

2018 Adult SRP Book Reviews



<u>Book</u>	<u>Review</u>	<u>Submitted by</u>
Roller girl by Victoria Jamieson	Astrid was planing to be great at roller derby but she ended up having to be pulled out because she was a beginner.	<i>Hannah G.</i>
Prince Life & Times by Jason Drayer	It was an excellent book to read. Especially if you are a "Prince" fan.	<i>Loreatta H.</i>
Eagles, Dragonflies by Lynn M.Stone Patrick Marrick	Eagles eat prey and give some to their babies. Dragonflies don't hurt people.	<i>Nick G.</i>
Blackmoore by Julianne Donaldson	Next door neighbors fall in love after being friends for years in 1800 England. How they fought many obstacles to overcome those wanting to keep them apart.	<i>Deb R.</i>
Dakota December & Dakota Destiny by Lauraine Snelling	Two well-written books about life in the early 1900s. The second has a life-long friend going off to WW1 after professing his love but not proposing but promising he will on his return. He ends up missing and presumed dead but his girlfriend never gives up hope of his return.	<i>Deb R.</i>
The secret Holocaust Diaries The untold story of Nonna Bannister by Nonna Bannister with Denise George and Carolyn Tomlin	What an amazing book! Nonna Bannister was a gifted young Russian girl from a loving, warm, and wealthy family. Caught up in the horror of World War II, she watched everything and everyone she knew and loved disintegrate before her eyes. Yet Nonna miraculously survived, with her faith intact and her secret diaries hidden away, known only to her until recently. What is most astonishing to me was Nonna's lack of bitterness and hatred for the perpetrators of the savagery she witnessed--possible only with divine forgiveness, I'm sure, but still difficult to imagine.	<i>Dora W.</i>
Musseled Out by Barbara Ross	A clambake competitor winds up dead under a boat. How the murder mystery is solved keeps you guessing to the end.	<i>Deb R.</i>
Remembrance by Danielle Steel	A heartbreaking story of Serena and her life. Could not put down!	<i>Kyla J.</i>
Blue Ridge Setup by Kimberly Rae	Girl on missionary work sent back to US due to illness. While staying with her aunt she meets part-time minister and he offers the support and love she needs to survive the surprises and the misadventures they encounter.	<i>Deb R.</i>
The Alice Network by Kate Quinn	In the aftermath of World War II, Charlie is thrown together with a female spy from the previous war in a risky journey to locate disappeared figures from the past. Unsolved mysteries and cryptic riddles pop up in this adventurous read. The adventures are messy, non-formulaic and not so black and white, which makes this book a	<i>Dora W.</i>

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	must read.	
Black Mad Wheel by Josh Malerman	Good, weird book.	<i>Abit S.</i>
The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah	Good book about surviving nature and you own family.	<i>Abit S.</i>
Going off script by Giuliana Rancic	I loved this book so much. I read it three times. I'm honestly happy that she wrote this book. Its very funny and informative about her life and family. I love books like this.	<i>Shelli H.</i>
Love Without Limits by Nick Vujcic	Wonderful follow up to the book Life Without Limits. This is a true story about Nick, born without arms or legs. Nick shares about his times of loneliness and his fears that no one would be able to love him romantically the way that he is. It's also about him trusting God in this area of his life and his story of how he ended up with the love of his life. Very inspiring.	<i>Julie M.</i>
The Little Stranger by Sarah Waters	I read this book out of curiosity. The movie based upon the book is being released soon; and, after seeing the trailer, I could not wait to see exactly what the movie entails. After beginning the book, I was up until 2:00 and 3:00 in the morning more than once, reading, not able to put the book down. This book is so well-written, I am amazed. I definitely recommend it to anyone, particularly those who plan to see the movie. It is an edge-of-your-seat thriller. The reader will find him/herself lost in the world of the book.	<i>Kandy C.</i>
Radium Girls by Kate Moore	Oh my gosh, an amazing true story of girls employed to paint watch dials with radium so the numbers would glow in the dark. Many of you probably remember those watches / clocks that were luminescent. It tells how the girls were poisoned by lipping the brushes, how the company denied the adverse health effects the girls suffered, and the trials the girls endured trying to get restitution.	<i>Anel M.</i>
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls	A really good story of a girl in a dysfunctional family. The father talks big, but is all talk and no action. An alcoholic. He keeps promising bigger and better things to his family / little girl, but it never pans out. Finally, as she grows up, she realizes this about her dad. She's saddened, but loves him for who he is.	<i>Anel M.</i>
City of Bones (#1) by Clare, Cassandra	Teen/ Adult Sci/Fantasy novel about a race of people with special powers. 3.5 stars	<i>Joy E.</i>

