

Bookaholics Book Club

2014

January: Annie's Ghosts by Steve Luzenberg

Beth Luxenberg was an only child. Or so everyone thought. Six months after Beth's death, her secret emerged. It had a name: Annie. With the discovery of his mother's secret, Steve Luxenberg begins an investigation into her past. This book chronicles the true story of his journey that leads him from Depression-era Detroit to Holocaust-plagued Ukraine and many points between.

February: Lying with Strangers by James Grippando

A first-year resident at a major Boston children's hospital, Peyton Shields finally has the career she's always dreamed of, even though her marriage to Kevin is suffering from her hard work and impossibly long hours. But a late-night drive home in a heavy snowstorm changes everything when she is forced off the road. No one, not even Kevin, believes Peyton's claims that the "accident" was deliberate. Suddenly her wonderful life has turned dark and uncertain, and the terror has only just begun.

March: *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher

Clay Jensen returns home from school to find a mysterious box with his name on it lying on his porch. Inside he discovers cassette tapes recorded by Hannah Baker—his classmate and crush—who committed suicide two weeks earlier. On tape, Hannah explains that there are thirteen reasons why she decided to end her life. Clay is one of them. If he listens, he'll find out how he made the list.

April: Save Me by Lisa Scottoline

While volunteering in the cafeteria of her daughter's school, Rose McKenna sees her daughter, Melly, being bullied yet again. Before Rose can follow her an explosion sends the room into chaos, and Rose must decide whether to follow Melly or usher her bully to safety. Rose's decision in that split second and its aftermath derails her life and jeopardizes everyone she holds dear.

May: The Witness Wore Red by Rebecca Musser

Rebecca Musser grew up in fear, concealing her family's polygamous lifestyle from the "dangerous" outside world. Always seeking to be an obedient Priesthood girl, in her teens she became the nineteenth wife of her people's prophet: 85-year-old Rulon Jeffs, Warren's father. Finally sickened by the abuse she suffered and saw around her, she pulled off a daring escape and sought to build a new life and family.

June: Flash Forward by Robert J. Sawyer

Two minutes and seventeen seconds that changed the world. Suddenly, without warning, all seven billion people on Earth black out for more than two minutes. Millions die as planes fall from the sky, people tumble down staircases, and cars plow into each other. But that's the least of the survivors' challenges. During the blackout, everyone experienced a glimpse of what his or her future holds—and the interlocking mosaic of these visions threatens to unravel the present.

July: No Meeting

August: Rocket Boys by Homer H. Hickam, Jr.

A uniquely American memoir – a powerful story of coming of age at the dawn of the 1960s, of a mother's love and a father's fears, of a group of young men who dreamed of launching rockets into outer space . . . and who made those dreams come true.

September: The Life List by Lori Nelson Spielman

When Brett Bohlinger's mother passes away, she leaves behind an unusual stipulation in her will: in order to receive her inheritance, Brett must complete the list of goals she'd written when she was fourteen. As Brett reluctantly embarks on a journey in search of her adolescent dreams, one thing becomes clear: sometimes life's sweetest gifts can be found in the most unexpected places.

October: Sharp Objects by Gillian Flynn

Reporter Camille Preaker returns to her tiny hometown to cover the murders of two preteen girls. For years, Camille has avoided returning home, and has hardly spoken to her mother or half-sister who still live there, but now, back in her old bedroom, Camille finds herself identifying with the young victims—a bit too strongly. Dogged by her own demons, she must unravel the puzzle of her own past if she wants to get the story—and survive this homecoming.

November: The Beekeeper's Apprentice by Laurie R. King

Long retired, Sherlock Holmes quietly pursues his study of honeybees, never imagining he would encounter anyone whose intellect matches his own, much less that it would be an audacious teenage girl with a penchant for detection. Miss Mary Russell becomes Holmes' pupil and quickly hones her talent for deduction, disguises and danger. But when an elusive villain enters the picture, their partnership is put to a real test.