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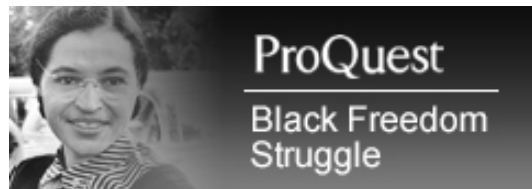
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Lynn Suggests

Mind Games by Nancy Mehl

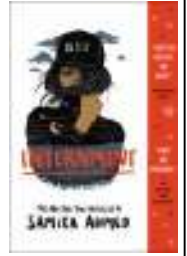
If Criminal Minds is your show ... Kaley is the daughter of a convicted serial killer trying her best to cope with that fact by joining the FBI. Her unusual methods cause concern but in the end she always finds her killer...usually not who you suspect.



Sherri Suggests

Internment by Samira Ahmed

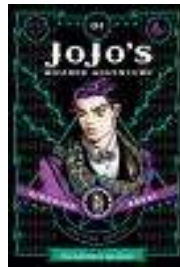
Rebellions are built on hope. In a horrifying near-future United States, seventeen-year-old Layla Amin and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens. With the help of new friends also trapped within the internment camp, her boyfriend on the outside, and an unexpected alliance, Layla begins a journey to fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the camp's Director and his guards.



Kenneth Suggests

Jojo's Bizarre Adventure by Araki Hirohiko

Young Jonathan Joestar's life is forever changed when he meets his new adopted brother, Dio. For some reason, Dio has a smoldering grudge against him and derives pleasure from seeing him suffer. But every man has his limits, as Dio finds out.



Tasha Suggests

Bird Box by Josh Malerman.

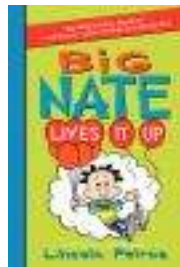
Also a Netflix Original Movie. Something is out there, something terrifying that must not be seen. One glimpse of it, and a person is driven to deadly violence. No one knows what it is or where it came from.



Kirsten Suggests

Big Nate by Lincoln Peirce

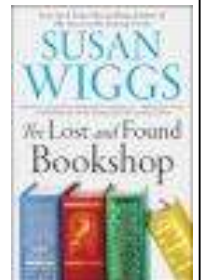
Big Nate is an 11 year old who lives with his dad and big sister, has the most detentions in his school history, and wants to be a cartoonist. Included in his daily routines are his friends, the teachers and principal at his school and his girl crush.



Barb Suggests

Lost and Found Bookshop by Susan Wiggs

Inheriting her mother's San Francisco bookshop in the wake of a tragedy, Natalie bonds with her ailing grandfather and hires a contractor to perform repairs before unexpected discoveries connect her to the community and family secrets.



Ben Suggests

Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks

Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems--but when their lives intersect in the first week of fifth grade they are brought together by a common enemy.



Karen Suggests

A Willing Murder by Jude Deveraux

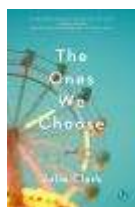
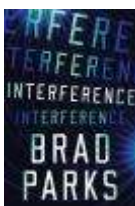
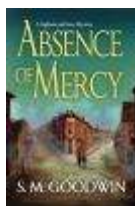
Kate Medlar moves to Florida to live with her Aunt Sara and to start a new career in real estate. Sara and Jackson Wyatt own a construction company. While working on one of the properties, they unearth two skeletons when a tree is uprooted. The three of them investigate the 20-year-old murders of the woman and her daughter whom Jack loved when he was 11 years old.



