

## September 2021 Staff Picks

**Author: Patricia Briggs**    **Title: Blood Bound**

Contemporary Fantasy Fiction. Book 2 in the kick-butt supernatural heroine (she is a were-coyote auto mechanic) Mercedes Thompson series. Great for fans of Laurell K. Hamilton and Charlainne Harris.

**Author: Patricia A. McKillip**    **Title: Riddle Master**

Patricia A. McKillip is a winner of the World Fantasy Award. This series is considered her most enduring and beloved work. An epic journey of a young prince in a strange land, where wizards have long since vanished...but where magic is waiting to be reborn. Lyrical writing, memorable characters, a classic fantasy fiction.

**Author: Amber Share**    **Title: Subpar Parks**

For nature-lovers who understand the wildness of the National Parks and enjoy tongue-in-cheek humor from the negative reviews. The author illustrates an image of the Park with an actual quote from “their least impressed visitors”. It includes brief tidbits about the Park as well. This is not an informative travel guide by any means. But it made me realize just how many Parks we actually have and to someday see them for myself.

**Author: Stephen King**    **Title: It**

This book was my favorite horror story as a young adult. I loved the character arcs over the years with just enough creepy suspense & fantastically written imagery to keep me reading this with the lights on all night long. Both movie versions do well at following King’s plotline but, as usual, the book is better. This is a classic by an iconic horror story author.

**Author: Juliet Blackwell**    **Title: The Lost Carousel of Provence**

*The Lost Carousel of Provence* has plenty of intrigue, romance, and historically accurate details that will enthrall readers. The narrative switches back and forth from the point of view of Cady, a contemporary woman from San Francisco who finds herself drawn to Provence; Maelle, a young woman from Bretagne who wants to carve carousel figures; and Patrice Clement, a young man from Paris whose family owns Chateau Clement. The stories of each of these are intertwined and revolve around a wooden carousel figure, a rabbit that may have come from a missing Bayol carousel. Blackwell brings the characters to life with exquisite skill.

**Author: Tieghan Gerard**    **Title: Half Baked Harvest Super Simple**

This author has a great blog, [www.halfbakedharvest.com](http://www.halfbakedharvest.com) that I follow. Her cookbook is a tasty compilation of recipes that feel elevated while still using items I normally purchase from the grocery store. The photography in the book is also warm, moody, and makes you want to get cooking.