

Recent Reads

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We've added some great new titles at New Ulm Public Library in the past few months. Here are a few I've enjoyed.

Casey Wilson played Penny on one of my favorite shows, a short-lived sitcom called "Happy Endings." The show had a similar premise to "Friends," but the jokes were fast and furious, sometimes absurd, and strikingly self-aware. I wish it had lasted more than three seasons. Wilson has gone on to star in "Black Monday" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm," among other shows. I love the zany, smart humor that Wilson brings to her roles and that same sensibility is on display in her essay collection, "The Wreckage of My Presence." She shares stories of growing up in a wonderfully wild and weird family, the ups and downs of working in Hollywood, and the challenges and triumphs of marriage and motherhood. I only wish she had written more, because I raced through this book.

In "The Hunting Wives" by May Cobb, Sophie and her husband move with their son to small town Mapleton, Texas, in order to escape the never-ending bustle of Chicago. But after six months of the relaxed life, Sophie is a little bored. So she is thrilled when wealthy socialite Margot Banks invites her to a girls' hunting outing. Sophie has been Facebook-stalking Margot and her friends for months, envious of their glamorous lives. The evening starts with a glass of wine and skeet shooting, but Sophie quickly finds out what "hunting" really means to this group of women. As Sophie is drawn into Margot's circle, she finds that she might have sacrificed everything she loves for her growing obsession with Margot and her friends. This slightly salacious thriller was fast-paced and fun.

Ambrosia Wellington has worked hard to forget what happened her freshman year of college. But when she receives an invitation to her ten-year reunion, it all comes rushing back. Sully and Ambrosia were the inseparable party girls. Sully knew just which strings to pull to bring out Ambrosia's self-destructive and rebellious streak. When Ambrosia makes a decision with devastating consequences, she knows she and Sully have gone too far. Ten years later, someone seems determined to make sure that Ambrosia and Sully pay for their sins. But who? "The Girls Are All So Nice Here" by Laurie Elizabeth Flynn puts the "mean girls" in the spotlight and twists the story until you aren't sure who you're rooting for or who's really to blame.

Dylan and Addie fell in love four years ago. They were crazy about each other until everything imploded two years ago. They haven't spoken since. Until they literally

collide on their way to a mutual friend's wedding. With Dylan's car out of service, Addie, her sister, Dylan, and Dylan's best friend, along with a random attendee named Rodney, are forced to pile into Addie's Mini. As the group faces roadblock after roadblock, the author slowly unravels Dylan and Addie's story, parts of which Dylan and Addie didn't even know. "The Road Trip" by Beth O'Leary is a fun, funny, and slightly bittersweet romance with great characters.

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