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The President is Missing by Bill Clinton & James Patterson	Much better than I thought it would be. Well paced thriller. It was worth the read. I hope they collaborate on another novel. 4 stars	<i>Joy E.</i>
The Perfect Couple by Elin Hilderbrand	Wonderful story from the start to the finish.	<i>Pamela C.</i>
The great pet escape by Victoria Jamieson	Awesome because it's about pets escaping their classroom cage. My favorite character was Biter.	<i>Sloan H.</i>
The Pioneer Woman Black Heels to Tractor Wheels by Ree Drummond	Awesome book! The author shares the story of her romance & first year of marriage with her husband. Her tale is funny & heartwarming & totally relatable as she doesn't gloss over anything but gives readers all the "gory" details as she discusses embarrassing moments, honeymoon disasters, & postpartum depression.	<i>Elizabeth A.</i>
The Host by Stephenie Meyer	A Very interesting and exciting book. If I had to rate I'd give it a 5/5 Stars!	<i>Mercedes W.</i>
Christmas memories by N/A	Wonderful Book!	<i>Donna M.</i>
The Chosen by Chaim Potok	This book gave fascinating insight into the world of Jewish people during and after the war. The ending left me hanging, but it was enjoyable and educational listening	<i>carolyn J.</i>
Huckleberry Harvest by Jennifer Beckstrand	Jennifer Beckstrand's Amish novels add a twist of humor and surprise that I really enjoy. I hope to read her whole series. I've also enjoyed Huckleberry Hill and am reading the third one in the series.	<i>Carolyn J.</i>
Super fast trains and Steam Smoke and Steel by Patrick O'Brien and Mark Dubowski	Trains go on rails. Trains carry people, coal and oil.	<i>Nick G.</i>
The Guests on South Battery by Karen White	A psychic realtor's client inherits a very old house. How they solve the mystery of why she inherits it is a breathtaking mystery.	<i>Deb R.</i>
Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng	This book about how people's lives are intertwined is a must-read. It starts with no introduction; the reader is immediately a part of the characters' lives and must watch as they make one poor decision after another that will ultimately change their otherwise "perfect" lives. An easy read but still thought-provoking.	<i>Christy H.</i>
Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman	A comical and heartwarming story of the crankiest man in the neighborhood. Something inside a man goes to pieces when he has to bury the only person who ever understood him. Grief can be a strange thing.	<i>Dorothy B.</i>

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Charlotte by Virginia Taylor	Born on the wrong side of the blanket, she tricks a titled man to marry her so she can launch her cousin into a successful relationship. How they both learn what's really important in order to have a happy life.	<i>Deb R.</i>
On Turpentine Lane by Elinor Lipman	A fun, light-hearted book. The main character, Faith, writes thank you notes for a school, has a boyfriend, Stuart, who is 40ish w/o a job, who wanders the USA to soul search. She confides in a co-worker, who recently broke up with his girlfriend. She also finds a photo album in her attic with disturbing pictures of dead babies. Some twists and turns along the way make a fun read.	<i>Anel M.</i>
London Dawn by Murray Pura	Last book of a trilogy. Enjoyed it.	<i>Susan K.</i>
Fifty fifty by James Patterson	Detective Harriet Blue's anger leads her to the outback and a terrifying assignment while she tries to deal with the case of her brother Sam who is charged with the serial murders of three girls.	<i>Robert K.</i>
From Here to Eternity: Traveling the World to Find the Good Death by Dought, Caitlin	Book about how different cultures view and deal with death. Tastefully done.	<i>Joy E.</i>
The Moon Is Down by John Steinbeck	Fast paced with incredible dialogue. An important piece in our history - and that of the world's. Used as propaganda for the Allied Forces during WW2, the novel presents a realistic perspective on life as victims of war from both sides. Incredibly provoking, at times funny, and overall beautifully executed. An important reminder for those who love freedom.	<i>Susana J.</i>
The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis	Eerie and altogether too realistically scary. C.S. Lewis presents letters from a mentor to a tempter trying to win over the soul of a mortal. Incredibly intuitive - as usual C.S. Lewis displays an uncanny knowledge of people and of our human weaknesses. It will definitely lead to some self evaluation. The epistle is easy and fast moving, it gives the feeling of intimacy with the information. The characters emotions are tangible. Great read!	<i>Susana J.</i>
The Marriage Agreement by Renee Ryan	A man whose mother had him out of wedlock has made his way from nothing to great wealth but feels he can't marry and pass along the bad blood he feels he inherited from his lethargic dad. How a woman who loves him manages to change his mind is an inspirational read.	<i>Deb R.</i>
Diary of a wimpy kid by Jeff	This book was awesome! It included a awesome experience to this	<i>Hannah G.</i>