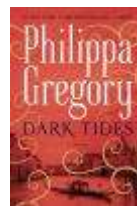
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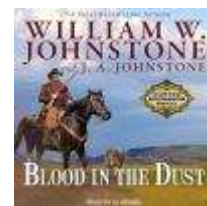
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 Active defense by Eason, Lynette
 All the colors of night by Krentz, Jayne Ann
 American traitor by Taylor, Brad
 At love's command by Witemeyer, Karen
 Before she disappeared by Gardner, Lisa
 Blood trail by Box, C. J.
 Blue heaven by Box, C. J.
 Bone canyon by Goldberg, Lee
 Boone by March, Emily
 The breaker by Petrie, Nicholas
 The children's blizzard by Benjamin, Melanie
 A cowboy for keeps by Hedlund, Jody
 The dark archive by Cogman, Genevieve
 The devil and the dark water by Turton, Stuart
 A distance too grand by Scott, Regina
 The Ember Blade by Wooding, Chris
 Escaping Dreamland by Lovett, Charles C.
 Girls of Brackenhill by Moretti, Kate
 Hadley Beckett's next dish by Turner, Bethany
 Happy singles day by Walker, Ann Marie
 A haven for her heart by Mason, Susan Anne
 Hench by Walschots, Natalie Zina
 The house on Vesper Sands by O'Donnell, Paraic
 Interference by Parks, Brad
 An Ivy Hill Christmas by Klassen, Julie
 Joint custody by Baratz-Logsted, Lauren
 King of scars by Bardugo, Leigh
 The last train to Key West by Cleeton, Chanel
 Love lettering by Clayborn, Kate
 The malt in our stars by Fox, Sarah
 The marriage game by Desai, Sara
 Murder in old Bombay by March, Nev
 The nanny by Macmillan, Gilly
 Never turn back by Swann, Christopher
 Nine by Dekker, Rachelle
 Nothing short of wondrous by Scott, Regina
 One night two souls went walking by Cooney, Ellen
 The ones we choose by Clark, Julie
 Preacher's carnage by Johnstone, William W.
 Remote control by Okorafor, Nnedi
 Robert B. Parker's someone to watch over me by Atkins, Ace
 Saving Faith by Baldacci, David
 The scorpion's tail by Preston, Douglas J.
 Second chance on Cypress Lane by Ryan, Reese
 Set my heart to five by Stephenson, Simon
 A stranger at the door by Pinter, Jason



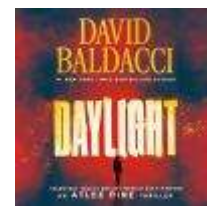
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 Ten rules for faking it by Sullivan, Sophie
 Tsarina by Alpsten, Ellen
 The valley of horses by Auel, Jean M.
 Vying for the viscount by Hunter, Kristi Ann
 Watch her by Hill, Edwin
 The wife upstairs by Hawkins, Rachel
 The woman outside my door by Ryan, Rachel
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 The wrong family by Fisher, Tarryn

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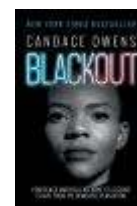
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 A blessing to cherish by Snelling, Lauraine
 Dark tides by Gregory, Philippa
 The forever girl by Shalvis, Jill
 Hush-hush by Woods, Stuart
 Neighbors by Steel, Danielle
 The Russian by Patterson, James
 The scorpion's tail by Preston, Douglas J.
 To tell you the truth by Macmillan, Gilly
 Truth and justice by Michaels, Fern
 The wrong family by Fisher, Tarryn
 Wyoming true by Palmer, Diana

**Audiobooks**

Absence of mercy by Goodwin, S. M.
 All the Colors of Night by Krentz, Jayne Ann
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 Bone canyon by Goldberg, Lee
 Daylight by Baldacci, David
 Deadly cross by Patterson, James
 Girls of Brackenhill by Moretti, Kate
 Hot to trot by Beaton, M. C.
 Interference by Parks, Brad
 Love your life by Kinsella, Sophie
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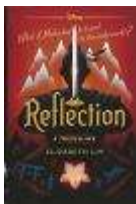
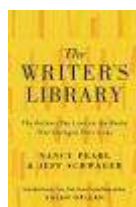
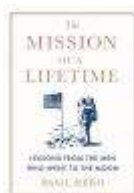
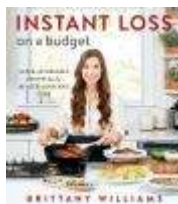
Blackout by Owens, Candace
 Coming back by Germer, Fawn
 The complete guide to no-dig gardening by Nardoizzi, Charlie
 The complete one pot
 Far from the tree by Solomon, Andrew
 The fasting fix : by Michalsen, Andreas
 Get what's yours for healthcare by Moeller, Philip



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 A good bake by Weller, Melissa
 Growing under cover by Jabbour, Niki
 Home office solutions by Peterson, Chris
 The how not to diet cookbook by Greger, Michael
 Instant loss on a budget by Williams, Brittany
 The light between us by Jackson, Laura Lynne
 Martha Stewart's very good things by Stewart, Martha
 The mission of a lifetime by Hero, Basil
 No time like the future by Fox, Michael J.
 Once a warrior by Wood, Jake
 Paying for college by Tyson, Eric
 Snacking cakes by Arefi, Yossy
 We are power by Hasak-Lowy, Todd
 We gather together by Kiernan, Denise
 Why did I come into this room? by Lunden, Joan
 The woman who stole Vermeer by Amore, Anthony M.
 The writer's library
 You're doing great! by Papa, Tom

**Non-Fiction Audiobooks**

No time like the future by Fox, Michael J.

