

# Your Book of the Month



Personalized Recommendations from the Book Experts  
at the Coos Bay Public Library

**All questions are optional**, but the more information you provide, the better our suggestions will be.

## Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Library Card Barcode \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to sign up to receive e-mail notifications of library news and upcoming events?    Yes            No

Do we have your permission to access your library reading history to avoid suggesting books you have checked out in the past?    Yes            No

## Demographic Information

(include any information you wish us to factor into recommendations)

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## Preferred Format(s)

**Circle** any format in which you are especially interested. **Cross out** any format that you do NOT want. If you do not have a strong preference, do not mark the item.

Regular Print Book            Large Print            Audio CD            Audio MP3

## Genres

**Circle** any genre in which you are especially interested. **Cross out** any genre that you would NOT read. If you do not have a strong preference, do not mark the item.

Novels/Fiction	Short Stories	Non-Fiction/True	Graphic Novels
Recent Titles	Classic Titles	Literary Fiction	Young Adult
Mysteries	Thrillers	Action/Adventure	Westerns
Historical Fiction	Inspirational (Religious)	Women's Fiction	Romance
Fantasy	Science Fiction	Horror	Urban/Street Lit
Biography/Memoir	True Crime	Other: _____	

## Reading History

Please list at least 5 of your **favorite** books and/or authors.

List any books or authors who you have read and have **not** enjoyed.

## Focus

How do you like books to be focused? **Circle** how important each emphasis is to you as a reader.

Focus on Characters	High	Medium	Low
Focus on Action and Events	High	Medium	Low
Focus on Issues & Ideas	High	Medium	Low
Focus on Language and Style	High	Medium	Low

## Characters

Mark preferences for main characters. **Circle** character traits you want to read about. **Cross out** traits of characters you would not like to read about. Do not mark when you have no preference.

Age of Character: Under 12    Teens    20 to 35    35 to 50    50 to 65    over 65

Gender of Character:    Female                      Male                      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity/    African-American    Latino-American    Asian-American    White

Nationality:  
                    American Indian    Recent Immigrants                      World (specify countries if desired)

Occupational Fields or Areas of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

## Settings

**Circle** settings you would like to read about. Specify locations if desired. **Cross out** settings you would not like to read about. Do not mark a setting if you have no preference.

United States (specify places): \_\_\_\_\_

World (specify regions, countries, or cities): \_\_\_\_\_

Historical Settings (specify eras and places): \_\_\_\_\_

Cities                  Suburbs                  Small Towns                  Farms or Ranches                  Wild Places

Among the Wealthy                  Among the Working Class                  Among the Disadvantaged

## Peeves and Pleasures

Content of a certain nature is annoying or upsetting to some readers, while others enjoy these same elements. In the list below, **cross out** elements you would NOT like to read about. **Circle** elements that interest you. Do not mark elements about which you are neutral.

Sexual Themes                  Explicit Sexual Content                  Rough or Obscene Language

War                  Violence                  Death

Disease                  Technology                  Addiction

Anti-Religion                  Pro-Religion

Right Wing Politics                  Left Wing Politics

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Content

In the list that follows, **circle** interests about which you would like to read. **Cross out** subjects which do not interest you. Do not mark the subject if you do not have a preference.

Animals                  Gardens                  Crime                  Disasters

Men's Lives                  Women's Lives                  Senior Lives                  Lives of People of Color

Childhood                  Coming of Age                  Families                  Romantic Relationships

Religion                  Computers                  Military/War                  Books Made into Films

Nature                  Outdoor Activities                  Sports                  Science & Technology

Politics                  Food                  Books about Books                  Other Cultures

Humor                  Holidays                  Journeys/Travel                  Art

Music                  Medicine & Health                  History                  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tone & Mood

In the list that follows, **circle** words that describe books you'd like to read. **Cross out** tone & mood types you are not interested in. Do not mark the subject if you do not have a preference.

Action-Packed	Atmospheric	Bittersweet	Bleak
Darkly Humorous	Disturbing	Dramatic	Fast-Paced
Feel-Good	Funny	Heartwarming	Heart-wrenching
Inspirational	Issue Oriented	Leisurely-Paced	Melancholy
Moving	Nostalgic	Offbeat/Quirky	Reflective
Romantic	Steamy	Strong Sense of Place	Suspenseful
Sweeping	Thought-Provoking	Upbeat	Other: _____

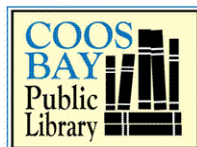
## Length

How long do you prefer your books? **Circle** your preference for each length.

Short: Less than 250 pages	Preferred	Okay	Not interested
Medium: 250-500 pages	Preferred	Okay	Not interested
Long: Over 500 pages	Preferred	Okay	Not interested

## Anything else we should factor into our suggestions?

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