

Book and Movie Recommendations 2006

Women Library Workers met on February 12 to pick the winner of this year's quilt, but also to share reading and a few movie recommendations from the past year (and to consume a few cookies and other goodies). Following this first list of recommendations is a shorter list of additional "second tier" recommendations.

Vicki Topp:

Hosseini, Khaled. **The kite runner**. Riverhead Books, 2003.
"insightful, sad, realistic, truthful" "enjoyed references to food."

Jones, Edward P. **The known world**. Amistad, c2003.
Loved the way it was written." Felt like I couldn't take one more bad thing"

Niffenegger, Audrey. **The time traveler's wife** : a novel. MacAdam/Cage Pub., c2003.

Phyllis Davis:

Boylan, Jennifer Finney. **She's not there : a life in two genders**. Broadway Books, 2003.
(Nancy McClements also shared this one via mail)

Patchett, Ann. **Truth & beauty : a friendship**. HarperCollins, c2004.

Russell, Mary Doria. **A thread of grace**. Random House, c2005.

Stegner, Wallace Earle. **Angle of repose**. Penguin Books, 2000.

Jane Pearlmutter:

Clark, Clare. **The great stink**. Harcourt, c2005.
A novel of public hygiene.

Cain, Chelsea. **Confessions of a teen sleuth : Nancy Drew tells all!** Bloomsbury, 2004

Nelscott, Kris. **War at home**. St. Martin's Minotaur, 2005.
Number 5 in the Smoky Dalton series.

Winspear, Jacqueline. **Pardonable lies : a Maisie Dobbs novel**. H. Holt, 2005.

Michele Besant:

Salzberg, Sharon. **Faith : trusting your own deepest experience**. Riverhead Books, 2002.
Thoughtful discussion, worth reading again.

Kallos, Stephanie. **Broken for you**. Grove Press, c2004.
Interesting and quirky characters.

Edith Thayer

Lehane, Dennis. **Shutter Island**. Morrow, c2003

Ambivalent reality. Classic psychological suspense.

Hoffman, Alice. **The probable future.** Doubleday, c2003.
Lovely fluff, a fun read about the interaction between generations.

Haddon, Mark. **The curious incident of the dog in the night-time.** Doubleday, 2003.

Movies: Capote, The Squid and the Whale, Junebug.

Ceci Chapple

Rawles, Nancy. **My Jim : a novel.** Crown Publishers, 2004.
My best & worst book. A story of the impossible life that black people had to lead. Small well-written novel.

Adams, Lorraine. **Harbor.** Knopf : Distributed by Random House, 2004.
Little perverse treat.

Yoshimoto, Banana. **Hardboiled & Hard luck;** translated from the Japanese. Grove Press, c2005.

Schmidt, Gary D. **Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster boy.** Clarion Books, c2004.
For kids --old-time story set in Maine.

Second Time Around:

Lapcharoensap, Rattawut. **Sightseeing : stories.** Grove Press, 2005.

Otsuka, Julie. **When the emperor was divine.** Knopf : Distributed by Random House, 2002.
Internment camp experience from different perspectives.

Parks, Suzan-Lori. **Getting mother's body.** Random House, c2003.
Good period piece.

Perlman, Elliot. **Seven types of ambiguity.** Riverhead Books, 2004.
Really long, but worth it.

Theroux, Paul. **Dark star safari : overland from Cairo to Cape Town.** Houghton Mifflin, c2003.
Such a snot, but he writes so well.

Jones, Ann. **Looking for Lovedu : days and nights in Africa.** Alfred A. Knopf, 001.
Very engaging.

Rosoff, Meg. **How I live now.** Wendy Lamb Books, 2004.
For young adults – a stark story of the end of the world as we know it.

Movies: Constant gardener, Since Otar left