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Hammerhead Beach Motel by Tom Dorsey	Anything, and everything, goes on with the residents of this beachside motel.	<i>Robert K.</i>
Promise Me by Harlan Coben	A promise to a teenage girl goes terribly wrong.	<i>Robert K.</i>
The Favorite Sister by Jessica Knoll	This was a pretty good book. However, the beginning was sort of slow.	<i>Jessi D.</i>
Leah on the Offbeat by Becky Albertalli	The book was very good and could be emotional at times. I give it a 10/10 because of the characters and how they react to each other. They have a romance that is unspoken and it was very interesting. I liked this drama and hope it becomes a movie just like the first one.	<i>Cate D.</i>
The Proving by Joelle Charbonneau	An inspiring book about family and forgiving.	<i>Heather H.</i>
To the Moon and Back by Karen Kingsbury	Another Karen Kingsbury Christian fiction. Wonderful summer read.	<i>Judy W.</i>
A Heart Divided by Kathleen Morgan	Feuding families, rustling cattle and manipulation by outsiders make for a suspenseful thriller.	<i>Deb R.</i>
Wired by Julie Garwood	Great book!! Kept me hooked all the way through. I loved the bond between Allison and Liam. It makes you want a sexy FBI agent of your own to protect you.	<i>Adrienne P.</i>
Diary of a Waitress by Carolyn Meyer	Even though this book is in the young adult reader section, I wanted to read it because of my Harvey Girl interest . The author depicts material culture of the Midwest and southwest during the 1920s era; well-done research on railroad history.	<i>Dorothy B.</i>
As Brave as You by Jason Reynolds	Great book for youth. I read this to prepare for a reading group at our school next year. This book was very entertaining and I could easily see the story through the young boy's eyes. Great take about children getting to know grandparents that they haven't spent time with.	<i>Sarah T.</i>
Ashton Park by Murray Pura	Very good. WWI Era England.	<i>Susan K.</i>
Blue Ridge Sunrise by Denise Hunter	Couple who didn't make it originally when young meet up when she inherits a peach orchard he is managing. The trials they go through to get their happy ending make an interesting story.	<i>Deb R.</i>

