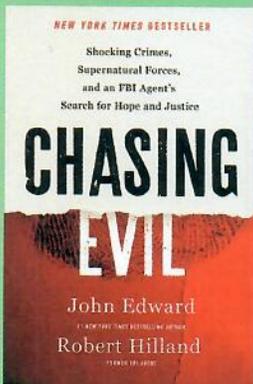
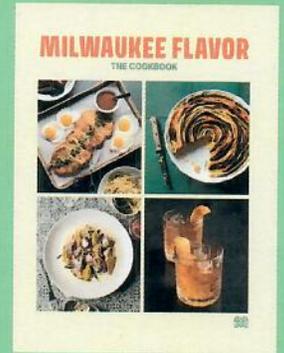


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Milwaukee Flavor: The Cookbook with text by Ann Christenson

Milwaukee Flavor is much more than a cookbook; it celebrates the people and spirit of Milwaukee. The over 90 recipes by local chefs range from soups to main meals; desserts to drinks. Each creation is unique to the restaurant featured and includes not only chef bios but also personal stories of family traditions and cultural roots. Enjoy distinctive Milwaukee tastes such as Dutch Baby, Smoked Salmon Dip and Pork Schnitzel. Try global dishes like Bibimbap, Shakshuka, or Albondigas. As a bonus, if you have our copy checked out and intend to visit one of the restaurants highlighted, please encourage the chef to autograph their page ~Lori Kreis~

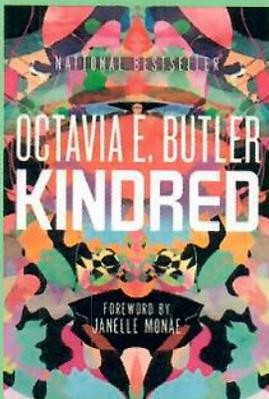
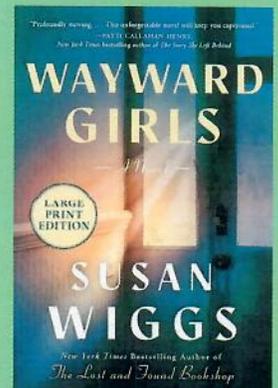


Chasing Evil: Shocking Crimes, Supernatural Forces, and an FBI Agent's Search for Hope and Justice by John Edward and Robert Hilland

I'm not a huge fan of true crime, but the subtitle of this book was intriguing. It follows the professional relationship of skeptic FBI agent Robert Hilland and famous psychic medium John Edward. The first half of the book reads like a thriller. A fast-paced telling of how Hilland and his team solved two cold case disappearances and caught a serial killer with the secret help of Edward and his supernatural guides. The second half of the book chronicles other crimes that were solved based on tips from beyond the grave. Great detective work or help from spirits? Either way, this book was a fascinating look at true crime, especially cold cases, and the men and women who doggedly pursue justice for families desperate for closure. ~Mary Hartwig~

Wayward Girls: A Novel by Susan Wiggs

During the Vietnam War in Buffalo, girls find themselves at the Home of the Good Shepherd for various reasons—a place for those considered “in trouble” or simply troublemakers. They are placed in what is essentially an industrial laundry and Catholic reform school run by the Sisters of Charity—a misnomer if I've ever heard one. The story follows eight girls confined to this institution. Mairin is sent there to be kept safe from her predatory stepfather, but she becomes the ringleader in efforts to escape their unbearable conditions. Seven other girls form close bonds with her, and the story follows them from their time at the Home into the present day. It's a tough subject to tackle, but the author handles it well. A must-read. ~Sharon Passick~



Kindred by Octavia Butler

For Black History Month, I decided to read *Kindred* by Octavia Butler. The story follows Dana Franklin, a young Black woman who is inexplicably transported back to 1800s Maryland to save the life of her ancestor, a slave-owning white man named Rufus Weylin. Whenever Rufus' life is in danger, Dana is forcibly returned to the past to help him, but she is also forced to live and work there as a slave until danger to her own life compels her back to the present. Her experiences on the plantation scar her both physically and mentally as she experiences whippings, constant fear and anxiety, and dehumanizing disregard for her autonomy. What makes the book so fascinating is how Dana's modern-day attitudes are challenged by her experience of the horrors of slavery firsthand. An important, compelling, page-turning read. ~John Bogdal~

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