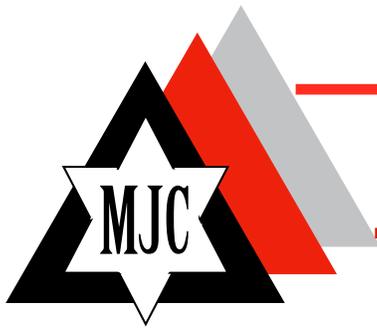


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# NEWSLETTER

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## MJC Book & Movie Nook

Do you have any great books or movies that you'd love to share with MJC? We are looking for suggestions about what you've read in the past few months that have been worthy of a recommendation to our new MJC BOOK & MOVIE NOOK. Please email Laurie at: [hatbrand@verizon.net](mailto:hatbrand@verizon.net)

[Recommendations from board members on page 2.](#)

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**WE STILL LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEAR FUTURE  
WHERE WE CAN GATHER TOGETHER AND SHARE  
GOOD TIMES AND GREAT CAMARADERIE!**

# MJC Book & Movie Nook



## RECOMMENDATIONS

### *Norma Saken:*

#### **China Dolls by well-known author Lisa See**

Depicts the world of Chinese American nightclubs and performers of the 30' and 40's. If you've ever read any of Lisa See's novels, you know she brilliantly weaves history with interesting fictional characters that hold your interest and is a fast read.

#### **The Daughter of Sherlock Holmes by Leonard Goldberg**

Calls into question the idea that Sherlock Holmes fathered a daughter who clearly inherited his deductive skills. The author weaves a mystery (and start of a love story) bringing back Watson and introducing his son. The book is written in a similar style of Arthur Conan Doyle. Fun read.

### *Two favorites on Amazon Prime:*

**The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel Series** (4<sup>th</sup> Season scheduled for December 2019). It's a wonderful engaging American period comedy-drama set in the 1950's and early 60's. Rachel Brosnahan aka Miriam "Midge" Maisel discovers a knack for stand-up comedy and pursues a career. Lot's of laughter and great costumes.

**The Holiday** starring Kate Winslet, Cameron Diaz, Jude Law and Jack Black is now available on Amazon Prime. The story line is about two women, each going thru a personal crisis and agree to swap homes for a much needed holiday. Soon enough both women connect with local men (one British and one American) who provide for a perfect romantic pick me up.

### *Sid Lewis:*

#### **George Washington Dealmaker-In-Chief by Cyrus A. A. Ansary**

The story of how the father of our country unleashed the entrepreneurial spirit in America.

On Disney+ The musical "Hamilton"

### *Renee Lewis:*

#### **My Mother's Secret, by J.I.Witterick**

A stirring recount of a righteous gentile Polish woman who saved many Jewish families during WW II.

#### **The Order by Daniel Silva, Harper Books.**

A fast paced continuation of Israeli spy, Gabriel Allon. The papacy in Rome does not want the real history of the death of Jesus to get out to the public because the truth involves absolving the Jews but puts the responsibility on the Romans.

### *Midge Reisman:*

**The Lincoln Conspiracy by Brad Meltzer.** A well written book and true story about the first plot to assassinate Abraham Lincoln.

### *Laurie Majors:*

#### **Netflix Land Girls**

Young ladies in the Women's Land Army serve Britain at the start of WWII on a farm. With different goals and life situations, these girls bond over life's hardships and joys.

#### **Netflix Self Made**

Based on the true story of the first free black woman in the US to own and operate a factory. If you are a fan of Octavia Spencer, and an outstanding wardrobe and scenery department, you'll really enjoy this.