



## Top Picks of 2022!

At the Library we love helping you find your next great read. Here are a few we enjoyed this year...

### Our Crooked Hearts by **Melissa Albert**

Dark, moody, tense magic focused mystery that explores the tender and tragic dynamic between a mother and daughter relationship. —**Amber, Bridgeport**



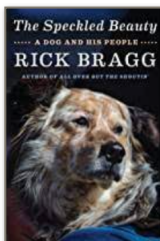
### Monsters Love Cupcakes by **Mike Austin**

Join the monsters everyone loves as they dance and sing their way through a recipe for delicious cupcakes! —**Chales, Early Literacy**



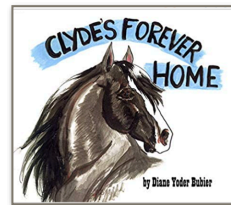
### The Speckled Beauty: a Dog and His People by **Rick Bragg**

I loved the way Bragg told the story of his relationship with a stray dog that came into his life when he really didn't need something else to take care of. Anyone who has ever had a dog will enjoy this book. —**Ann, Benton**



### Clyde's Forever Home by **Diane Yodier Bubier**

This true story from the SoCAL area will make a reader cry, get angry and then cry again. —**Sharon, Coleville**



### Every Good Boy Does Fine: a Love Story in Music Lessons by **Jeremy Denk**

An invitation to journey with the greatest pianist through the classical music canon. An intimate lesson in listening without judgement. —**Beth, Lee Vining**



### The Candy House by **Jennifer Egan**

A read with well-drawn characters that both engages and alarms. Not really a spoiler to say that the witch's candy house is the internet. —**Judith, Mammoth Lakes**



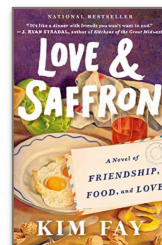
### The Trees by **Percival Everett**

Wonderfully funny and strong Black characters facing off against an ignorant white family unit in the South. History, racism upended, humor, harsh realities, gruesome bits - a great story. —**Lori, Crowley Lake & Makerspace**



### Love & Saffron by **Kim Fay**

In the vein of *84, Charing Cross Road*, this witty and tender novel is a sensuous experience of food and a deep friendship between 2 different women in 1960s America. —**Stacey, Superintendent**



### Babel: an Arcane History by **R.F. Kuang**

With anti-institution themes wrapped in the dark academia historical fantasy world of Oxford, this book had me immersed, invested and sometimes crying. —**Ceanne, Mammoth Lakes**



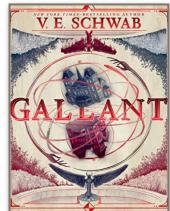
### Tumble by **Celia C. Pérez**

This book resonated strongly with me. 12 yr old Addie discovers parts of her life were hidden from her only to learn the full version of her story had caused the grownups in her life emotional pain. Her love & forgiveness help her adults learn to grow again. —**Carissa, Youth Programming Mgr**



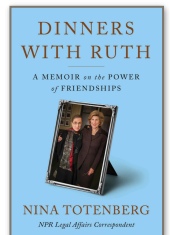
### Gallant by **V.E. Schwab**

This 13 & up novel follows poor, mute teen Olivia as she discovers she is related to the owners of a mysterious country house. Good thing she can see ghosts because the battle of dark vs light is at hand & only she can see how to end it. —**Christopher, Library Director**



### Dinners With Ruth by **Nina Totenberg**

A powerful memoir of NPR correspondent Totenberg, highlighting her long and remarkable friendship with Ruth Bader Ginsburg. I was captivated by Nina's life story. She and Ruth helped each other through many struggles and triumphs. Very inspiring. —**Carole, June Lake**



### Remarkably Bright Creatures by **Shelby Van Pelt**

This family saga features a Giant Pacific Octopus as a main character (!) and reflects the healing power of inter-species relationships. —**Janet, Lee Vining**

