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NANCY'S LIST

It's a brand new year and lots of books to be read and enjoyed. These winter months can be pretty gloomy, but having something good to read can lift our spirits and warm our souls. Best wishes to all my readers!

THE FIVE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN HEAVEN- Mitch Abram

Three words- beautiful, redemptive, glorious. Read this little treasure about a man's arrival in Heaven. You will be touched and blessed.

MIRROR LAKE- Thomas Christopher Greene

Seldom in the past year have I come across a book that just blew me out of the water- this one did! The descriptions of New England are astounding, and the story and place will stay with you for a long, long time. This is my top pick for this list.

MRS. KIMBLE- Jennifer Haigh

Story of three women and the opportunistic con man they all married. The ending is very good.

FLIRTING WITH PETE- Barbara Delinsky

Following the death of her famous father, a man she never knew, Casey is surprised to learn he has left his million dollar townhouse to her, and with it a huge mystery to solve. I have read this author several times and enjoy her books.

SLOW HANDS- Lynne Kaufman

Two sisters open a spa for women and it is a very special spa where you can get ANYTHING you want. Cute, fun read.

BAD GIRL- Michele Jaffe

A very exciting thriller with an unexpected twist.

SLEEP TOWARD HEAVEN- Amanda Eyre Ward

This is a powerful story. A murderess on death row, the widow of a murdered man, and a female prison doctor suffering from severe depression are brought together through a series of events that will have lasting effects.

A TIME GONE BY- William Heffernan

I totally enjoyed this old-fashioned detective story. A New York detective reopens a 30-year-old case, knowing that an innocent man was executed for murder. Plenty of twists and turns and sexy happenings, and the end isWOW

POINT FURY- John Maxwell

A young man disillusioned with his life, is invited to house-sit through the winter at an isolated beach house owned by a friend of his Dad. What he doesn't know is that the man is quite mad. I liked the book but the main character is a little whiney.

KEEPING WATCH- Laurie R. King

A Viet Nam vet rescues women and children from abusive situations. I admired and liked the character that is trying to redeem himself for his actions during the war.

STEP BALL CHANGE- Jeanne Ray

For cute little romantic comedies, this author can't be beat. Loads of fun!

RAPE A LOVE STORY- Joyce Carol Oates

Anyone that reads this author's books knows she can pack a powerful punch and this book does that. A vicious attack on a mother and daughter and its aftermath is told here with compassion and heart.

LIFE OF PI- Yann Martel

I don't believe I have ever read a book quite like this one! A teenage boy and a Bengal tiger survive on a lifeboat together for almost a year. You can't help but get involved in this incredible story, but some passages are very graphic.

MYSTIC RIVER- Dennis Lehane

The movie that is currently playing prompted me to read this book, and I am so glad I did. This is a very good book and a writer that I have added to my list of favorites.