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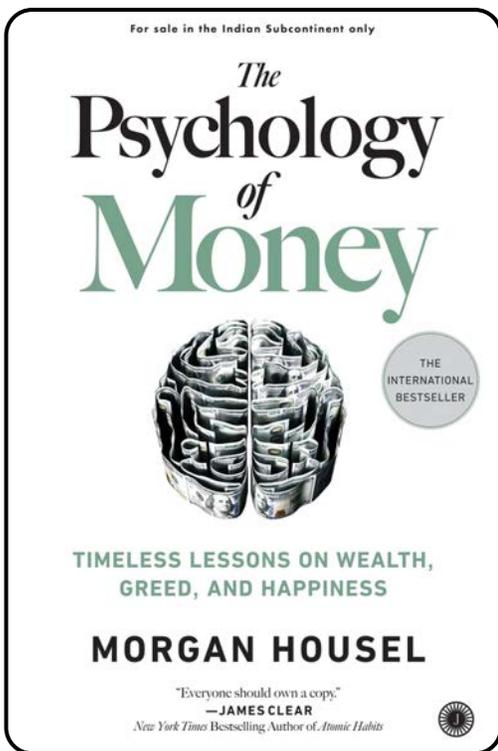
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THE PSYCHOLOGY OF MONEY BY MORGAN HOUSEL

COLLECTION: Available as an E-Book & E-Audiobook on Libby

RATING: ★★★★★

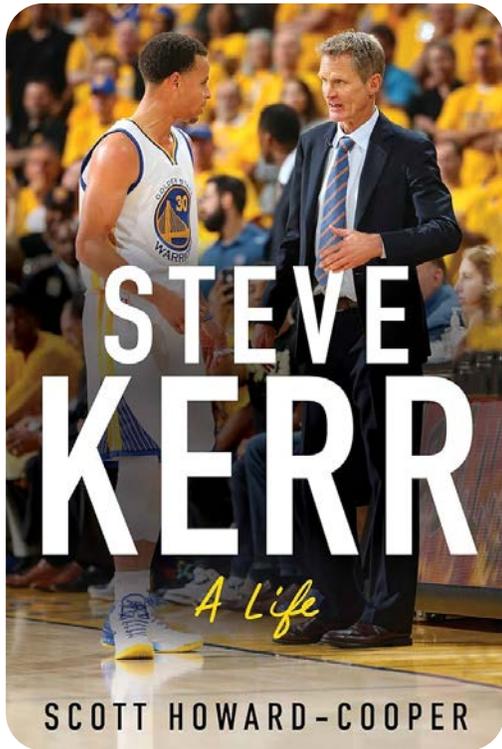
TOPIC: BUSINESS, FINANCE

Book Review:

The Psychology of Money by Morgan Housel is a super interesting book that talks about how our brains work when it comes to money. It's not like a regular money book where they just tell you what to do with your cash. Instead, it dives deep into why we make the money choices we do.

I really liked this book because it felt like the author was talking directly to me. Housel explains money stuff in a way that's easy to understand, even if you're not a money genius. He tells interesting stories about real people and how they deal with money, which makes everything more realistic and entertaining. The book made me think about why I spend money on certain things and how I can be smarter about it. There's not much I didn't like about the book. It doesn't have superheroes or crazy adventures, but that's because it's about real life. It might not be for you if you want a book with a lot of action, but if you're curious about money and how our brains handle it, this is perfect.

I would totally recommend this book, especially if you're just starting to think about money. It's not boring or too grown-up. It's like having a cool friend explain money things to you. If you're into understanding why people do what they do with their money, this is a must-read. If you like books that mix psychology with money, you might also like this book. But if you want a book with a lot of action and drama, this might not be your thing. The Psychology of Money is more about understanding yourself and your money choices.



STEVE KERR: A LIFE

BY

SCOTT HOWARD - COOPER

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COLLECTION:

NON - FICTION

RATING:



GENRE:

BIOGRAPHIES

Book Review:

Steve Kerr: A Life is a biography about Steve Kerr, an NBA player who was on the 1990s Chicago Bulls and current Golden State Warriors coach. In this biography, you will be shown Steve Kerr's life's highlights and lows, his passion and love for basketball, and how he became the great player and coach he is today, from struggling to unlocking his potential to earning Michael Jordan's respect. This book, written by Scott Howard-Cooper, will introduce you to Steve Kerr's family, friends, and colleagues and how he became a five-time championship winner.

