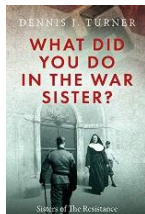


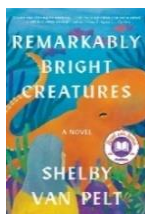
Grand Canyon PWP Book List for 2024-2025

The criteria for the selection of the books are to enlighten our minds, to challenge our consciences, and to entertain us. As you choose which ones you will read, we hope we have met these goals, not all of them in one book, but in whole of them.

Fiction



What Did You Do in the War, Sister? Dennis J. Turner. Throughout the territories occupied by the Nazis, Catholic Sisters were active members of the Nazi Resistance. Based on letters and documents written by them, we read that these courageous women risked their lives to help defeat the Reich.



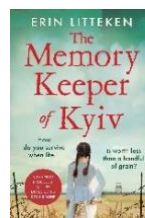
Remarkably Bright Creatures, Shelby Van Pelt. A curmudgeonly, giant Pacific octopus who lives in an aquarium helps Tova, the elderly woman who cleans the aquarium at night, solve a thirty-year-old mystery. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine.



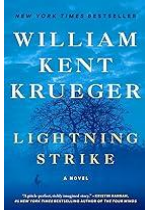
Lessons in Chemistry, Bonnie Garmus. A gifted research chemist is self-assured and immune to social convention. It is the early 60s and her co-workers in the lab have no respect for gender equality. Unpredictably she turns her kitchen into a lab and finds herself hosting a TV cooking show.



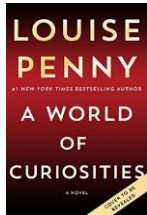
How the Pelicans Saved Veronica, Hazel Prior. A crochety eighty-five-year-old woman with money to spare is estranged from her family. While searching for a worthy charity to leave her money to she watches a TV documentary about penguins being studied in Antarctica. Off she goes to see if it would be a worthy project to inherit her money.



Memory Keeper of Kyiv, Erin Litteken. During the 1930's the Soviets created a man-made famine by taking over the farms of Ukrainian people. Almost 4 million people died. Seventy years later a young woman discovers her grandmother's journal that tells the story of her family history during that time.

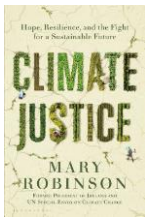


Lightning Strike, William Kent Krueger. Twelve-year old Cork Connor lives on the shores of a Minnesota Lake. Hiking in the forest he discovers the body of a man whom he loved hanging from a tree. Together, Cork and his father, who is the sheriff, face the test of choosing between what they think is true and what their hearts know is right.

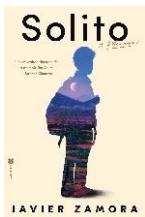


A World of Curiosities, Louise Penny. Gamache and Beauvoir are worried when a young man and woman reappear in Three Pines after many years. The two were young children when their troubled mother was murdered, leaving them with a deep hatred in their hearts.

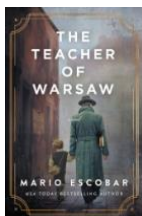
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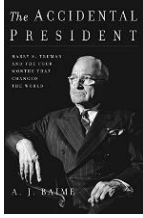
Climate Justice, Hope, Resilience, and the Fight for a Sustainable Future, Mary Robinson highlights places all over the world where climate change is destroying the way of life of the people. The fight is told through the stories of individual women who have organized people to find ways to deal with the catastrophes in their country.



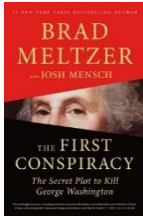
Solito: A Memoir, Javier Zamora. The author recounts his three-thousand-mile journey from his small town in El Salvador, through Guatemala and Mexico, and across the U.S. border. Traveling alone except for a group of strangers and a coyote hired to lead them to safety.



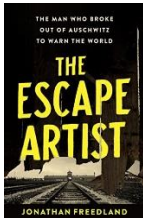
The Teacher of Warsaw, Mario Escobar. The lives of the teacher and his students are altered forever when the Nazis invade. Over four hundred thousand Jewish people are rounded up and forced to live in the small walled compound of the Warsaw ghetto. Janusz and his friends take drastic measures to shield the children from death.



Accidental President: Harry S. Truman and the Four Months That Changed the World, A.J. Baime. The dramatic story of Harry Truman’s first four months in office, when this unlikely, small-town former farmer and haberdasher had to take on Germany, Japan, Stalin, and the atomic bomb, with the fate of the world hanging in the balance.



The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington, Brad Meltzer, Josh Mensch. In 1776, an elite group of soldiers were handpicked to serve as George Washington’s bodyguards. Washington trusted and relied on them. In the months leading up to the Revolutionary War they launched a deadly plot against the most important member of the military: George Washington himself.



The Escape Artist: The Man Who Broke Out of Auschwitz to Warn the World, Jonathan Freedland. In April 1944, 19-year-old Rudolf Vrba became the first Jew to break out of Auschwitz—one of only four who ever pulled off that near-impossible feat. He did it to reveal the truth of the death camp to the world—and to warn the last Jews of Europe what fate awaited them at the end of the railway line.