Teen Fiction

As old as time by Braswell, Liz
 The cousins by McManus, Karen M
 Deathless divide by Ireland, Justina
 The deceiver's heart by Nielsen, Jennifer A.
 Fable by Young, Adrienne
 The girl in the white van by Henry, April
 The girl the sea gave back by Young, Adrienne
 Girl, unframed by Caletti, Deb
 Impossible knife of memory by Anderson, Laurie Halse
 Internment by Ahmed, Samira
 Part of your world by Braswell, Liz
 Reflection by Lim, Elizabeth
 So this is love by Lim, Elizabeth
 Straight on till morning by Braswell, Liz
 The traitor's game by Nielsen, Jennifer A.
 Tweet cute by Lord, Emma
 Unbirthday by Braswell, Liz
 Vassa in the night by Porter, Sarah
 The warrior's curse by Nielsen, Jennifer A.
 A whole new world by Braswell, Liz
 Winterkeep by Cashore, Kristin
 Words on bathroom walls by Walton, Julia

Teen Graphic Novels

Displacement by Hughes, Kiku
 Dragon Ball. 3-in-1 edition. 10 by Toriyama, Akira
 Dragon Ball 3-in-1 edition. 11 by Toriyama, Akira
 Dragon hoops by Yang, Gene Luen
 The fire never goes out by Stevenson, Noelle
 Jojo's bizarre adventure. Part 1, Phantom blood, Books 1-3 by Araki, Hirohiko
 Something new by Knisley, Lucy
 Superman smashes the Klan by Yang, Gene Luen

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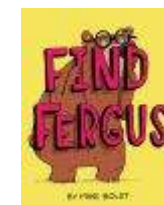
The 100. Seasons 5, 6
 The broken hearts gallery
 Clemency
 The current war
 DCI Banks. Season five
 Honest thief
 Love and monsters
 Midsomer murders. Series 9.
 Military wives
 Mystery Road. Series 2
 The outpost
 A rainy day in New York
 The war with Grandpa

Non-Fiction Video

Uncle Tom : an oral history of the American Black conservative

Easy

Ellie's dragon by Graham, Bob
 Every little letter by Underwood, Deborah
 Eyes that kiss in the corners by Ho, Joanna
 Find Fergus by Boldt, Mike
 Golden threads by Del Rizzo, Suzanne
 I am the storm by Yolen, Jane
 Jack and Santa by Barnett, Mac
 Little Juniper makes it big by Cassie, Aidan
 Milo's Christmas parade by Palmer, Jennie

**Adopt-a-Book**

Absence of mercy by Goodwin, S.M.
 Little disasters by Vaughn, Sarah
 Murder in old Bombay by March, Nev
 The scorpion's tail by Preston, Douglas
 The wicked sister by Dionne, Karen

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Burlington Railroad Crosses the Missouri

Harlan Seyfer,
Plattsmouth Main Street Historian



Building from Burlington, Iowa, to the Missouri River, the aptly named Burlington and Missouri River Railroad reached the Missouri at East Plattsmouth in November 1869. Four months earlier, the B&MRR began construction out of Plattsmouth. Construction reached Lincoln during the summer of 1870 and connected with the Union Pacific at Kearny in 1872.

(Incidentally, the B&MRR (Iowa) and the B&MRR (Nebraska) were separate companies both underwritten by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. In 1873, a majority of the members of all three railroad boards of directors were one and the same.)

Two ferries were used to carry up to 200 rail cars a day across the Missouri River. The crossing was approximately at the point the railroad bridge now spans. On the Nebraska side, tracks lead from the landing, along what is today known as Bridge Road, to just south of the intersection of Main and Second Streets. This followed the bank of the river at that time.

