



Goondiwindi Regional Council

LIBRARY BOOK LOVERS' GROUP

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April 2024

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April Theme: *A Numbers Game*

Featured Titles (Details available in library)

- *That One Patient* / Ellen de Visser
(Non Fiction 2020)
- *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride* / Joe Siple (Fiction 2018)
- *Six Days in August: the story of the Stockholm Syndrome* / David King
(Non Fiction 2020)
- *The Seven* / Chris Hammer
(Fiction 2020)

Recommended Reading List

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

Featured Author

Richard Glover



Recommendations From Other Readers

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

Book Reviews:

- *The Widow of Walcha* / Emma Partridge NF 2022
- *Exiles* / Jane Harper Fiction 2022

NEXT MEETING

7th May

Goondiwindi 10.00 a.m.

Theme: *The Music in Life*

21st May

Inglewood 10.00 a.m.

From Both Groups This Month

***Numbers and You* / Lloyd Strayhorn NF**

A book explaining numerology.

***The Dalai Lama's Cat* / David Michie F 2014**

Insights on how to find happiness and meaning in a busy, materialistic world. Her story will put a smile on your face.

***The Queen's Corgi* / David Michie F 2016**

Bursts with zest, humour and adventure. Romping through the litany of Nelson's misdemeanours are a warm-heartedness and deep wisdom sure to delight anyone.

***2028 : and Australia has gone to hell in a handbasket* / Ken Saunders F 2018**

Welcome to the Australia of 2028 where parking meters double as poker machines, radio shock jocks have been automated, the Communist Party of China has turned itself into a multinational corporation and ASIO's glory days are so far over that it's resorting to surveillance of a Charles Dickens reading group. Outrageous, sharp and wickedly funny.

***Mrs Winterbottom Takes a Gap Year* / Joanna Nell F 2023**

Husband and wife GPs Alan and Heather Winterbottom have worked side by side in their idyllic rural practice for over forty years but now they've decided to hang up their stethoscopes and retire. Joy! Celebration! Or not...

***The Five : the untold lives of the women killed by Jack the Ripper* [eaudiobook] / Hallie Rubenhold NF 2019**

Rubenhold finally sets the record straight, revealing a world not just of Dickens and Queen Victoria, but of poverty, homelessness and rampant misogyny. These women were not prostitutes, they died because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time - but their greatest misfortune was to be born a woman.

***Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight : an African childhood* / Alexandra Fuller NF 2015**

How you see a country depends on whether you are driving through it, or live in it. As the daughter of white settlers in war-torn 1970s Rhodesia, Fuller tells an unsentimental and unflinching, but always enchanting, story.

***What Happened to Nina?* / Dervla McTiernan F 2024**

Nina and Simon are the perfect couple. Young, fun and deeply in love. Until they leave for a weekend at his family's cabin in Vermont, and only Simon comes home. What happened to Nina? Nobody knows. Media mayhem ensues. How far will a family go in defence of their children?

***A Taste for it* / Monica McInerney F 2018**

Maura Carmody's off on the trip of a lifetime. A talented chef, she's travelling around Ireland for a month to promote Australian food and wine. She's expecting a straightforward business trip. But what she gets is a whirlwind of mishaps, misunderstandings, rivals and revelations - and Dominic Hanrahan, who's giving her plenty of food for thought. Set in Ireland and Australia.

***Manner of Death* / Robin Cook F 2023**

Jack's autopsy on a resident opens the disturbing possibility that the manner of death wasn't suicide but instead a staged homicide. But staged by whom? Thus begins a dangerous inquiry into a fraudulent but highly lucrative cancer diagnostics company.

***The Magpie's Sister* / Kerri Turner F 2023**

1911: Sydney, Australia. From the moment the tumours appeared on her face, Maggie Bright knew she would never live a normal life. . Charlotte Voigt could not be more different. The talented tightrope walker is a star of the circus, with the entertainment world at her slipper-clad feet. She is also a liar. The sawdust road will test their willpower. The truth will determine their futures.

***Crows Nest* / Nikki Mottram F 2023**

Child protection worker Dana Gibson leaves Sydney for a job in the Queensland town of Toowoomba. Her first house call is to nearby Crows Nest to assess the children of Sandra Kirby. Dana soon learns that in the country, city rules do not apply. When Sandra and her best friend are found shot dead, Dana is drawn into an investigation that will force her to strip away the friendly veneer of small-town life, while grappling with ghosts of her own.

***The Bookbinder of Jericho* / Pip Williams F 2023**

It is 1914, and as the war draws the young men of Britain away to fight, women must keep the nation running. Two of those women are Peggy and Maude, twin sisters who live on a narrowboat in Oxford and work in the bindery at the university press.

***The Outback Court Reporter* / Jamelle Wells NF 2024**

Jamelle Wells takes you into our country courtrooms, from the grand sandstone edifices of Cobar and Grafton to the repurposed community halls and police stations in outback Queensland the Northern Territory - introducing you to the court staff - the solicitors, prosecutors, magistrates, witnesses and the accused, in cases that shock, captivate and divide communities.

***Addio Italia - Hello Australia Stanthorpe Italian pioneers* NF 2008**

A comprehensive account of the Stanthorpe Italian Pioneers - life stories retracing the political and social events both in Italy and Australia during the depression and war years.

***The Exchange* / John Grisham F 2023**

Mitch McDeere has cheated death and come out the other side. Fifteen years ago, he stole ten million dollars from the mob and disappeared. Now, with his enemies jailed or dead, he has fought his way to the top of the biggest law firm in the world. When a new case takes Mitch to Libya, danger awaits - he's soon in the biggest hostage negotiation in recent history with terrorists who have murdered and will murder again.

