

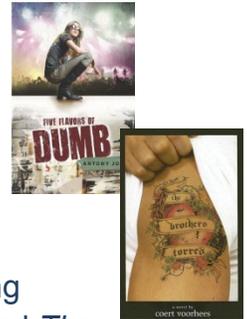
## GET CAUGHT READING MONTH

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Here is Installment Number Three of the books our librarians were caught reading in May (See the [May 6](#) and [May 20](#) issues of *The Scoop* for the first two installments...)

Multi-taskers:

**Marshall Public Library** Young Adult librarian **Kath Ann Hendricks** was reading several books in May: *Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a girlhood among ghosts*, by Maxine Hong Kingston; *A Brief Chapter in My Impossible Life*, by Dana Reinhardt; *Five Flavors of Dumb*, by Antony John; *Girl in Translation*, by Jean Kwok; and *Almost Perfect*, by Brian Katcher.



**Gregory Taylor**, Teacher-Librarian at **Hillside Junior High** in Boise, was also reading several books: *Plague*, by Michael Grant; *The Brothers Torres*, by Coert Voorhees; and *The Illumination*, by Kevin Brockmeier.

**Lynn Johnson**, **Mountain View School District Librarian**, was reading *The Priest's Graveyard*, by Ted Dekker—hot off the press! She was also keeping up with best practices in education through *21st Century Skills: Learning for Life in our Times*, by Bernie Trilling & Charles Fadel.



**Linda Rassmussen** at **Grace District Library** was getting ready for school visits and booktalks for great summer reads: *Okay for Now*, by Gary Schmidt; *Because of Mr. Terupt*, by Rob Buyea; 2011 Newbery winner *Moon over Manifest*, by Clare Vanderpool; *Waiting for Normal*, by Leslie Connor; *Small as an Elephant*, by Jennifer Jacobson; and lots of others for school visits and book talks. She said, "There are some good junior books out there, hooray!"

**Randa Dye**, head librarian at the **Island Park** branch of the Fremont County Library District, was reading *Museum of Thieves*, by Lian Tanner and *The Lemonade War*, by Jacqueline Davies. Be sure to check out the Lemonade sequel, *The Lemonade Crime*, which just came out at the beginning of May.



**Lisa Egan** from the Boise's **Library! at Cole and Ustick** was reading *Pioneer Woman: Black Heels to Tractor Wheels*, by popular cookbook author Ree Drummond and *The Reading Group*, by Elizabeth Noble. I wonder if she discussed this one in her Book Club.

Historical Fiction was a popular genre in May:

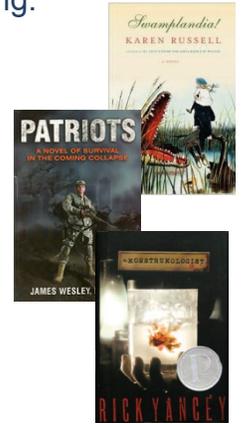
Strong women in the WWII era were celebrated by **Darlene Drishinski**, **Lapwai Elementary's** school librarian, who read *The Postmistress*, by Sarah Blake in her Book Club, and **J.D. Habben**, librarian at **White Pine Elementary** in Boise, who read Rosamunde Pilcher's *Coming Home*.



**Kamiah School District** Library Director **Colleen Olive** read *Juliet's Moon*, by Ann Rinaldi, a novel based on Civil War Confederate guerilla William Quantrill and his Raiders. Colleen also read *Camo Girl*, by Kekla Magoon.



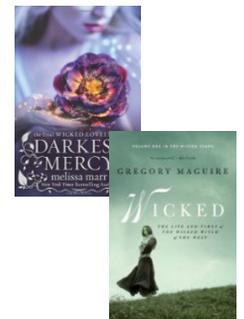
Here are some great Fantasy and Adventure stories our librarians got caught reading: **Suzanne Hochstrasser**, librarian at **Driggs Elementary School** was reading *Swamplandia!* by Karen Russell. For more by this author check out her short story collection *St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves*.



**Karen Willis** from **Clearwater Memorial** was reading *Faeries of Dreamdark*, by Laini Taylor and *Patriots*, by John Wesley Rawles. Karen was also reading *44 Scotland Street*, by Alexander McCall Smith.

**Lowell-Scott Middle School's Beth Clovis** read *The Monstrumologist*, by Rick Yancey-- a 2010 Prinz Honor book, and quite a mouthful to say.

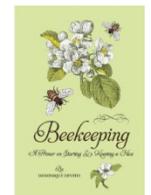
**Marjean Rogstad** from **Spirit Lake Library** read the recently released *Darkest Mercy*, by Melissa Marr. These books in the Wicked Lovely series have been getting great reviews.



**Julie Field**, librarian at **Mountain View High School** in Meridian was reading *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*, by Gregory Maguire, a retelling of The Wizard of Oz with an evil Wizard and a good Witch of the West.

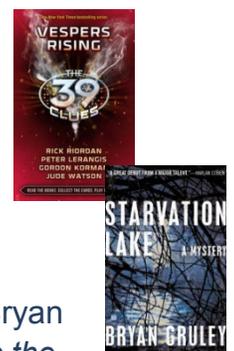
#### Nonfiction and hobbies:

Does **Joy Preece**, media aide at **Ammon Elementary**, have a bee in her bonnet or is she just catching up on the buzz? Joy was caught reading *Beekeeping: A Primer on Starting and Keeping a Hive*, by Dominique Devito. She was also reading *Rainbow Pie: A Redneck Memoir*, by Joe Bageant.



#### Mystery and suspense:

Thought Amy and Dan lived happily ever after? Not with the Vespers waiting in the shadows... **Garden Valley District Library Director Kathy Smith** embarked on a new set of adventures with the Cahills in Book Eleven of the 39 Clues series: *Vespers Rising*, by Rick Riordan, Peter Lerangis, Gordon Korman, and Jude Watson. Kathy was also reading *Miles to Go*, by Richard Paul Evans and *The Wedding Promise*, by Thomas Kinkade.



**Sandy Lange** at **Lake Pend Oreille Alternative High** was reading first-time novelist Bryan Gruley's *Starvation Lake*. Hope we see more from this author! She also read *Here Lies the Librarian*, by Richard Peck.

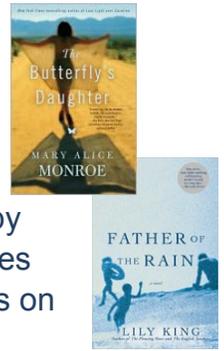
**April Rood** at **Gateway School of Language and Culture** in Meridian read *I'll Walk Alone*, Mary Higgins Clark's latest book. I'll bet April is taking extra precautions with her personal information after reading this!



**Betsy Bybell**, Outreach Services manager at the **Latah County Library District-Moscow** branch has discovered the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series, by Alexander McCall-Smith, which take place in Botswana. Betsy read *Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party*, the latest in Mma Ramotse's adventures.

Coming of age

**Rubie Gallegos** at **Mary McPherson Elementary** in Meridian read *The Butterfly's Daughter*, by Mary Alice Monroe. This is a great choice for Book Clubs. Rubie also read Books 2-4 of the Skeleton Creek series, by Patrick Carman.



**Cascade Public Library's** Director, **Robin Mayfield**, was reading *Father of the Rain*, by Lily King. This book won the New England Book Award for Fiction, it's a New York Times Editor's Choice, an Amazon Best Book of the Month, an Indie Next Selection, and it was on *O the Oprah Magazine's* 2010 Summer Reading List.

Thank you to all the Idaho library staff who shared their May titles with us. We're so glad you Got Caught Reading!

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