

WHPL Adult Summer Readers Recommend...



Author: Laurie Graff

Title: *The Shiksa Syndrome*

"Really enjoyable book about a woman who goes "undercover" ... to pass as non-Jewish to get a husband." Review by Jessica Koenigsberg.

Publishers Weekly Review

In the winning latest from chick lit–ster Graff (*Looking for Mr. Goodfrog*), Manhattan publicist Aimee Albert, who is Jewish and whose first love, Sam, died during 9/11, has just split with her goy boyfriend Peter McKnight. Desperate for a Jewish husband and children reared in the faith, Aimee, loses mega poundage on a "Depression Diet," straightens and dyes her dark hair red, pops in green contacts and becomes a Shiksa Barbie. Graff's prose crackles with winning wit, making her potentially annoying conceit go down like a chocolate-covered macaroon.



Author: Susan Wilson

Title: *One Good Dog*

"Chance & Adam – a dog and a man down on their luck, take a chance at renewing their faith in the human condition. A great read for all!" Review by Kerri Lungarelli.

Library Journal Review

Readers of Wilson's other novels, mainly women's romantic fiction romances in the vein of Kristin Hannah are in for a big surprise. Adam March is a rising star in the corporate world when he explodes and slaps his female assistant. His fall from a great height leaves him doing community service at a homeless shelter, with no job, no income, and almost no money after a divorce. Doing a favor for the shelter's head, he takes on a rescued pit bull that had once been used in dog fights. It evokes both laughter and tears, but the ending assures you that humans and dogs are capable of redemption.



Author: Nancy Pickard

Title: *The Scent of Rain and Lightning*

"I loved this book & didn't want to put it down! It was a great story with mystery, suspense & even a little romance woven in. You never knew which way it was turning." Review by Terri Leno.

Library Journal Reviews

Nancy Pickard is a Macavity, Anthony, and Agatha Award winner and a four-time Edgar nominee. In her new work, English teacher Jody Linder discovers that the man convicted of murdering her father is being released from prison and is returning to town with his attorney son to establish his innocence. Highly recommended!



Author: Judith Miller

Title: *Somewhere to Belong*

"Ms. Miller's research about the Amana colonies led me to find more information about them on the internet. Her main characters are so diverse, yet each strong and steadfast in their beliefs. Well written!" Review by Susan Johnson.

Booklist Reviews

When Berta Schumacher's parents inform her that Main Amana is going to be their new home, she is certain that her life is over. Accustomed to the bright lights of Chicago, Berta doesn't know if she can adapt to life in the devout village. Richly imbued with fascinating details about life in the Amana colonies, the first addition to Miller's new *Daughters of Amana* series is a quietly compelling tale of faith and friendship.