

March 2019 Book Report

- Mary Alice: A Thread So Fine by Susan Welch, The Widows of Malabar Hill (Perveen Mistry, #1) by Sujata Massey
- JoAnn: The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty, Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
- Cindy: Mercy by Jodi Picoult, Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
- Carol: The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn
- Kathy P.: Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing As We Age by Mary Pipher
- Lori: Florida by Lauren Groff, The Neapolitan Novels (L'amica geniale #1-4) by Elena Ferrante, Ann Goldstein

We Are Lucky

When it comes to reading, I think that we might consider ourselves really lucky. Let's just mention a few of our blessings.

- The invention of the printing press in 1440 allowed reading for the masses.
- The first American public library in 17831 gave us access to books. Thanks Ben.
- Compulsory education in 1880 taught masses how to read.
 - We can get cheap and cute



cheater readers.

- Writing classes are offered in colleges and workshops.
- Authors are ready to share stories.
- Book stores became cool.
- Book clubs became really cool. Thanks Oprah.
- Large print and audio books are available.
- Electronic books are available for sale and in libraries.

The Legend of the Freckled Finn: Mermaids Fantasy Childrens Book Mythology Fairy Tale Graphic Novel

by Eileen Lubore

Well that was luck! Page Turners hosted our first author visit. She is Irish and she is charming. Eileen is a resident of Anna Maria Island and has published her first children's book. She talked about starting her writing career with journaling. She took us through how she developed ideas and characters. The main character of her book is named after her daughter, "Finn" for short. It is a story of a mermaid looking for her perfect place and space. As the story developed, Eileen found it was important to include some history, including a strong female leader. To do this, she spent considerable time researching people and places (including taking a trip to Ireland). She also talked about lessons in the story, including resilience, adaptation, curiosity, courage and compassion. It was so clear that she is authentic and passionate about creating a story that can touch the lives of children in a big beautiful way. Because she articulated her mission in such a genuine way, we encouraged her to develop a readers' guide for teachers and parents to use. Her book can be found in shops on the island and on Amazon in print and ebook. She has several books in progress including a memoir and another children's book. For a signed book, you may contact Eilene at eileen.lubore@gmail.com.

