Page Turners

What are you going to read this summer?

What you read often depends on why you read and/or what will make you keep turning the pages. I can read almost any book if the book is interesting, gives me joy or mirth, or if the book makes me forget who and where I am. The genre, style, setting, atmosphere, time period, and even characters aren’t truly the deciding factor in what to read. Any one of us can fall for any book if it catches us where a good read ought to catch us – by the throat, in the heart, or right between the eyes.

Of the books I’ve enjoyed the most: some I chose carefully, some were handed to me, some were must-reads from a list of some sort and some books, I simply fell into accidentally. The right book for you can come from anywhere … so I’m going to strew some books across your path this summer semester to see if you stumble upon them or if they catch you, where they ought to catch you …

The sisters brothers

Mean cowboy brothers named Sisters. They travel and they need a toothbrush, but probably a dentist first and then they meet some bad guys but not as bad as they are and then they meet a bear.

Violence, mayhem and philosophical reflection. Well, one of the cowboys has philosophical reflections.

This is weird, ferocious and rather brilliantly written.

Won the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal AND the Governor General’s Literary Award.

Bellevue Square

She works in a bookstore in Toronto and she is not always stable. The story wanders and meanders through Kensington Market and the coffee shops and her own perceptions of the people she meets, including her own self?? You’ll recognize the places she goes and you’ll get that feel that you’re back in Toronto yourself.

Humourous and deadly serious.

What just happened? That’s what you’ll say when you finish it.

Won the Giller prize.
Silver Linings Playbook

He has some mental health issues and there’s a girl chasing after him, just like she’s a dog and he’s a car. His name is Pat. He’s disturbed, endearing and truly sincere.

If you’ve seen the movie, don’t worry, this is different. And better.

Didn’t win anything, though it was nominated. Don’t let that stop you.

Through black spruce

The opening scene:

He’s crashed the plane, in the water, in the Artic. He decides if the lighter works, he’ll have a cigarette as he starts a fire. If the lighter doesn’t work, at least he’ll freeze to death with an unlit smoke in his mouth looking as cool as the Marlboro Man.

If I tell you this book is tragic, I’m misleading you. If I say it’s comical, I’m misleading you. But if I tell you it’s both, I’ve got it right.

There’s a reason this book won the Giller prize. So, read it.

Barrie

- Literary Corner is a small selection of award winners & nominees at the back of the library.
- Leisure Reading & popular fiction are on spinners in front of the award winners.
- Stacks are the regular book shelves in front of the windows. PS is where Canadian literature starts

Orillia

- Spinner & hardcover fiction shelf upstairs, spinner downstairs.

Owen Sound

- Shelves in the lounge area of the library
Midland

- Spinner in the library

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