes in handy when a predator swoops in!

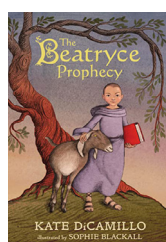


2. *And I Paint It: Henriette Wyeth’s World* by Beth Kephart (J 921 Wyeth)
3. *Goblin* by Eric Grissom (J 741.5973 G8891)
4. *The Way of the Hive: A Honey Bee’s Story* by Jay Hosler (J 741.5973 H7939)
5. *I Am Smoke* by Henry Herz (J 541.3451 H447)

JUNIOR FICTION

1. *The Beatryce Prophecy* by Kate DiCamillo (J DiCamillo)

In a time of war, a mysterious child appears at the monastery of the Order of the Chronicles of Sorrowing. Gentle Brother Edik finds the



TEEN FICTION

1. *XOXO* by Axie Oh (T Oh)

Jenny never had much time for boys, K-pop, or really anything besides her dream of being a professional cellist. But when she finds herself falling for a K-pop idol, she has to decide whether their love is worth the risk. A modern forbidden romance wrapped in the glamorous and exclusive world of K-pop, XOXO is perfect for fans of Jenny Han and Maurene Goo.





2. *The Girls I've Been* by Tess Sharpe (T Sharpe)
3. *One Great Lie* by Deb Caletti (T Caletti)
4. *The Box in the Woods* by Maureen Johnson (T Johnson)
5. *As Good As Dead* by Holly Jackson (T Jackson)

TEEN NONFICTION

1. *Blackout* by Dhonielle Clayton (T 808 C5795)

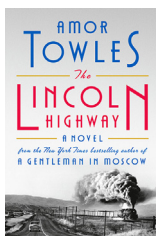


Six critically acclaimed, bestselling, and award-winning authors bring the glowing warmth and electricity of black teen love to this interlinked novel of charming, hilarious, and heartwarming stories that shine a bright light through the dark.

2. *Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians But Were Afraid to Ask* by Anton Treuer (T 970.0049 T726)
3. *Gone to the Woods: Surviving a Lost Childhood* by Gary Paulsen (T 921 Paulsen)
4. *Graceling* by Kristin Cashore and Gareth Hinds (on order)
5. *The Dire Days of Willowweep Manor* by Shaenon K. Garrity (T 741.5973 G1939)

GENERAL FICTION

1. *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles (Towles)

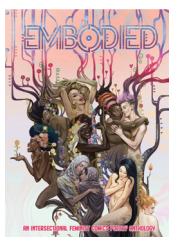


In June 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. When the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction—to New York City.

2. *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro (Ishiguro)
3. *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir (Weir)
4. *The Final Girl Support Group* by Grady Hendrix (Hendrix)
5. *The Witch's Heart* by Genevieve Gornichec (Gornichec)

GENERAL NONFICTION

1. *Embodied: An Intersectional Feminist Comics Poetry Anthology* edited by Wendy and Tyler Chin-Tanner (741.5973 Em15)



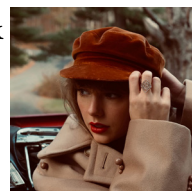
Poetry and comics collide in this intersectional feminist anthology featuring twenty-one stories that explore the relationship between gender, identity and the body. A diverse array of award-winning contemporary poets and comic book artists who identify as cis women, trans, and non-binary work together

to create sequential art poems showcasing the relevance, urgency, and power of both genres.

2. *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race* by Walter Isaacson (576.5 Is16)
3. *Return of the God Hypothesis: Three Scientific Discoveries that Reveal the Mind Behind the Universe* by Stephen C. Meyer (212.1 M5751)
4. *Queer Mormon Theology: An Introduction* by Blaire Ostler (M241.12 Os77)
5. *Poet Warrior: A Memoir* by Joy Harjo (818 H225)

MUSIC

1. *Red* by Taylor Swift (Pop/Rock Swift)



The re-recording of Swift's fourth studio album consists of 30 tracks, including the 10-minute-long, unabridged version of "All Too Well" and six "from the vault" tracks intended for the 2012 album.

2. *Jubilee* by Japanese Breakfast (on order)
3. *Home Video* by Lucy Dacus (Pop/Rock Dacus)
4. *They're Calling Me Home* by Rhiannon Giddens (on order)
5. *If I Could Make It Go Quiet* by Girl in Red (on order)

MOVIES

1. *A Quiet Place, Part II* (HO 19275)



Following the death of Lee and armed with the new weapon discovered by Reagan, the Abbotts must venture off the sand path with the newest member of their family in order to protect themselves and offer a solution to the outside world. They soon are faced with the grim reality that the invading creatures are not the only threats lurking in the unknown.

2. *Luca* (KZ 3200)
3. *Raya and the Last Dragon* (KZ 3191)
4. *No Time to Die* (AD 3377/27)
5. *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings* (FA 19185)



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