

## Blacktown City Libraries – Book Matchmaking Service

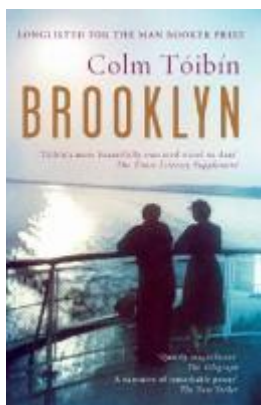
Dear Benjamin,

Thank you for participating in our Book Matchmaking Service. Please find your personalised reading suggestions below.

I tried to find something that covers each of your genre interests and quite enjoyed searching the shelves and my memory for books that have stayed with me – I hope you find them interesting...

Kind regards, Kim.

**Title: Brooklyn Author: Cormac McCarthy**

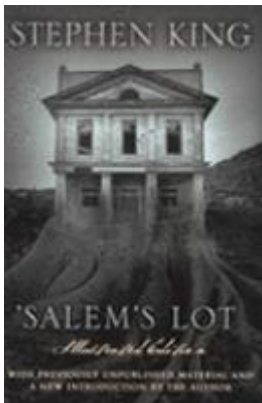


*This title has been included as an HSC text and is described as quietly magnificent – It has also been made into a film of the same title.*

*“It is impossible to read Tobin without being moved, touched and finally changed”.*

It is Enniscorthy in the southeast of Ireland in the early 1950s. Eilis Lacey is one among many of her generation who cannot find work at home. Thus, when a job is offered in America, it is clear to everyone that she must go. Yet her ambition cannot be hidden and soon is noted by the Parish Priest, Father Flood. Via a church contact, he arranges for Eilis to travel to America where a job opportunity has arisen in New York with a reputable merchant of Italian origin. Eilis finds lodgings in an eccentric boarding house and ekes out an existence in the cosmopolitan melting pot that is 1950s **Brooklyn**, impressing her employer, outwitting her landlady, and even falling in love. It seems her dream is truly becoming a reality. But then fate intervenes: a family crisis back home forces Eilis to make a choice between the past and the future, the old world and the new.

**Title: Salem's Lot Author: Stephen King**

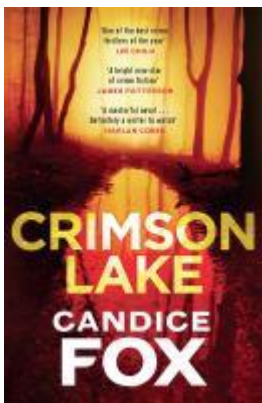


*I first read Salem's Lot in high school and still do a re-read every few years, one of the true original and classic Stephen King novels.*

"Turn off the television, in fact why don't you turn off all the lights except for the one over your favourite chair? – and we'll talk about vampires here in the dim. I think I can make you believe in them." – *Stephen King*

Set in a small New England town called 'Salem's Lot, this classic Stephen King horror tale's central character is a fairly successful writer who, upon returning to the town to write a semi-autobiography, finds himself surrounded by terror.

**Title: Crimson Lake Author: Candice Fox**



*This book is the first in a series of three which I read in quick succession. Very atmospheric and tense, the main character's predicament and attempts to make a new life for himself found me hooked!*

"12.46: Thirteen-year-old Claire Bingley stands alone at a bus stop 12.47: Ted Conkaffey parks his car beside her 12.52: The girl is missing . . . Six minutes – that's all it took to ruin Detective Ted Conkaffey's life. Accused but not convicted of Claire's abduction, he escapes north, to the steamy, croc-infested wetlands of Crimson Lake. Amanda Pharrell knows what it's like to be public enemy number one. Maybe it's her murderous past that makes her so good as a private investigator, tracking lost souls in the wilderness. Her latest target, missing author Jake Scully, has a life more shrouded in secrets than her own – so she enlists help from the one person in town more hated than she is: Ted Conkaffey. But the residents of Crimson Lake are watching the pair's every move. And for Ted, a man already at breaking point, this town is offering no place to hide . . ."

**Title: Love after love Author: Ingrid Persaud**



*Set in Trinidad, the cover descriptions of “Glorious, electrifying and spellbinding” caught my eye and I’ll never forget this book – It’s not a wild adventure or mystery but a very human story that kept me reading well into the night.*

After Betty Ramdin's abusive husband dies, she invites a colleague, Mr Chetan, to move in with her and her son Solo as their lodger. Over time these three form an unconventional family, loving and depending on one another. Then on a fateful night Solo overhears Betty confiding in Mr Chetan and learns a secret that plunges him into torment and alienates him from his mother. He leaves Trinidad to live a lonely life in New York City, devastating Betty in the process. Both are buoyed by the continuing love and friendship of Mr Chetan, until his own burdensome secret is uncovered with heart-breaking consequences.

**Title: The lost man Author: Jane Harper**



*I’ve read all of Jane Harper’s books, The Dry is probably her most famous but this book, for me, outshines all of her others – an unfathomable whodunnit.*

*“Harper has harnessed what captivates the Australian psyche – the landscape”*

Two brothers meet at the remote fence line separating their cattle ranches in the lonely outback. In an isolated belt of Western Australia, they are each other's nearest neighbour, their homes four hours' drive apart. The third brother lies dead at their feet. Something caused Cam, the middle child who had been in charge of the family homestead, to die alone in the middle of nowhere. So the eldest brother returns with his younger sibling to the family property and those left behind. But the fragile balance of the ranch is threatened. Amidst the grief, suspicion starts to take hold, and the eldest brother begins to wonder if more than one among them is at risk of crumbling as the weight of isolation bears down on them all. Dark, suspenseful, and deeply atmospheric, The Lost Man is the highly anticipated next book from the bestselling and award-winning Jane Harper, author of The Dry and Force of Nature.

**Title: The view was exhausting      Author: Mikaella Clements & Onjali Datta**



*This book is pure escapism! I read it very quickly, and enjoyed every minute...*

*"The complex Hollywood love story we've all been waiting for".*

The world can see that international A-list actress Whitman ("Win") Tagore and jet-setting playboy Leo Milanowski are made for each other. Their kisses start Twitter trends and their fights break the internet. From red carpet appearances to Met Gala mishaps, their on-again, off-again romance has titillated the public and the press for almost a decade. But it's all a lie. As a woman of colour, Win knows the Hollywood deck is stacked against her, so she's perfected the art of controlling her public persona. Whenever she nears scandal, she calls in Leo, with his endearingly reckless attitude, for a staged date. Each public display of affection shifts the headlines back in Win's favour, and Leo uses the good press to draw attention away from his dysfunctional family. But pretending to be in a passionate romance can only lead to one thing . . . trouble. So instead they settle for friendship, with a side of sky-rocketing chemistry. Except this time, on the French Riviera, something is off. A shocking secret in Leo's past sets Win's personal and professional lives on a catastrophic collision course. Behind the scenes of their yacht-trips and PDA, the world's favourite couple is at each other's throats. Now they must finally confront the many truths and lies of their relationship, and Win is forced to consider what is more important: a rising career, or a risky shot at real love?

**All these suggestions are available at Blacktown City Libraries. Check our library catalogue for the item location and to reserve anything that interests you!**

*Happy reading, Kim.*

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