Meanwhile, up in Omaha, the Union Pacific built a half-mile long bridge of wrought iron trusses. Since this was the first bridge north of St. Joseph and the only one then along the transcontinental route, other railroads clamored to use it. This the Union Pacific happily allowed for a substantial fee. The other railroads objected to what they considered an exorbitant amount and took their case to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled against the fee and the UP. However, the Union Pacific was not to have such a cash source taken from them. They convinced Congress to pass a law legalizing their bridge tolls. Incensed by this maneuver, the CB&Q resolved to build their own bridge at their Plattsmouth crossing.

The railroad contracted with George Morrison who determined that the bridge could – in fact should – be built at Plattsmouth. The Missouri was notoriously unstable, with frequent, unpredictable channel shifts. However, the bed rock underlying the loess bluffs on the Nebraska side provided a stable, fixed location, while the approach on the Iowa side, although not as stable, had the advantage of less frequent riverbed changes than elsewhere along the river.

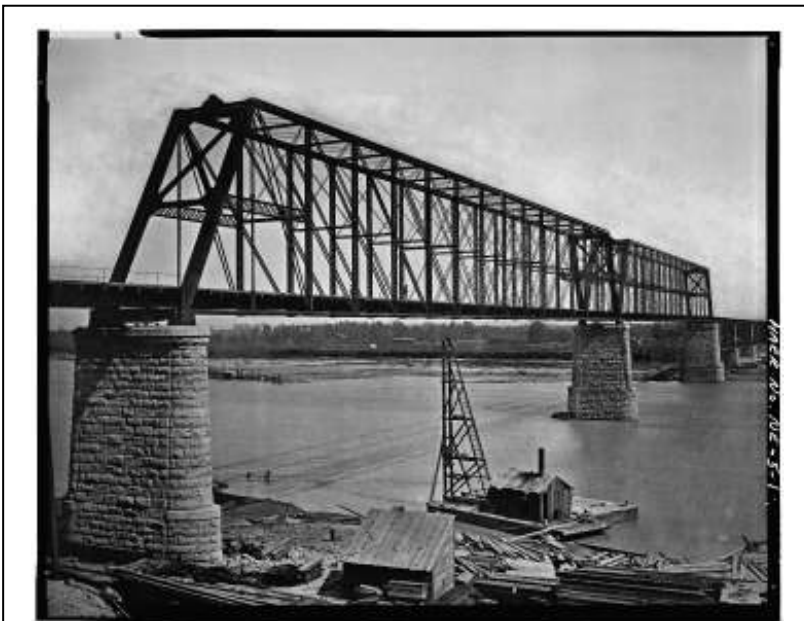
Bridge construction began in August 1879 and was completed in August of 1880. Morrison's bridge was unique for its time. It had two 400-foot spans and was constructed of iron and steel. It was one of the first bridges in North

America to use the new steel alloy. Later Morrison bridges, for example at Nebraska City, were constructed exclusively of steel. Just as important as the bridge itself were the approaches to the bridge. On the Iowa side, the tracks had to be raised 30 to 40 feet. First, a temporary trestle was built. Locomotives pushed dump cars up this ramp, the car bottoms swung open, and the trestle was buried. Thus was created the permanent earthen approach over a mile long, which is still in use today. The Nebraska side would be more challenging and expensive in terms of human life.

"DISTRESSING ACCIDENT" ran the headline in the 18 December 1879 issue of the Nebraska Herald.

The loess soil that was the bluff crown on the Nebraska side needed to be cut away in order for the tracks to pass. George Morrison, who had been contracted to design and construct the bridge, subcontracted with N.S. Young to excavate the cut.

The days leading up to Friday, December 12th, 1879, saw warm days alternating with nights plunging into the low 20s or teens. Thursday was sunny with temperatures in the 40s. Friday dawned cloudy and cold with overnight



The First (1880) Burlington Railroad Bridge
Over the Missouri at Plattsmouth
East Plattsmouth is visible on Iowa side of river
Source: Library of Congress, Historic American Engineering Record

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Prolonged drought, swarms of locust, and the 1873 bank panic had left Plattsmouth struggling. Work on the railroad, especially construction of the new bridge, was welcome. So, despite the dreary weather, the men began work around sunrise at 7:40 on that Friday.

Two cuts through the bluff were necessary, both curving. Finishing touches were being applied to the first cut closest to the bridge. The second cut was to be approximately 600 feet long and 70 feet deep. According to H.W. Parkhurst, assistant engineer, the cut was about 70 feet wide at the top and planned to be 30 feet at the bottom. It sloped to 25 feet from the top, where there was a ten-foot bench on either side. From this bench down, up to 45 feet, the cut walls were vertical.