In my opinion, the book was very easy to read. The words all went through my brain smoothly, and the book itself was entertaining as well. Kerr's life was really well written out, and I could really invest myself into the story. One example of the story having me locked in is when Steve Kerr struggles to find a basketball team that he could fit in with. The book was also great at making sure to narrate every important detail that contributed to Steve Kerr's success. Overall, the story was great, and reading it didn't give me a hard time at all.

I would definitely recommend this book if someone is looking for a story that is an easy book to read but very interesting as well. Additionally, I would recommend this book to all readers who love basketball. Although, if you don't really enjoy basketball, you may find yourself at a point where you don't want to read anymore. The book isn't very thick, so it shouldn't take too long for anyone invested in the story to finish it. Due to this story, my love for the sport basketball has increased once again. Overall, I would say that the book should be a read for all Golden State Warriors or Steve Kerr fans or maybe fans of the sport itself.



WHEN IN ROME BY SARAH ADAMS

LOCATION: Available as an E-Book &
E-Audiobook on Libby

RATING: 

GENRE: CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE

Book Review:

When in Rome is a new adult book that follows the world's biggest pop star, Amelia Rose, known as Rae Rose to the world, who takes a trip to a small town to get away from the public's eye. She feels her life crumbling apart- with her deteriorating relationship between her and her mom, her controlling manager, and having no real friends. So, inspired by her idol Audrey Hepburn and her favorite movie of hers', Roman Holiday, she lands in the little town of Rome, Kentucky. But upon her arrival, her car breaks down, and she ends up stranded on the front lawn of the town's heartthrob- Noah. After he finds her, he does his best to isolate himself from her as he is nervous after his failed past relationship. They both incessantly tell each other they will not let a romance between the two of them transpire. Still, between Amelia's funny, kind-spirited nature, Noah's hidden gentleness, and the town whispering about them dating, they find it impossible to prevent the ensuing romance.

It is difficult to deny that Amelia and Noah have good chemistry. Witnessing their relationship and them realizing they should be together despite the challenges and initial denials of feelings was very heartwarming. However, I just found some of their interactions and words to be a little cringe. In particular, Amelia's complaints about fame and whatnot tended to be a little cliché, in my opinion. Additionally, although I really enjoyed Noah's care and relationship with his three sisters, sometimes they tended to make me wince as well, especially his youngest sister.

Nonetheless, this was a fairly quick read, and I did enjoy many aspects of the story. The tight-knit community of the town, the support all the characters had for each other, and the rekindling of Amelia's past relationships were all endearing. I think this story demonstrates the importance of taking a break- something we all need to do- very well.

This book is perfect for the fall and winter seasons and for anybody looking for a cute small-town vibe. The nature of the small town and the fact that Noah owns a bakery shop both assist in giving the book the coziest of feelings. To anybody who loves a cute little romance and doesn't mind some cringe, I'd recommend giving this a read while the weather remains cold!

AS GOOD AS DEAD BY HOLLY JACKSON

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COLLECTION:

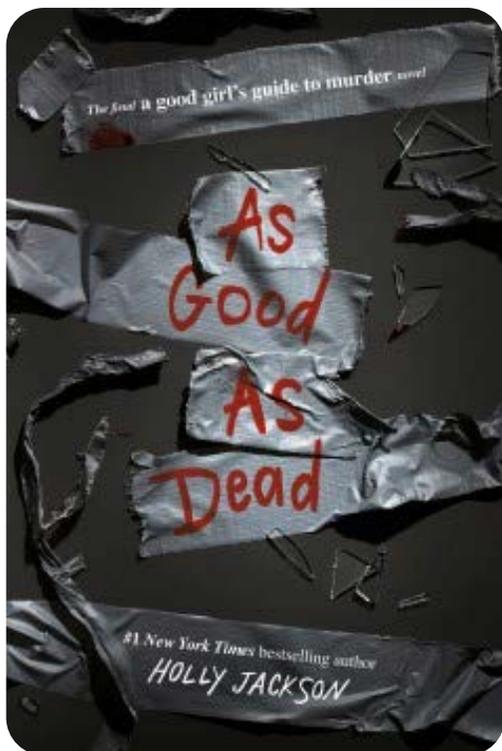
YOUNG ADULT FICTION

RATING:



GENRE:

