

Bill's Picks- From the Marine Community Library for 2023

Fiction:

1. ***The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*** James McBride (2023, 350p) On "everyone's" favorites list for 2023
2. ***Scorched Grace*** Margot Douaihy (2023, 275p) "*Nun noir*" featuring a punk rocker nun detective
3. ***Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club*** J. Ryan Stradal (2023,335p) A heart-warming "up North" Minnesota tale
4. ***Small Mercies*** Dennis Lehane (2023, 300p) Another one of the year's best books
5. ***Demon Copperhead*** Barbara Kingsolver (2022, 600p) An Appalachian David Copperfield
6. ***Crook Manifesto*** Colson Whitehead (2023, 275p) Sequel to *Harlem Shuffle*
7. ***The English Experience*** Julie Schumacher (2023,225p) Minnesota author of *Dear Committee Members*

Non-fiction:

1. ***The Wager*** David Grann (2023, 250p) A story of survival at sea by the author of *Killers of the Flower Moon*
2. ***American Prometheus*** Kai Bird and Martin Sherwood (2005, 600p) A must-read if you have seen the Oppenheimer film
3. ***Empire of Ice and Stone*** Buddy Levy Van (2022, 385p) Another Arctic tale of betrayal, death and heroism
4. ***Killers of the Flower Moon*** David Grann (2017, 300p) Re-recommended as a companion to the Scorsese film of the same name

Crime:

1. ***The Murder Book*** Thomas Perry (2023, 400p)
2. ***All the Sinners Bleed*** S. A. Cosby (2023, 350p) African American sheriff in low country South Carolina
3. ***City of Dreams*** Don Winslow (2023, 300p) Second in his "city" trilogy
4. ***Independence Square*** Martin Cruz Smith (2023, 260p) Arkady Renko is in the Ukraine as Russia invades
5. ***Flags on the Bayou*** James Lee Burke (2023, 300p) A "stand-alone" from J.L. Burke
6. ***The Girl in the Eagle's Talons*** Karin Smirnoff (2023, 350p) Continuation of *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* series
7. ***Holly*** Stephen King (2023, 350p) Holly Gibney has to be the most likable female Private Eye of all time

Audio: Recently acquired, CD format

1. ***Demon Copperhead*** Barbara Kingsolver (2022, 20 hrs.)
2. ***All the Sinners Bleed*** S. A. Cosby (2023, 13 hrs.)
3. ***Share*** Prince Harry (2023, 13 hrs.)
4. ***The Oregon Trail*** Rinker Buck (2016, 14 hrs.)
5. ***Life on the Mississippi*** Rinker Buck (2022, 12 hrs.)
6. ***The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece*** Tom Hanks (2023, 13 hrs.)
7. ***The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*** James McBride (2023, 13 hrs.) Outstanding reader