

Good Reads Updates!

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Check out updates on my good reads progress, upcoming titles, lists, and reviews.



[Latest Review] The Cursed Among Us

What an interesting horror novel, which was violent [indeed]. Am I partial because it takes place right before Halloween [yes], but what's not to enjoy about that?

The story begins with teenagers, and I'm not opposed to that because I read my share of YA novels. Some backstory is explained in the beginning, but not entirely, as that would give the entire book and its secrets away.

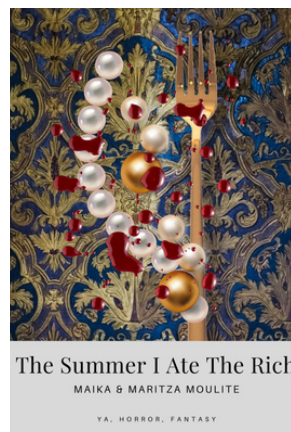
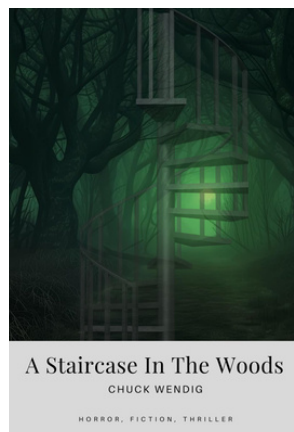
Leave to the townspeople to accept the confession of a would-be killer ...The Black Heart Killer terrorized the town of Newport back in 1979. Adults would say, "Stay out of the woods," but since when have teenagers listened to anything?

Howie and his friends would suffer the consequences of ignoring that warning when they stumble upon what appears to be a gravesite. A supernatural presence would be awakened, and the killings begin. The Black Heart Killer would [once again] wreak havoc among the town seeking revenge.

The people of this town got it [all] wrong, but where have we seen this before? Adults ignore the obvious clues, and their kids, whom I will say have a pretty good grasp of what's happening. There is always one sensible adult, but their mortality [usually] hangs in the balance depending on how much they know.

There are no jump scares, no second guessing. This is action by way of killing ...sweet and straightforward. It's [by far] the goriest title I've read this year, and it's a quick, cringy, audible listen that will have you twisting in your seat.

ARC Titles in Queue



More Updates & Progress!

Upcoming Horror Debut

POLYBIUS

By Collin Armstrong
(April 29, 2025)

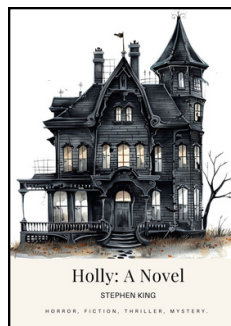
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October, 1982. Forced to move to the quiet seaside town of Tasker Bay by her mother, the only thing on high schooler Andi's mind is saving up enough money to return to her old stomping grounds in Silicon Valley.

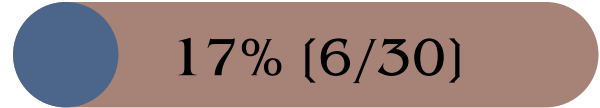
When Polybius—a new bleeding-edge game of unknown origin arrives—the shop is suddenly overwhelmed with players fighting for time on the machine. Seemingly overnight, a virus-like epidemic grips Tasker Bay while a violent coastal storm rolls in, isolating it from the outside world. People begin experiencing fits of anger, paranoia, and hallucinations—no one can be trusted. After a grisly act of violence goes unsolved, the town descends into chaos. Is the arrival of this mysterious game and the disorder in Tasker Bay a coincidence? Convinced the dire situation is somehow linked to Polybius, Andi and Ro desperately search for clues that might stop the spread before they, too, begin experiencing side effects...

Currently Reading



Good Reads Challenge Progress

I'm not on a roll, but I'm moving right along. My full list is 30 titles; so far, I've read six, so I know I'm behind. I'm trying to play catch-up in the coming month.



Good Reads Top “5” Wish List

These titles are at the top of my wish list but not currently on my GR Challenge for 2025.

1. You Killed Me First, John Marrs (4.5)
2. The Unworthy, Agustina Bazterrica (3.8)
3. The Ghostwriter, Julie Clark (4.25)
4. All Your Friends Are Here, M. Shaw (3.93)
5. Darkly: Blackness and America's Gothic Soul, Leila Taylor (4.42)

Books I Got In February

80s Ghosts, V.S. Lawrence
Bury Your Gays, Chuck Tingle

Great Book Sources

BookTrib [<https://booktrib.com/>]
Good Reads [<https://www.goodreads.com/>]
Book Riot [<https://bookriot.com/>]
NPR [<https://www.npr.org/books/>]
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March's Reading Challenge!

“Read a book from the year you were born.”

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