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Lost Books and Old Bones by Paige Shelton	I enjoyed this. Focus on William Burke. William Hare (who killed people to sell their corpses) - connected to search for their scalpels etc. I like realistic details - makes story more believable. (Not totally, of course, since everything works out in the end; unlike "real life".)	<i>Ginger H.</i>
Fury by Aaron Allston	This book is a really good instillation to the Star Wars Legacy Series. It includes lots of action, with multiple battles going on between Darth Caedus and the Jedi who confront him and board Anakin Solo. It moves the plot of the 9 book series along significantly with Caedus growing in the dark side, Alema Rar being eliminated by her hunters, and Centerpoint Station being destroyed. It is an action-packed book that is well worth your time.	<i>Benjamin M.</i>
Outbound Flight by Timothy Zahn	Outbound Flight is another masterpiece by Zahn. It details the account of the outbound flight project, reveals an early sign of the Yuhzan Vong, and develops Admiral Thrawn as a character. It includes lots of details on the Chiss Ascendancy, and Thrawn's tactics as well as his brush with the Republic. It is a great book, written very well by Timothy Zahn. Any fans of Zahn and his works should read Outbound Flight.	<i>Benjamin M.</i>
Reached by Ally Condie	This book was amazing as it was both emotionally deep and had an interesting plot with the first successful love triangle story I have ever read. It kept me engaged and gave me a new point of view about relationships.	<i>Robyn L.</i>
I've Got My Eyes On You by Mary Higgins Clark	Lots of twist & turns. Enjoyable.	<i>Susan K.</i>
Homer Price by Robert McCloskey	I like all the different chapters about Centerburg and how all the citizens are always arguing about all sorts of things. I also like the half realistic half not realistic perspective.	<i>Josiah M.</i>
Her Renegade Rancher by Jennifer Ryan	Waitress left a ranch by a wealthy man whose family did nothing to help him during his life. How she deals with their shenanigans while falling in love is an exciting read!	<i>Deb R.</i>
How to cut your own or anybody else's hair by Bob Bent & Jack Bozzi	Some good practical tips.	<i>Susan K.</i>
High Tide Club by Mary Kay Andrews	A great read with intrigue, mystery, laughter and a story that spans 100 years. Very entertaining.	<i>Pamela C.</i>

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Britt-Marie Was Here by Fredrik Backman	A middle-age woman finds herself at a point in life where everything familiar disappeared and new things are yet to be found. She dedicated her life as a homemaker to a man that left her and his children who no longer need her. With no job, friends, family, or reason to be anywhere, Britt-Marie embarks on an unexpected adventure in a run-down little town and meets people who actually need her. It is a charming, funny, and insightful story of self-discovery without didactic bore or trivial outcomes.	<i>Olga S.</i>
My Grandmother asked me to tell you she's sorry by Fredrik Backman	It's a story of a 10-year-old girl, but it's not a kids' book. A complex narratives weaves a tale of a little girl who receives a letter from her dead grandmother. The crazy grandma makes her grandkid an ambassador of her apologies to the world, leading the girl on a path of self-discovery and the discovery of people living around her. The realistic narrative is peppered with the fairy tales that the crazy grandma told the kid in the past. Don't give up reading because it seems weird or confusing - it all will make sense at the end.	<i>Olga S.</i>
Secret Rage by Charlaine Harris	This book was a little dull and definitely lacked the humor and charm the author is well known for. Reading it felt like a chore, and I wonder if the author felt that while writing it. I would not recommend it. It was a mystery, and even the reveal of the perpetrator was anticlimactic. Love most of her work, but this one was a dud!	<i>Doris S.</i>
A Mother's Gift by Charlotte Hubbard	An Amish woman becomes stepmother to 16-year old twin girls and a 5-year old son. How they all learn to accept each other during trying times is a well written love story.	<i>Deb R.</i>
Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai	It is about a young girl around 16 years old, who was born in Pakistan. Malala loved school. Her mother taught her about helping others and also taught her to share what they had now. But the Taliban, a powerful group that began in the nearby country of Afghanistan believed women should not be educated. They used violence and fear to get their way. They burned down girls' schools. And they made it illegal for women to go shopping. During the day Malala and her classmates studied and learned. Until one day the Taliban attacked the school bus after school and shot her. They tried to silence her. But they failed to stop her. She created the Malala foundation to help girls everywhere get food and education.	<i>Yolanda A.</i>
What Should be Wild by Julia Fine	A creative and dark novel with an interesting concept.	<i>Zoe G.</i>

