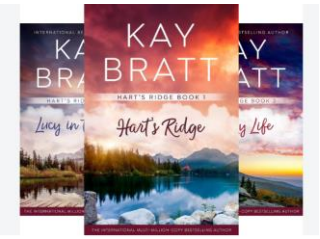


Lynn's *Library*

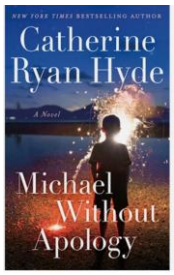
Everybody has things they like to do in their spare time; one of mine would be reading! I have read many books over the years. Below is a list of a few of them I have read recently. I have given an overview of what the book is about and whether I would recommend it or not.



Hart's Ridge Series
Author: Kay Bratt

Overview: The books take place in a little town called Hart's Ridge. The main character is a deputy sheriff who is solving crimes while also trying to hold her own complicated family together. Each book brings a new mystery or crime! (The author, Kay Britt, mentioned the mysteries are inspired by true crimes!)

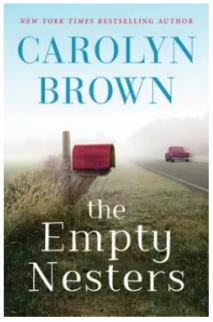
My recommendation: I enjoyed the long series and getting a chance to follow the characters for a longer period of time! I don't mind reading series books, as you get to follow the characters for a little longer. I would recommend!



Michael Without Apology
Author: Catherine Ryan

Overview: This book is about a boy (Michael Woodbine) that was scarred due to a fireworks accident. He is now in college and taking a film class, where he meets his teacher who wears his own scars unapologetically. Michael places an ad seeking people who feel unattractive and rejected by society to create a documentary and realizes everyone struggles with insecurities.

My recommendation: This was a very thought-provoking book. It will make you stop and think about how you treat yourself and others! I would definitely recommend!



The Empty Nesters
Author: Carolyn Brown

Overview: This is about three longtime friends who find themselves facing an empty nest when each of their daughters leave for the Army. When life seems to be failing them, they take an unexpected road trip with their neighbor. It focuses on the bond between these women and how they lean on each other through major life changes.

My recommendation: It was not my favorite book by Carolyn Brown. It wasn't a bad story line; but I did think it was a bit wordy and repetitive!



The Destin Diaries
Author: Hope Holloway & Cecelia Scott

Overview: This is a seven-book series about two families that rent a beach house every year for the summer. A mysterious falling out ends the summer get togethers' and leaves the family estranged for decades. When they reunite at the old beach house, old memories and unexpected relationships begin to surface.

My recommendation: I think it is a good series, just a little repetitive when each new book starts. There are parts where the grandmothers go on a journey together that left me laughing so hard I was crying. Not my favorites but once I started the first book, I felt I needed to read the whole series.

Sincerely,

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