Twenty-five men were assigned to this cut under foreman George McHardy. Thirteen were in the cut as the morning warmed. These men were assigned to break up the frozen soil with picks, drive the teams pulling scrapers, shovel dirt into wagons and drive the wagon teams. As McHardy turned to pull his "time book" out of his coat pocket, he heard a loud sound "like an earthquake." He turned, and to his horror saw on the west side of the cut, a huge mass of earth, from 150 to 200 feet long had fallen in below the bench. "The dirt was down. Arms and legs were sticking out. Men were crying for help."

Some of the huge chunks of dirt, frozen boulder-solid, took several men and horses to move. The bodies of August Dantz and Michael McCann were found crushed "to jelly" under McCann's wagon. Patrick Gilroy, William Arthur, Frank Sinclair, Allan Stultz, David Mooney, John Hardroble and John Saunders were injured. All were quickly dug out. The most critical, Gilroy and Arthur, were taken to a makeshift hospital at the Platte Valley House Hotel in town.

That night, Sheriff Reuben W. Hyers convened a coroner's inquest "to enquire into the cause of death and a true presentment make thereof." Several witnesses were called. The most poignant perhaps was Peter McCann. At the time of the slide, he was section boss under McHardy. An experienced railroad man living in Plattsmouth, he was also the father of teenager Michael McCann. He described how four feet of frozen dirt needed to be removed before he recovered the body of his son.

Dr. Robert R. Livingston in Plattsmouth, who was Chief Surgeon of the railroad, lead the three-physician team tending the injured men. Livingston had no trouble declaring August Dantz dead when he saw him. Dr. Schildknecht, another Plattsmouth physician, pronounced young McCann dead at the scene. William Arthur, 22 years old from Huron, Canada, died that night at 7:35. Dr. Livingston testified that Arthur's injury was a "fracture of the skull and his death was caused by [extensive bleeding] on the brain."

Patrick Gilroy was described in the Nebraska Herald as "an honest, hard-working and saving Irishman. Besides a Catholic prayer book and other small articles, he had \$61.80 on his person when killed, and inquiry brought out that he has \$700 now in the bank." Dr. Livingston testified that when he found Gilroy in the Platt Valley House, Gilroy was comatose. "The man never spoke from the time I saw him until he died" at 2:30 Saturday afternoon.

Even though the injured were not Burlington employees but contractors, the Burlington Railroad provided medical care for the injured men. Six days after the tragedy, the Herald reported "The wounded men are doing well. Saunders and Mooney will probably be out on crutches before long. Schultz has a bad fracture of the thigh that will lay him up for a while, Hardroble, compound fracture of leg and ankle and bruises elsewhere." Frank Sinclair appeared to escape with very minor injury; he disappeared shortly after being seen by the doctors.

Henry Boeck, cabinet maker and Plattsmouth's undertaker, buried Dantz and Arthur on Saturday. McCann and Gilroy, both Irish Catholics, were buried "Sunday morning, when Mass was said and a large concourse of sympathizing friends followed them to the grave, cold as the day was."

Work went on of course, and, on 12 September 1880, the bridge and the cut were officially opened (work trains had been chugging across the span for more than a week). It provided an alternative to the Omaha Missouri River bridge and accelerated the growth of Plattsmouth.

P.S. The original bridge was replaced in 1902.



Bridge over Missouri at Plattsmouth Officially Opened on Sept. 12, 1880

Source: Library of Congress, Historic American Engineering Record

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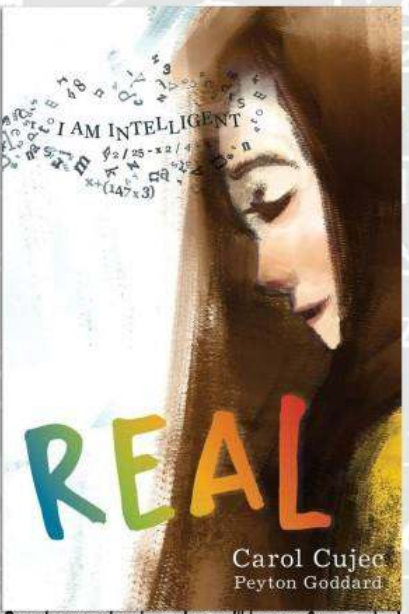
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