**January Newsletter**

Welcome 2022! We’re Happy to Greet You!

Dear Patrons and Friends of Chase Library,

January 2022 has arrived! Whether you partied and welcomed her in style, or enjoyed some blissful repose as she made her entrance, the New Year is definitely upon us!!

Here’s my literary idea for all of us in the year 2020 - I think each of us should find a pretty notebook in a size we like, a color we like, lined or unlined, perhaps with a doodle or inspirational quote on each page - something that makes us smile when we pick it up. Then get we should get a beautiful pen: one that feels good in your hand, is an ink color you love, and writes in the width you prefer, from bold to extra fine. These joyous finds now become our reading journals!! A journal may include a log of books read, perhaps with thoughts about the book; titles of books to be read, or a reading wish list; a list or books borrowed from a friend or loaned to a fellow reader. Book Group information could also be included in the journal. It’s a personal object so make it personal!! And once you have your journal ready, let’s all get reading!!!

Here are a few titles you may consider………

**Hope**by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams
Goodreads.com: Goodall focuses on her “Four Reasons for Hope”: The Amazing Human Intellect, The Resilience of Nature, The Power of Young People, and The Indomitable Human Spirit.”

**Better Off Dead** by Lee Child and Andrew Child
Jack Reacher 26 - “This is the second co-authored thriller from brothers Lee and Andrew Child and the handover/collaboration seems to be progressing seamlessly. In the world of Jack Reacher the tough guys still don’t know what we take for granted: you don’t mess with the giant ex-military policeman.”  Crimefictionlover.com

 **Get Back**by The Beatles ‘The most anticipated book in more than a decade by the legendary band, The Beatles: Get Back is the official account of the creation of their final album, Let It Be, told in The Beatles’ own words, illustrated with hundreds of previously unpublished images…”  [goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com/)

**Still Life** by Sarah Winman
“Tuscany, 1944: As Allied troops advance and bombs fall around deserted villages, a young English soldier, Ulysses Temper, finds himself in the wine cellar of a deserted villa. There he has a chance encounter with Evelyn Skinner, a middle-aged art historian who has come to Italy to salvage paintings from the ruins and recall long-forgotten memories of her own youth. [They] set off on a course of events that will shape Ulysses’s life for the next four decades.”    [goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com/)

**Zorrie**by Laird Hunt

“Spanning an entire lifetime, a life convulsed and transformed by the events of the 20th century…a profound and intimate portrait of the dreams that propel one tenacious woman onward and the losses that she cannot outrun. Set against a harsh, gorgeous, quintessentially American landscape…”.    [nationalbook.org](http://nationalbook.org/)

***The Lincoln Highway*** by Amor Towles

 “…a joyride. Amor Towles’ new Great American Road Novel tails four boys - three 18-year-olds who met in a juvenile reformatory, plus a brainy 8-year-old - as they set out from Nebraska in June, 1954, in an old Studebaker in search of a better future.” [npr.org](http://npr.org/)

**The Baseball 100** by Joe Posnanski
 “A magnum opus from acclaimed baseball writer Joe Posnanski…an audacious, singular, and masterly book that took a lifetime to write. The entire story of baseball rings through a countdown of the 100 greatest players in history…”  [goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com/)

**Cloud Cuckoo Land** by Anthony Doerr
“Set in Constantinople in the fifteenth century, in a small town in present-day Idaho, and on an interstellar ship decades from now, Anthony Doerr’s gorgeous third novel is a triumph of imagination and compassion, a soaring story about children on the cusp of adulthood in worlds in peril, who find resilience, hope - - and a book.”  [amazon.com](http://amazon.com/)

**The Storm Sister** by Lucinda Riley
Seven Sisters series, book #2 - “…with her life turned upside down, Ally decides to leave the open seas and follow the trail that her father left her, which leads her to the icy beauty of Norway.”  [bookdepository.com](http://bookdepository.com/)

**The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray**
From [goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com/): “The remarkable, little-known story of Belle da Costa Greene, J.P. Morgan’s personal librarian - who became one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she kept in order to make her dreams come true…”

**Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro**
Ishiguro’s latest novel is about an AF or “Artificial Friend” -- designed as a companion to the children of tomorrow.  [NPR.org](https://www.npr.org/2021/03/03/972841445/klara-and-the-sun-is-a-masterpiece-about-life-love-and-mortality) calls it “one of the most affecting and profound novels Ishiguro has written…a masterpiece that will make you think about life, mortality, the saving grace of love: in short, the all of it.”

**Once There Were Wolves by Charlotte McConaghy**
From [goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com/): “…the unforgettable story of a woman desperate to save the creatures she loves - if she isn’t consumed by a wild that was once her refuge.”
“Inti Flynn arrives in Scotland with her twin sister, Aggie, to lead a team of biologists tasked with reintroducing fourteen gray wolves into the remote Highlands. She hopes to heal not only the dying landscape, but Aggie, too, unmade by the terrible secrets that drove the sisters out of Alaska.”

Whew! That’s a lot of good reads!! I hope you find your personal notebook and have a lot of good reading this month!!