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What's new in March

It's time to think about fiction again, and we have some great looking new books. Just a note since it hasn't been discussed in a while, when we check out a hot new book it's automatically on the ten-day list and impossible to renew. People queue up on wait lists. If we wait a while, we can have the same book for three weeks, renewable twice. However, every new book that is large print skips the ten-day category and goes straight to a three week checkout. But who doesn't love an exciting hot-off-the-presses new book. Here's a sampling of what we have.

The novel that most caught my attention is **Eight Perfect Murders** by Peter Swanson. Anthony Horowitz calls it, "a fiendish good read," and the blend of real books (that are fictional) with this fictional story is very much like a Horowitz book. A quiet bookseller finds himself under FBI investigation. Years ago, he published a list of eight books with the hardest to solve murder plots. All eight are actual popular books such as Agatha Christie's **ABC Murders**, James McCain's **Double Indemnity**, Donna Tartt's **A Secret History** plus five more. Now a killer is reproducing the plots in these books to commit real murders. Sounds like fun. It could even make us re-read some of those classic mysteries.

The Look Alike by Erica Spindler is a psychological thriller. The look alikes are the protagonist and her mother. Years before, a murderer killed her mentally ill mother. Now suffering from anxiety herself, she is increasingly convinced that she was the intended victim and still in danger.

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins has outstanding notices from Stephen King, Sandra Cisneros, and is on the Oprah book club list. One critic has dubbed it the "new Grapes of Wrath" and another "the most important book in America right now." The protagonist works in the family bookstore in Mexico and inadvertently makes an enemy of the new drug lord in the area. She and her child are forced to flee, part of a migrant train heading north to the United States. The difficulties of being forced to leave in order to survive coupled with more difficulties making the new country home give voice and shape to immigration issues.

Doc Ford fans will be happy to see that number 26 in the series is out, **Salt River** by Randy Wayne White. Two stories in one, Ford has felonious treasure hunters chasing him since he relieved them of their ill-gotten gains, and Ford's friend, Tomlinson, a sperm donor in his

youth, now has a bunch of off-spring who have tracked him down. Tomlinson believes that at least one of them is up to no good with this arranged reunion.

The Holdout by Graham Moore takes an excellent fictional trope, the single holdout on a jury, who turns the whole verdict around, in this case finding the defendant – on trial for murdering a teen on her way home – not guilty. But Moore takes all this a step further going ten years into the future. The holdout juror is now herself a defense lawyer. A series of murders now brings the past into question and finds the holdout defending herself.

This is, of course, a sampling of new books. If none of this calls your name, please stop in for more. We have you covered.

See you at the Library!

Upcoming Events: Thursday, March 26, at 6:00, the Alzheimer's Association presents **Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behavior**. Judge Christopher Nuechterlein begins weekly **Constitutional seminars** on Wed. April 8, 6:30 – 7:45. Mah **Jongg** continues every Thursday at noon. **Coffee and Crafts** on Fridays from 10-12. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram so you don't miss a thing.