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The Haven by Suzanne Woods Fisher	Very good, second book of the Stoney Ridge Seasons series. Hard for me to put the book down.	<i>Judith S.</i>
The Lesson by Suzanne Woods Fisher	Third book of the Stoney Ridge Seasons series. Ms Fisher writes in such a way that I can easily visualize the settings and the people.	<i>Judith S.</i>
Double Fudge Brownie Murder by Joanne Fluke	A mystery filled with recipes.	<i>Susan K.</i>
Shelter by Harlan Coben	Young Mickey Bolitar needs to find shelter from a lot of things --- his father's death, his mother's illness, a new high school and lots of mystery.	<i>Robert K.</i>
Rosie The Riveter Revisited by Sherna Berger Gluck	The book tells the story of women who took men's jobs during WWII. Able bodied men were drafted into the military. Hundreds of new jobs were being created to produce items to aid the military. Women who previously had been housewives suddenly joined the workforce. They became ship builders, aircraft builders, and many other jobs men dominated. This book tells of many women's stories of that period, how their way of life changed, and how the women raised their daughters. Once the men returned, some companies told the women thanks, and they were gone. There were so many men looking for jobs the women were expected to go back to the kitchen and raise children. This period of time may have been the beginning of the feminist movement twenty years later.	<i>Janet S.</i>
Sins and Scarlet Lace by Liliana Hart	Husband steals \$500,000 and makes it look like his wife did it, then fakes his death. What she goes through and the people who come after her to try and retrieve the money is an exciting read. Warning-explicit sex scenes.	<i>Deb R.</i>
Before the Fall by Noah Hawley	What an interesting book - another quick read for me because I couldn't put it down. It's more of a character study than a story. I especially enjoyed the portrayal of pop culture and the media and how, together, they skew our view on things with no evidence - just reporting a negative spin on the facts.	<i>Kirstien K.</i>
This Is Me by Chrissy Metz	Very insightful into her life. Good book.	<i>Christine K.</i>

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Gone by Micheal Grant	An intriguing YA dystopian novel. A mixture of Lord of the flies, the Stowed, and Heroes. Even though it is a larger book, it was fast paced and accessible. Recommended to lovers of Ya lit and the classic dystopian novel.	<i>Amauale I.</i>
The Identicals by Elin Hilderbrand	Set on the elite islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket exposed me to a different culture. After years of estrangement twins Harper and Tabitha, who look alike and live differently, trade lives to save sensitive and emotional family relationships. Twin stories intrigue me as we have twins in our family.	<i>Dorothy B.</i>
When Never Comes by Barbara Davis	Good book. Well written.	<i>Christine K.</i>
Dream Eyes by Jayne Ann Krentz	Very suspenseful thriller about couple trying to solve the murder of various acquaintances from paranormal crystals that need no obvious clues. Not a fast read but keeps you guessing until the end!	<i>Deb R.</i>
Dumb But Lucky! by Richard K. Curtis	Curtis flew P-51 fighters during WWII. He didn't shoot down any enemy aircraft in his 51 missions, but he tells an entertaining and fascinating story. This book starts with his decision to sign up to fly and his efforts to overcome his own lack of innate ability, along with his reckless behavior, which often leads to dangerous predicaments. A thread running through the novel is his love for "Myrt," to whom he desperately hopes to return after he completes his required missions. Well worth your time if you're interested in World War II in the air.	<i>Danton M.</i>
Gwendy's Button Box by Stephen King & Richard Chizmar	A great novella (read: SHORT!) by Stephen King and a friend. It's quick paced with its snappy little chapters. Loaded with metaphors, focusing in on choices and mystery, this is a really quick read and recommended if you want to read some Stephen King without the commitment!	<i>Kirstien K.</i>
Miss Subways by David Duchovny	I loved this book and couldn't put it down! The story is quirky in style and substance and makes an interesting read. What is unique about Duchovny's style is the humour he employs. He spares nothing and smartly paints a satire of society, its beliefs, practices, self-importance and whatnot! Miss Subways is the tale of Emer, a schoolteacher whose seemingly mundane life takes a twist when she encounters a mythical creature. What follows is a tale that is part sci-fi, part fantasy with a generous helping of romance and its share of happily-ever-after concepts.	<i>Kirstien K.</i>

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Princess Addison Gets Angry by Molly Martin	I like this book because it's about a princess. I like it when she becomes happy at the end of the book and is playing with the dogs.	<i>Grace L.</i>
The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver	A missionary story gone awry. A long and twisting tale of a missionary family with a dictator-like father who is intent on converting and baptizing people of the Congo in the 1950's. Things don't work out so well for them.	<i>Anel M.</i>
The Hunt for the Colosseum Ghost by Geronimo Stilton	The ghost was a robot and Geronimo fought the robot in the Colosseum. What I liked about the book was that there was a double story.	<i>Ben G.</i>
Don't Let Go by Harlan Coben	Surprise twist and turns to the very end!	<i>Robert k.</i>