***In Bad Faith* / Dassi Erlich with Ellen Whinnett NF 2024**

As a young girl growing up in a strict ultra-Orthodox family, Dassi's life was preordained. But the Adass community was not safe for Dassi. With the only world she knew crumbling around her, Dassi found the strength to fight, leading a brave fifteen-year campaign to bring (her abuser) back to face Australian courts.

***Ion Idriess : the last interview* / Tim Bowden NF 2024**

Ion is recognised as one of Australia's great storytellers, having published over 50 books. This book is his last interview in 1975, prompted by the then-young Tim Bowden, for a possible ABC Radio program that did not eventuate due to Idriess's fading voice.

***Dirt and dust : a teenage perspective on life after the suicide of a parent* / Amelia Olsen with Riley Olsen NF 2021**

The tumultuous story of circumstances surrounding the death of a family member, told by eighteen-year-old Riley and his mum, Amelia, who rode 1400-kilometres on dirt bikes to the tip of Cape York, Queensland - the most northern point of Australia. With a combination of Amelia's hilarious, yet heart-warming struggle to complete the physical challenges of the ride, along with Riley's attempt to comprehend the loss of his father, this account of their epic journey makes a tough topic an easy read.

***Misselthwaite* / Susan Moody F 2023**

In her sequel to Frances Hodgson Burnett's "The Secret Garden", Susan Moody takes Mary, Colin and Dick on into adult life, and a world that encompasses the battlefields of France, the bright lights of London in the twenties and India under the Raj, but always returning to the Yorkshire moors.

***Thursday's Child* / Nicci French F 2016**

When psychotherapist Frieda Klein left the sleepy Suffolk coastal town in which she grew up, she never intended to return. Left behind were friends, family, lives and loves but alongside them, painful memories; a past she wouldn't allow to destroy her. Then, years later, an old classmate appears in London asking Frieda to help her teenage daughter and long buried memories resurface. Death soon follows, leaving Frieda no choice but to return home to confront her past.

***The Thursday Murder Club Series* / Richard Osman F 2020-2023**

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved killings. But when a local property developer shows up dead, "The Thursday Murder Club" find themselves in the middle of their first live case. The four friends, Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron, might be octogenarians, but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late?

***Sensible Shoes: A Story about the Spiritual Journey* / Sharon Garlough Brown F 2013-2018**

Sharon Garlough Brown tells the moving story of four strangers as they reluctantly arrive at a retreat centre and find themselves drawn out of their separate stories of isolation and struggle and into a collective journey of spiritual practice, mutual support and personal revelation.

The Hidden Life of Trees : what they feel, how they communicate : discoveries from a secret world / Peter Wohlleben NF 2016

A forester's fascinating stories, supported by the latest scientific research, reveal the extraordinary world of forests and illustrate how trees communicate and care for each other.

Water at the Roots: Poems and Insights of a Visionary Farmer / Philip Britts NF 2018

(not available through our library 😞)

His story is no romantic agrarian elegy, but a life lived in the thick of history. As his country plunged headlong into World War II, he joined an international pacifist community, the Bruderhof, and was soon forced to leave Europe for South America.

Amidst these great upheavals, his response – to root himself in faith, to dedicate himself to building community, to restore the land he farmed, and to use his gift with words to turn people from their madness – speaks forcefully into our time. In an age still wracked by racism, nationalism, materialism, and ecological devastation, the life he chose and the poetry he composed remain a prophetic challenge.

Call of the Reed Warbler : a new agriculture : a new earth / Charles Massy NF 2017

In this groundbreaking book Charles Massy explores regenerative agriculture and the vital connection between our soil and our health. Using his personal farming experience as a touchstone, he tells the real story behind industrial agriculture and the global profit-obsessed corporations driving it. He shows how innovative farmers are finding a new way, regenerating their land and witnessing astounding transformations.

Walking Among the Stars : an epic tale of the Australian Outback / Michael Chambers F 2020

While jackaroo Tom Duncan is courting Bonnie Reid from Moomley Downs in the 1970's outback, he discovers hidden clues from the past; of the aboriginal Ngiyampaa people and their heritage of stories from ancient times. So what happened, when the early settlers, enticed by dreams of vast grazing lands, left the security of the great rivers, and finally approached the real arid outback? How were they greeted by the occupants? In a celebration of the Australian Outback, Michael Chambers draws on his own experiences, and a hundred and fifty years of his wife's family as graziers. He weaves the stories of the Ngiyampaa people, as recounted by his friend and their Elder, Roy Kennedy, into one epic tale, brimming with the sheer vastness and rugged beauty of the Outback.

The Redhead of Auschwitz : a true story / Nechama Birnbaum NF 2021

Rosie was always told her red hair was a curse, but she never believed it. She often dreamed what it would look like under a white veil with the man of her dreams by her side. However, her life takes a harrowing turn in 1944 when she is forced out of her home and sent to the most gruesome of places: Auschwitz. Upon arrival, Rosie's head is shaved and along with the loss of her beautiful hair, she loses the life she once cherished. Among the chaos and surrounded by hopelessness, Rosie realizes the only thing the Nazis cannot take away from her is the fierce redhead resilience in her spirit. When all of her friends conclude they are going to heaven from Auschwitz, she remains determined to get home. She summons all of her courage, through death camps and death marches to do just that.