Book Jam
Master List of Book Recommendations
April 6, 2021 – Norman Williams Public Library

All books on these lists are eligible for a 15% discount through April 30 at YankeeBookshop.com/nwplbookjam.
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Contemporary Fiction
1. *Sharks in the Time of Saviors* by Kawai Strong Washburn - Kari
2. *Severance* by Ling Ma - Kari
3. *Animal Wife* by Lara Ehrlich - Kari
4. *When We Were Vikings* by Andrew David MacDonald (2020) - Lisa

Memoir
1. *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle - Liana
2. *All You Can Ever Know* by Nicole Chung - Liana
3. *Broken (In the Best Possible Way)* - Kari
4. *Best We Could Do* - written and illustrated by Thi Bui - Kari

Historical Fiction
1. *Writers & Lovers* by Lily King - Liana (Considering 1990 historical)
2. *Hamnet* by Maggie O'farrell (2020) paired with *Hamlet by Shakespeare* - Lisa
3. *The Dutch House* by Anne Patchett - Liana
4. *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab - Liana
5. *The Revisioners* by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton - Liana

Nonfiction
1. *Think Again* by Adam Grant - Lisa
2. *Uncomfortable Conversations With A Black Man* by Emmanuel Acho, *You’ll Never believe what happened to Lacey* and *Black is the Body* by Emily Bernard - Lisa
SciFi, Fantasy, Mystery
1. *A Children's Bible* by Lydia Millet - Kari
2. *Radiance* by Catherynne Valente - Kari
3. Sarah Stewart Taylor's new detective series - *The Mountains Wild* and *A Distant Grave* - Lisa

YA/Kids
1. *Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandan - Kari
2. *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo - Kari
4. *Stand Up, Yumi Chung* by Jessica Kim (2020) or *Other Words For Home* by Jasmine Warga (2019) - Lisa

**Presenter Bios**

**Lisa Christie**, co-founder of the Book Jam, was in previous times the Founder/Executive Director of Everybody Wins! Vermont and USA, literacy programs that help children love books. She currently works as a part-time non-profit consultant, School Board member, and all-the-time believer in the power of books. She lives in Norwich with her musician husband, two superb teenage sons, and a very large dog. She often dreams of travel, especially after this year of pandemic precautions, and is grateful to have Vermont to call home. [www.bookjamvermont.com](http://www.bookjamvermont.com)

**Kari Meutsch** has over 16 years of experience helping people find just the right book. After bookselling across the country, she and her husband settled here in Woodstock in early 2017 to take over the town’s historic bookstore, the Yankee Bookshop, which has been running since 1935. Over the years, Kari has curated quite the list of favorite books and authors to share with any reader, but above all she deeply believes that stories shared and received are the seeds for empathy and change. While her current reading obsessions are just about anything to do with fairy tales or angsty teenage witches, she also loves a good nonfiction audiobook or podcast when she needs to be doing something with her hands, like a jigsaw puzzle or knitting project. [www.yankeebookshop.com](http://www.yankeebookshop.com)

**Liana Kish** is an English teacher and loves talking about books. She has been on leave this past year and has enjoyed having extra time for gardening, baking, and cross-country skiing. She is excited to participate in this event and share some titles she enjoyed during the past few months.

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