PSYCHOLOGICAL FICTION;
THRILLERS AND SUSPENSE

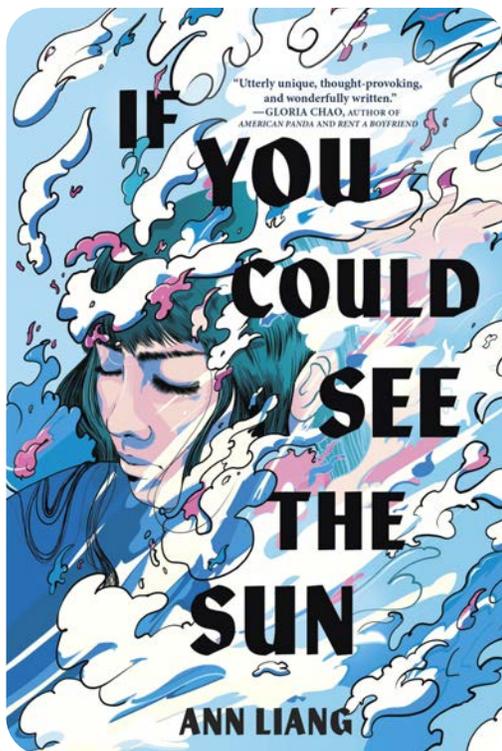


Book Review:

Holly Jackson's As Good As Dead is an electrifying addition to the world of young adult thrillers, delivering an intricate and gripping narrative that keeps you on the edge of your seat until the very end. In this third installment of the *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* series, Jackson continues the story of Pippa, a high schooler who is fascinated by true crime, but her life hasn't been the same since the way her previous case ended.

I really enjoyed reading this book. Although it is quite lengthy, this book had me reading non-stop since it was too good to put down. While reading the series finale, I noticed that the theme became darker, the vibe of the storyline felt different, and so did Pip. And it's understandable given that she had to overcome so many obstacles and mentally damaging incidents, live in so many stories from the same small town of Kilton to solve them, and battle so many hidden faces within the same neighborhood.

In conclusion, As Good As Dead is a thrilling and powerful novel that is sure to captivate fans of the thriller and mystery genres. Holly Jackson delivers a tale of suspense, intrigue, and moral ambiguity that will keep readers engaged from the first page to the last. While there are moments of complexity in the plot and a few loose ends, the overall experience is one of a gripping and memorable read. If you enjoy well-developed characters, intricate plots, and a constant sense of tension, As Good As Dead is a must-read for you.



IF YOU COULD SEE THE SUN BY ANN LIANG

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COLLECTION:

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

RATING:



GENRE:

FANTASY

Book Review:

If You Could See the Sun is a young adult book that has a mixture of both an academic-themed setting and fantasy elements, which is a mix that is really unique and new. The book isn't part of a series; however, Ann Liang has published other books that also had an academic-themed setting, so if you like this book and, more particularly, the theme, it won't be a bad decision to try other works of Ann Liang.

The book is about a girl named Alice Sun, who is a top student at a rich school in Beijing with a partial scholarship. The largest plot of the book focuses on when Alice suddenly has the power to turn invisible. Her powers begin at the same time when her parents tell her that she has to change schools because they can no longer afford the tuition. Since Alice was a hundred percent against the decision to leave her school, she devised a plan to use her invisibility powers to do secret tasks for her rich classmates with the idea that that money would make up for her tuition.

The romance in the book was a nice touch to the entire book and something that I admittedly enjoyed when reading about the academic rivalry between Alice and Henry Li. However, what I think is the most interesting thing about the book is the plot itself. Even though the idea of what Alice did can be argued as "immoral," you can't help but root for Alice as she truly believes that school is the only way for her to succeed in life. Her narrative and the small things that happen in her daily school life might not be relatable to all students, but can relate to students who are "burnt out" due to academic stress. That is why Alice was my favorite character and why I liked the book. However, despite the concept of the book being relatable, the actual "action" in the book wasn't the most exciting I ever read. The action element of the book remains relatively lighthearted and has a slightly comedic edge to it, and if you would prefer this, go for it! But for me, it makes me lose a bit of attention until the final conflict arrives in the book.

Despite the rating I gave, I still highly recommend the book. This book was my first jump into the academic setting side of Young Adult books, and I still am looking for good books in the same setting as this. If you are looking for a heart touching book with the "youthful" feel to it, you should really try out the book! (The romance is also a good selling point). The book was definitely a memorable read for me, and I hope you enjoyed the book.