

Your Book of the Month

Personalized Recommendations from the Book Experts
at the Coos Bay Public Library

All questions are optional, but the more information you provide, the better our suggestions will be.



Contact Information

Name _____ Today's Date _____

Library Card Barcode _____ E-mail Address _____

Would you like to sign up to receive e-mail notifications of library news and upcoming events? Yes No

Do we have your permission to access your library reading history to avoid suggesting books you have checked out in the past? Yes No

Demographic Information

(include any information you wish us to factor into recommendations)

Gender: _____ Age: _____

Preferred Format(s)

Circle any format in which you are especially interested. **Cross out** any format that you do NOT want. If you do not have a strong preference, do not mark the item.

Regular Print Book Large Print Audio CD Audio MP3

Genres

Circle any genre in which you are especially interested. **Cross out** any genre that you would NOT read. If you do not have a strong preference, do not mark the item.

Novels/Fiction	Short Stories	Non-Fiction/True	Graphic Novels
Recent Titles	Classic Titles	Literary Fiction	Young Adult
Mysteries	Thrillers	Action/Adventure	Westerns
Historical Fiction	Inspirational (Religious)	Women's Fiction	Romance
Fantasy	Science Fiction	Horror	Urban/Street Lit
Biography/Memoir	True Crime	Other: _____	

Reading History

Please list at least 5 of your **favorite** books and/or authors.

List any books or authors who you have read and have **not** enjoyed.

Focus

How do you like books to be focused? **Circle** how important each emphasis is to you as a reader.

Focus on Characters	High	Medium	Low
Focus on Action and Events	High	Medium	Low
Focus on Issues & Ideas	High	Medium	Low
Focus on Language and Style	High	Medium	Low

Characters

Mark preferences for main characters. **Circle** character traits you want to read about. **Cross out** traits of characters you would not like to read about. Do not mark when you have no preference.

Age of Character: Under 12 Teens 20 to 35 35 to 50 50 to 65 over 65

Gender of Character: Female Male Other: _____

Ethnicity/ Nationality: African-American Latino-American Asian-American White
 American Indian Recent Immigrants World (specify countries if desired)

Occupational Fields or Areas of Interest: _____

Settings

Circle settings you would like to read about. Specify locations if desired. **Cross out** settings you would not like to read about. Do not mark a setting if you have no preference.

United States (specify places): _____

World (specify regions, countries, or cities): _____

Historical Settings (specify eras and places): _____

Cities Suburbs Small Towns Farms or Ranches Wild Places

Among the Wealthy Among the Working Class Among the Disadvantaged

Peeves and Pleasures

Content of a certain nature is annoying or upsetting to some readers, while others enjoy these same elements. In the list below, **cross out** elements you would NOT like to read about. **Circle** elements that interest you. Do not mark elements about which you are neutral.

Sexual Themes Explicit Sexual Content Rough or Obscene Language

War Violence Death

Disease Addiction

Anti-Religion Pro-Religion

Right Wing Politics Left Wing Politics

Other: _____

Content

In the list that follows, **circle** interests about which you would like to read. **Cross out** subjects which do not interest you. Do not mark the subject if you do not have a preference.

Animals Gardens Crime Disasters

Men's Lives Women's Lives Senior Lives Lives of People of Color

LGBT+ Lives Other Cultures Childhood Coming of Age

Families Romantic Relationships Religion Computers

Military/War Nature Sports Science & Technology

Politics Food Humor Journeys/Travel

Music History Other: _____

Tone & Mood

In the list that follows, **circle** words that describe books you'd like to read. **Cross out** tone & mood types you are not interested in. Do not mark the subject if you do not have a preference.

Action-Packed	Atmospheric	Bittersweet	Bleak
Darkly Humorous	Disturbing	Dramatic	Fast-Paced
Feel-Good	Funny	Heartwarming	Heart-wrenching
Inspirational	Leisurely-Paced	Melancholy	Moving
Offbeat/Quirky	Reflective	Romantic	Steamy
Strong Sense of Place	Suspenseful	Sweeping	Thought-Provoking
Upbeat	Other: _____		

Length

How long do you prefer your books? **Circle** your preference for each length.

Short: Less than 250 pages	Preferred	Okay	Not interested
Medium: 250-500 pages	Preferred	Okay	Not interested
Long: Over 500 pages	Preferred	Okay	Not interested

Anything else we should factor into our suggestions?

Return this profile to the Coos Bay Public Library. Your first book will arrive during the first week of next month!

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<http://www.wrl.org/books-and-reading/adults/looking-good-book>